

Transfer from TCAT Practical Nursing to the A.A.S. in Practical Nursing

TCAT Program:	Practical Nursing	
Community College Program:	A.A.S in Practical Nursing	
Program Length:	7 credit hours	
Articulation Process:	Community college faculty have assured that academic transfer credit is at the collegiate level and comparable to credit earned in the college's own programs (TBR policy 2.00.01.06).	
Number of Transfer Credits:	This statewide agreement allows a student the possibility to earn 7 course credits. Please see the below crosswalk/equivalency table.	
Community College Requirements	Credit Hours	TCAT Requirements
Graduation from TCAT LPN license with unencumbered TN LPN license	7 PLA credit hours	Graduation from TCAT LPN license with unencumbered TN LPN license

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Credit

After completion of the community college AAS nursing program LPN to RN Bridge requirements, a minimum of 7 college credits will be awarded for Fundamentals of Nursing.*

The College System of Tennessee nursing program directors worked to establish common admission requirements to reduce confusion and to streamline the pathway to becoming an RN after completing the LPN program at a TCAT.

Non-Academic Admission Requirements

- Applicant must meet the admission requirements of the community college and be admitted to the community college
- Applicant must complete application to AAS nursing program as LPN to RN bridge student by AAS community college nursing program application deadline
- Admission of LPN to AAS community college program is based on space availability in AAS RN program
- TCAT graduates will not be required to take the community college AAS RN entrance exam if the applicant has graduated within the past 3 years and has successfully passed the TCAT specific exit exam (successful completion of the TCAT specific exit exam is required for a student to graduate from the LPN program)

Academic Admission Requirements

- The LPN applicant must complete all learning support courses prior to admission into the community college AAS program

- LPN applicant must have minimum 2.5 GPA on gen ed courses required for admission into the community college AAS program
- LPN applicant must have “C” or better in required Math & Science prerequisite courses required for admission into the community college AAS program

Prerequisite Course Requirements for Admission into RN Program

- BIOL 2010 Anatomy and Physiology I
- Math 1530 Probability and Statistics
- Psychology 1030 Introduction to Psychology

Licensure Requirements

- LPN applicant must have TN or multi-state active unencumbered LPN license prior to beginning of classes in the community college AAS nursing program.

To be admitted into the community college AAS nursing program, the LPN applicant is not required to have experience as an LPN.

*Additional credits may be awarded depending on the curriculum map and prior experience of the student. The student should seek advice from the assigned A.A.S. degree in Nursing advisor.