

# Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Newbern

## How to Apply for Practical Nursing

### 2016 Practical Nursing Education Information

#### What Types of Classes are Available?

TCAT Newbern offers two day programs and one evening-weekend program.

- **Newbern Day Program** – is located on the Newbern campus and starts in September. Class hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Union City Day Program** – is located in Union City and starts in May. Class hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Newbern Evening-Weekend Program** – is located on the Newbern campus and starts every 18 months. Class hours are 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

#### What is the Application Process?

Admission to the FOUR RIVERS REGIONAL PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM is open to anyone 18 years old or older who have met the following criteria for enrollment:

- Complete and return the Tennessee College of Applied Technology application form.
- Submit evidence of high school graduation or GED equivalency.
- Pass an entrance exam or have qualifying ACT scores for those less than 20 by the start of the program. (See what the approved nursing entrance exams are? Listed next)
- Candidates making or having acceptable entrance scores will be given a nursing packet that must be completed:
  - Four Rivers Regional application form
  - 3 Letters of Work Reference (If there is no work history, qualifying character references will be accepted)
  - Official College, University or Technology school transcripts of previous education
  - Copy of current Immunizations
- Candidates completing above requirements will be sent a letter of invite to a mandatory orientation session. (Other paperwork will be completed at this time)
- Physical exam within three months of the start of the program. Medical clearance is required for preexisting conditions that could hinder performance. Examples: back injury, asthma, recurrent bronchitis, etc.
- Must have the ability to communicate and relate to persons of diverse ethnic, cultural, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds.
- Must be able to exhibit positive mental attitudes during periods of increased activity in stressful situations.
- The applicant shall exhibit good emotional and physical health.
- The applicant shall possess desirable qualities, attributes, and the ability to benefit from instruction.
- All who enter the health care field require the currently recommended series of Hepatitis B vaccines or a signed declination statement. (Refer to the most current adult immunization schedule available.)
- Submit credentials for review and recommendation by the Nursing Advisory Committee.
- A Nursing Advisory Committee will consider all qualifying applicants and recommend eligible applicants for acceptance into the FOUR RIVERS REGIONAL PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM. Acceptance into the Practical Nursing Program is not automatic, even though the applicant may be academically qualified and recommended by the Advisory Committee.
- Report for enrollment upon notification by letter from the school.

Class size is limited by clinical and classroom space as well as faculty availability. All admission criteria must be met before an applicant will be considered for a class. A letter from the College will notify applicants whether or not they are accepted into the Nursing Program.

#### What are the Approved Nursing Entrance Exams?

There are currently three acceptable qualifying exams for entrance into the nursing program. You only have to meet one to be considered for the class.

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COMPASS – 50 in Math (Pre-Algebra) and 80 in Reading\*

Asset – 38 in Math and 42 in Reading\*

ACT – 19 in Math and 19 in Reading. The candidate must be less than age 20 by the start of the program to be able to use these scores.

\*Passing COMPASS and Asset scores are valid for two years for the Practical Nursing Program.

\*Best scores will be accepted in both Compass and ACT, not necessarily latest.

#### **When is the Approved Nursing Entrance Exam Given?**

COMPASS fees are \$15 for a full assessment or full battery retest and \$8 for a single section retest.

You must come by or call the TTC Newbern to schedule the assessment. Fees must be paid at the time of scheduling your appointment.

FEES MUST BE PAID WITH CASH, MONEY ORDER, or CREDIT/DEBIT CARD. FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE/NON-TRANSFERABLE. CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

Limited seating is available.

731-627-2511 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday; 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday.

Full COMPASS assessment must be taken for first attempt or if retesting on both portions. If a student passes one portion, then they are allowed to retest on the portion not passed. Waiting period to retest is 30 days. Please allow 3 hours for the testing process.

#### **How do I prepare for the approved nursing entrance exam?**

The Compass is an untimed computerized test. Below are two links for Compass practice questions:

- <http://www.act.org/compass/sample/>
- <http://www.testprepreview.com/>

All testing supplies, including a standard four function calculator will be provided at the time of test. Student only needs to bring a current photo ID on the day of test.

#### **What if I have already taken an approved nursing entrance exam and Passed?**

If you have taken an approved nursing entrance exam previously at this Center, you must contact TTC-Newbern and submit updated contact information, so that we can pull your scores. If you tested at another testing center, it is your responsibility to get the official passing scores to TTC-Newbern and complete contact information

#### **What Date Must TCAT-Newbern Receive My Approved Nursing Entrance Exam Scores?**

The Union City Day Program begins in May 2017. Deadlines will be announced at a later date. In order to be considered for the Newbern Day Program that begins in September 2016, approved nursing entrance exam scores must be submitted by July 15, 2016. For the Newbern Evening-Weekend Program, entrances exams score deadline to be announced. Call the school for end dates regarding the application process.

**-More Questions?** Please e-mail Regina Davis, [rdavis@tcatnewbern.edu](mailto:rdavis@tcatnewbern.edu) or Erin Newsom, [enewsom@tcatnewbern.edu](mailto:enewsom@tcatnewbern.edu) or call 731-627-2511.