



**Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Covington**  
**Day Class - September 2018**  
**Practical Nursing Information**

**Mission Statement**

The Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology serve as the premier suppliers of workforce development throughout the State of Tennessee. The Colleges fulfill their mission by:

- Providing competency-based training through superior quality, traditional and distance learning instruction methods that qualify completers for employment and job advancement;
- Contributing to the economic and community development of the communities served by training and retraining employed workers;
- Ensuring that programs and services are economical and accessible to all residents of Tennessee; and
- Building relationships of trust with community, business, and industry leaders to supply highly skilled workers in areas of need.

**What types of classes are available?**

**Full-time Day program** – This class is 12 months in length and meets Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (clinical times may vary). Our next day class begins in September 2018.

**Part-time Evening/Weekend program** - This class is 18 months in length and meets Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and 8 hours on Saturday (clinical times may vary). Our next evening/weekend class will begin in May 2019. We will release information about this class in July 2018.

**What is the Application Process?**

Candidates wishing to enter Four Rivers Regional Practical Nursing Program must pass an approved entrance exam (as listed below). Upon successful completion of this requirement, the candidate will be handed a nursing packet to be completed by a specified date. This packet explains the requirements that must be submitted in order for the candidate to be invited to orientation.

If all requirements have been submitted by the designated deadline, a candidate will receive a letter of invitation to orientation in the mail. Orientation is mandatory. Once all of the admittance requirements have been met, an Admission Score Sheet will be used to determine your placement status regarding acceptance into the program. When score sheets are tallied, the candidates with the top 25 scores will be considered for acceptance first. The remaining candidates will be placed on a standby list and will be considered for selection contingent upon their ranking score and available space. All candidates will receive an official letter in the mail in regards to whether they were selected for the program or not. Those candidates accepted in the program are responsible for contacting the college to confirm acceptance of this position or an alternate may/will be asked to fill the seat.

**What are the approved nursing entrance exams?**

We currently accept 3 nursing entrance exams.

You only have to take and pass 1 of the 3 to be considered for the class.

**HESI** – score of 70% on *both* the Math *and* Reading Comprehension Components

**ACT** – scores of 19 in math *and* reading are acceptable for those less than 20 years old *when the class starts*

**Compass** – 50 in Math (Pre-Algebra) *and* 80 in Reading (*Compass is no longer given at the TCATs*)

Passing scores are valid for two years for the Practical Nursing program.

Best scores are accepted, not necessarily latest. Math and Reading scores must come from the same entrance exam, but doesn't have to be on the same exam date.

**When is the approved nursing entrance exam given?**

The HESI exam cost is \$40. The HESI exam is one test with the parts all inclusive. NO partial tests will be given. You must come to the college and pay the non-refundable/non-transferable testing fee of \$40 **in cash** (no checks or credit/debit cards accepted) to reserve a testing date and time. Limited seating is available. HESI Registration will take place Monday-Friday during regularly scheduled hours. At registration, you will select the date and time for your test.

**How do I prepare for the HESI Exam?**

**The Math Component** focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc.

**The Reading Comprehension Component** provides scenarios to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.

**The Critical Thinking Component (not scored)** is intended to provide the student and faculty with a brief "snapshot" of critical thinking ability in usual situations encountered in health care settings and has the following sub-categories: problem solving; biases and ethical dilemmas; argument analysis; and analysis of data. **The HESI is timed exam.** We will provide students with a calculator and scratch paper for the exam. Students can purchase an Admission Assessment Exam Review book online at:

<https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9780323353786?role=student>. Use promotion code #92633 for a 25% discount and free shipping. Students may also visit <https://evolve.elsevier.com/studentlife/hesi.html>.

**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 College, you must come to TCAT-Covington and submit updated contact information, so that we can pull your scores and provide you with a Nursing Packet. If you tested at another testing center, it is your responsibility to get the official passing scores to TCAT-Covington and complete updated contact information and receive a Nursing Packet.

**What date must TCAT-Covington receive my approved nursing entrance exam scores and nursing packet?**

**For our Day September 2018 class, the deadline is July 13, 2018.**

**What approved nursing entrance exam dates are valid for the program?**

Approved nursing entrance exam scores must be within two years of the class starting.

**More Questions?** Please e-mail Miranda Miller, Student Services Support, at [mmiller@tcatcovington.edu](mailto:mmiller@tcatcovington.edu)

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