



March 8, 2023

Dear Prospective Practical Nursing student:

Thank you for choosing Tennessee College of Applied Technology Pulaski for your educational goals. We are excited about having you as a student and becoming a future nurse.

To be eligible for admission, you must either have an acceptable ACT score of 19 in reading AND a 19 in math or a HESI score of 70 in reading and 70 in math. The ACT cannot be a composite score. **Only those that have graduated high school within the last year can use their ACT.** To schedule the HESI exam and pay the \$50 fee, please call Melissa 931-424-4014 as soon as possible. You will need to pre-pay before the test date with cash, check or credit card to reserve a spot. If you fail to show on your scheduled date, you forfeit the \$50 and you must re-schedule and repay the fee. Passing scores are required by March 23, 2023.

You will need to complete a Tennessee College of Applied Technology application online at [www.tcatpulaski.edu/apply/now](http://www.tcatpulaski.edu/apply/now) as soon as possible. Please see the instructions on the last page. If you do not have access to internet, you can apply at TCAT in Pulaski.

Enclosed in the packet, you will find a list of deadlines and important dates. Please read carefully and follow all directions.

**Deadlines needed by March 23, 2023:**

- ACT or HESI score
- Signed Release of Information (ferpa form) (inside the packet)
- Driver license (copy)
- Medical Insurance (copy)
- 3 References\* (inside packet)
- Proof of healthcare experience\*\*
- Current transcript/High School diploma or GED. (Upon graduation, you will be required to provide a copy of your high school diploma/HiSet/GED or final transcript).
- College transcripts
- Proof of military service

There is a *Release of Information* in your packet. Please sign and date. This form will need to be returned by Monday, March 23, 2023.

There are 3 *blank reference forms* that need to be completed and returned Monday, March 23, 2023. Please ask those providing your reference to put in a sealed envelope. These references can be provided by an employer, teacher,

professional, etc... immediate family members and friends are not acceptable references.

*Proof of any healthcare experience* should be returned in your packet as well as proof of any Health Science classes taken in high school. This can be accomplished by a letter from the HOSA teacher, your transcript, or HOSA membership card. It is strongly encouraged that all individuals entering the PN program obtain some *healthcare experience* prior to enrollment.

**Mandatory Information Session: Thursday, March 23, 2023.**

For those that have submitted passing HESI scores or acceptable ACT scores, you are **required** to attend the **MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION** ON March 23, 2023 @ 9:00 am. The meeting will last until approximately 12:00 noon. CHILDREN are not allowed at this meeting.

Practical Nursing students are accepted based on a points system. Simply passing the HESI does not guarantee entry into the program. Acceptance into the Practical Nursing program is not automatic, even though an applicant may be academically qualified. Class size is limited by clinical sites and classroom space as well as faculty availability. Applicants will be notified by letter of acceptance contingent upon a **clear criminal background check and a negative drug screen**. We provide the instructions for these two items at the mandatory info session. The class hours are 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proof of CPR certification can be turned in at any time. CPR must be American Heart Association Basic Life Support for the Healthcare provider. If you do not have CPR certification, a class will be offered at a later date.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the program further, feel free to call or visit our campus at any time.

Sincerely,



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Director of Nursing and Allied Health

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