



STEP 1

Complete the Admissions Process by applying to TCAT

Complete the admission process by applying to TCAT for Practical Nursing and meet all admission requirements. Please note you will not move forward in the process if this step is not completed. This is to be done before starting on the requirements listed below. Which means there are two admission procedures to follow.

STEP 2

Take the ACT, SAT, or AccuPlacer test (if applicable).

You are required to provide proof of being at college level reading and math when applying to the Practical Nursing Program.

STEP 3

Register, pay for (\$95.00) and take the required TEAS exam at www.chattanoogastate.edu/ati-teas

For more information call the Testing Center, IMC Building, Room 122, at 423-697-4461.

STEP 4

Submit the Completed Practical Nursing Application with All documentation via email to Nikishia.burson@chattanoogastate.edu. Incomplete apps will not be accepted.

Your **complete** application packet should include the following documents:

☐ Proof of college level reading and math

- * College Accuplacer Entrance Test scores (250 or higher for both Reading and Math) **or**
- * Learning Support Reading or Math course completion with a "C" **or**
- * College level Math and/or English courses on copy of your transcript

*Please Note: You are required to submit an unofficial college transcript which shows proof of your college level Math and/or English courses, and your **Pre requisites (BIOL 2010 and BIOL 2020 Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2)**.*

☐ Copy of TEAS Assessment scores (50% or greater and taken within the last 2 years will be accepted) *Note:*

In order to accrue points from the TEAS, you must score 55% or higher in each subject.

☐ Copy of your college transcript (Chattanooga State transcript can be printed from your TigerWeb account)

☐ Copy of CNA, PCT, ST, Phlebotomy or MA certificate, if applicable

☐ Proof of the Required Vaccinations as follows (will be required to upload later)

- * MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- * 1 Step TB Skin Test (PPD)
- * Varicella (Chickenpox)
- * Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (TDAP)
- * Hepatitis B (Doses 1, 2 and 3)
- * Influenza Vaccine (Flu Shot)
- * Covid Vaccination

STEP 5

Interview with the Practical Nursing Instructors

When the Application Process is complete, Nikishia Burson will contact you to schedule an interview for the top 30 students via Zoom. You will be contacted for the days and times to set up your interview if chosen.

For more information: Nikishia Burson nikishia.burson@chattanoogastate.edu or 423.697.4447

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE POINTS SYSTEM

Applicants compete for admission into the Practical Nursing program based on a point system.

1. Applicants receive selection points if proof is provided showing grades accrued within 5 years of entrance into program.
 - *REQUIRED:*
 - Anatomy & Physiology I (Biology 2010) (C or greater Required)
 - Anatomy & Physiology II (Biology 2020) (C or greater Required)
 - *OPTIONAL:*
 - Nutrition (Biology 1430) within 5 years of entrance into the PN program
 - Medical Terminology (HIMT 1300)
 - Computer Applications (INFS 1010)
2. Applicants receive points if proof is provided for achievement score of 55% or more on the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) four-part exam.
3. Applicants receive points if proof is provided of certification as: Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, or Surgical Tech (if applicable).

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Applicants must be free of any physical or emotional condition that might adversely affect performance in any phase of the program.

Each applicant should possess personal qualifications which will permit the performance of required tasks in the practical nursing program. (See attached sheet.)

After completing the program there is no guarantee of licensure. Licensure is determined by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

Must be at least 18 years of age to apply

- Class enrollment is limited
- The program cost is very affordable
- Financial aid is available and you can contact the TCAT Financial Aid Counselor at (423) 697-5501, TCAT Student Services in the TCAT Building, room 20.
- All prospective students who reside in Tennessee are encouraged to apply for the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant lottery scholarship. Awards are granted up to \$2,000.
- Selection criteria is subject to change based on the "complete application" pool for the next available class scheduled and is subject to the discretion of the PN Director.

After acceptance into the program a 12 panel drug screen and thorough criminal background check, at student's expense, is required for acceptance into the program. Any student not complying with this requirement may not be eligible to attend the program. Failing either screening may prevent attendance in the program due to clinical facility requirements. Only applicants who are accepted into the Practical Nursing Program will be given instructions on how to obtain the background check and the drug screening through TrueScreen. Applicants convicted of a felony within the last five years will not be accepted into the program.

ATI TEAS FACTS TO KNOW BEFORE TEST

TEST STRUCTURE

The ATI TEAS is composed of 170 questions, 20 of which are unscored pretest items. Thus, the number of scored questions on which individuals will be evaluated is 150. The total time allotted to complete the test is 209 minutes. In addition, the test continues to be one assessment comprised of four sections: Math, Reading, Science and English and Language Usage.

The time allowed for the test is 209 minutes (3 hours 29 minutes).

- Reading – (53 questions) 64 minutes: (Key Ideas & Details (15%); Craft & Structure (9%); Integration of Knowledge & Ideas (7%) = 31%
- Math – (36 questions) 54 minutes: Number & Algebra (16%); Measurement & Data (6%) = 22%
- Science – (53 questions) 63 minutes: Human Anatomy & Physiology (21%); Life & Physical Sciences (5%); Scientific Reasoning (5%) = 31%
- English and Language Usage – (28 questions) 28 minutes: Conventions of Standard English (6%); Knowledge of Language (6%); Vocabulary Acquisition (4%) = 15%

Total questions: 170 but 20 unscored pretest questions

STUDY MANUALS

The following items are available for purchase at www.atitesting.com:

- ATI TEAS Study Package
- Study Guide
- Online Practice Assessments and Learning Strategies: Your Guide to Classroom and Test-Taking Success.

The library has two manuals on reserve for library use only. Other test review resources: relevant sections of GED, ACT, or SAT prep manuals and <http://library.chattanoogastate.edu/testprep/teas>

ADVANCED REGISTRATION

Register early to take the test. Remember there is limited seating and test dates fill up fast.

- Creating an Account with ATI TEAS before the test: All individuals preparing to take the TEAS test must first create an ATI account. To do so, visit www.atitesting.com and click on “Create an Account” (follow the screen prompts). You only need to register once, and you will use the same account throughout your health science program. You’ll need your ATI username and password to take the online test and to print out your results. Please bring this information with you to the testing location. Keep ATI login information in a safe place

IMPORTANT FACTS

- Only the online version of ATI TEAS is given at the Chattanooga State Testing Center. No pencil/paper version available.
- ATI TEAS Test can be taken every 6 weeks. ATI TEAS will be good for 2 years of application deadline.
- If you plan to retake the ATI TEAS, the higher score total from one test will be used. Remember if you plan to retake before a program deadline, post retake date on the program application under ATI TEAS Information.
- Calculators: the online version of ATI TEAS has a 4-function calculator already embedded within the exam for your convenience.

IMPORTANT TESTING CENTER POLICIES

CANCELATION POLICY

- No change of date will be allowed without documentation from a doctor, hospital or legal notice, etc.
- A 72-hour notice is required if you have to cancel - call (423) 697-2684, (423) 697-3367 or (423) 697-4461.

RESCHEDULING POLICY

To reschedule once without penalty of repayment: Present your documentation and note from doctor, courts, etc. stating your emergency.

DAY OF TEST

- Arrive 10 minutes prior of test starting time. (Note: Anyone arriving 5 minutes late will not be allowed to test and will forfeit their testing fee).
- Student must show picture ID or driver's license "at time of testing".

ATI TEAS FACTS TO KNOW AFTER TEST

RESULTS OF ATI TEAS

After you take the test, print a copy of your ATI TEAS results. You will be required to submit a copy of the results along with the Practical Nursing Program application. The student can at any time access their results under your account with ATI testing.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. If the ATI TEAS is retaken, the "higher score total from one test" will be used.
2. Program Application: Make sure your test date(s) are included on your application.
3. Include a copy of results with program application.

QUESTIONS?

Call the Chattanooga State Testing Center, IMC Building, Room 122,

The Board of Nursing believes that persons who receive nursing care in Tennessee should be able to have confidence that an individual licensed by the Board does not have a history of mistreatment, neglect, violence, cheating, defrauding the public, or otherwise taking advantage of another person.

PHYSICAL JOB REQUIREMENTS PRACTICAL NURSING

PHYSICAL DEMAND = CONTINUOUSLY

- Verbal Communication- students must be able to communicate effectively (International students must provide a minimum TOEFL score of 500).
- Written Communication including correct spelling of all medical terminology as it relates to patient care. Students are expected to master basic medical terminology upon graduation.
- Hearing ordinary conversation Seeing Near/Far with acuity
- Chemical Exposure to Chemotherapeutic Agents General Occupational Exposure to Airborne Particulate
- Exposure to Blood and Body Fluid Exposure > 1 per month Exposure to infection
- Students are expected to comply with all health related required vaccinations, and/or health care facility requirements.

PHYSICAL DEMAND = FREQUENTLY

- Bend/Stoop Squat/Crouch
- Overhead: Reach > 7 # Push/Pull > 7 # Lift > 7 # Carry up to 10 lbs.
- Patient transfers Push/pull up to 10 lbs. Patient bed activities Distinguishing colors
- Repetitive Motion (Hands/Wrists)
- Marked changes in temperature and humidity

PHYSICAL DEMAND = OCCASIONALLY

- Crawl, Balance/Ladder Carry up to 24 lbs.
- Lift up to 24 lbs.
- Push/pull up to and > 75 lbs.
- Work with moving machinery, radioactivity, and excessive noise

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TEAS Scores Submitted _____

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EMPLOYMENT record of most recent jobs:

	Employer	Address	Date	Position	Reason for leaving
1.					
2.					
3.					

MEDICAL INFORMATION: Do you have a known allergy to latex? _____

In case of emergency please notify: _____

LEGAL INFORMATION:

Have you ever held a license in nursing? _____ If yes, at what level and what state? _____

Have you ever held or currently hold a license in another health care profession? _____ If yes, which one(s)? _____

Have you ever held or currently hold certification in another health care career? _____ If yes, which one(s)? _____ Certification number _____

Has your license or certification ever been suspended, revoked, or disciplined? _____

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation?

Yes No

This includes DUI. If yes, please give detailed information including your age at the time and circumstances of the incident.

I affirm, agree, and/or understand that all statements on this form are true and accurate; any misrepresentation or omission of material facts may result in my expulsion from this program. I hereby authorize Chattanooga State or other appropriate State investigative agencies to make all necessary investigations concerning me, my work habits, character, or my action in any transaction. I further authorize and request each former employer, person given as a reference, educational institution, or organization to provide all information that may be sought in connection with this application.

(Printed Name)

(Signature of Application)

Chattanooga State Community College supports affirmative action and does not discriminate against any applicant for admission or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, handicap, sex or national origin

The Practical Nursing application and acceptance requirements are subject to change without notification.