

# Tennessee Technology Center at Covington

## 2010-2011 Practical Nursing Education Information

### 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 will begin on September 1, 2010.

**Part-time Evening/Weekend program** - This class is 18 months in length and meets Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday evenings from 5 to 9 pm and 8 hours on Saturday (clinical times may vary). Our next evening/weekend class is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2011. Please call back in September 2010 for more information about our evening/weekend October 2011 class.

### What is the Application Process?

Once you have passed an approved nursing entrance exam AND your scores rank in the top percentile (based on the number of passing scores received), you will receive a letter regarding the next step in the application process. Students are required to pass an approved nursing entrance exam by the deadline, attend the orientation session, complete paperwork by the deadline, and interview before their file is submitted to a committee. The committee will review all eligible applicants and select the class. Please note: passing the approved nursing entrance exam does not guarantee admittance.

### What are the approved nursing entrance exams?

We currently accept 4 nursing entrance exams. You only have to take and pass 1 of the 4 to be considered for the class.

Compass – 50 in Math (Pre-Algebra) and 80 in Reading

Asset – 38 in Math and 42 in Reading

Nursing Entrance Test (NET) – 42 in Math and 51 in Reading (taken from May 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

ACT - must be between the ages of 17 and 20 and scores must be 19 in all parts, Math, Reading, and English.

A 19 composite score on the ACT is not acceptable.

Passing 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, \$8 for a single section retest. You must come to the center and pay the non-refundable/non-transferable testing fee of \$15 (or \$8 for a retest) **in cash** (no checks or credit/debit cards accepted) to reserve a testing date and time. Limited seating is available.

**You must register for the Compass on Thursdays only from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Compass registration will begin on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 9 a.m.**

Full Compass must be taken for first attempt; no partials given as first attempt. Students may retake a portion not passed (Math or Reading), and are NOT required to take the full battery as a retest. When you come to register for a retest, you must bring a copy of the passing score on the other section with you when you come to register. 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 come to TTC-Covington 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-Covington and complete updated contact information. Complete passing scores must be hand delivered to TTC-Covington. We will not accept faxed scores. **You must come in on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to submit your scores and update contact information.**

### What date must TTC-Covington receive my approved nursing entrance exam scores?

**In order to be considered for our Day September 2010 class, we must have your approved nursing entrance exam scores by 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010.**

### 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. All required areas of an approved nursing entrance exam must be taken after September 1, 2008, to be eligible for the September 2010 Day Class.

**More Questions?** Please e-mail Amanda Heath, Student Services Coordinator, at [amanda.heath@ttcovington.edu](mailto:amanda.heath@ttcovington.edu).