

Health Education

Health Education Program Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting general admission requirements, Health Education majors are required to meet the curriculum specific requirements outlined below:

1. Students must complete recommended developmental studies courses based on course placement criteria on COMPASS.
2. Students must have an institutional GPA of 2.0 or higher. There are additional progression requirements on pages 31-33 of the catalog.
3. Students must meet required departmental Technical Standards.
4. Students who transfer into associate degree programs must have a GPA of 2.5 on previous college work. Students transferring into any Tri-County Technical College nursing program will be required to pass an exam for any nursing course(s) for which transfer credit will be awarded.
5. Students are required to carry professional liability insurance, which is obtained through the College.
6. Some clinical agencies may require proof of personal health insurance. This is the sole responsibility of the student. (Student health insurance is offered by the College. Students may obtain further information through the Student Affairs Division.)
7. Clinical agencies require criminal background checks for nursing and allied health educational programs. The results of the criminal background check and yearly drug screen determine if a student is eligible to enter clinical agencies. A student must be able to enter and/or remain in all clinical agencies to progress within a program. Inability to progress within a major for this reason will result in administrative withdrawal from the program. Note: Most Health Education programs require certification or licensure in order to use titles and/or practice the profession. Conviction of a felony, a plea of guilty to a felony, or certain misdemeanor convictions may make the applicant ineligible for certification or licensure.

Health Education Medical Requirements

Students admitted to health education programs (except Veterinary Technology) must present proof of immunization or immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chickenpox) and annual flu vaccine. (Health forms are available from the Division Office or Department Head.) All students in health education programs (except Veterinary Technology) must have documentation of Tuberculosis status. Immunization to Hepatitis B is expected and strongly encouraged as a means to avert serious illness and to meet clinical agency requirements. A student who refuses immunization to

Hepatitis B is required to sign a declination form, which will be kept in the student's file. Veterinary Technology students are strongly encouraged to obtain immunization to rabies and required to have documentation of tetanus immunization. Students who refuse immunization to rabies are required to sign a declination form that will be kept in the student's file.

Entry to Clinical Program -- Allied Health and Veterinary Technology

It is the responsibility of the student to track the progress of program prerequisites. The program curriculum guide can be found on eTC at the Academic web. The student must meet with an assigned program advisor each semester for guidance and to ensure prerequisite changes have not occurred. (Changes in program and curricular requirements can occur.) Once prerequisites are completed, the student must go to the Division Office (Pendleton Campus, Fulp Hall, Room 300 for Allied Health and Veterinary Technology) to submit a "Notice of Prerequisite Completion" form with all required documentation. (The form is available on eTC at Academic Web.) When verified, the date on which this form is submitted then becomes the student's "Complete Date," and the student is placed on the Complete List for a specific program.

The Complete Date means the student is eligible to start the actual program classes with the next available class as long as space is available. The minimum GPA must be maintained to continue on the Complete List. Eligible students will receive an e-mail through the student's Tri-County Technical College e-mail account, of acceptance into the specific program. This e-mail serves as an official offer for a seat into the program and identifies the deposit deadline date. Failure to notify the Division Office of a decision to defer OR failure to pay the deposit fee by the specified date will result in delayed entry. Once the student pays the nonrefundable deposit, a seat will be held for entry into the next program class. The student must continue to maintain the minimum GPA even though the deposit has been paid. A student may defer entry by notifying the Division Office and will retain the current complete date. A second deferral will result in removal from the Complete List. In the event two eligible students have the same complete date, the College will use the GPA to determine who gets the seat. The student with the higher GPA would be offered a seat before the student with the same complete date.

If an entrance policy changes for a particular program, the student's requirements would remain the same unless the student withdraws from enrollment or is not enrolled for two consecutive terms. If such a withdrawal or non-enrollment occurs, the student is required to meet new entrance policies in the current College catalog.

Entry to Clinical Program -- Nursing

All students declare a program of study in Admissions. Students may find the curriculum guide representative of their course of study by going to eTC Academic Web or to www.tctc.edu and click on Academics, Prepare for a Career. It is the responsibility of the student to track the progress of program prerequisites. The student must meet with an assigned program advisor each semester for guidance and to ensure prerequisite changes have not occurred. (Changes in program and curricular requirements can occur.) If an entrance policy changes for a particular program, the student's requirements will remain the same unless the student withdraws from enrollment or is not enrolled for two consecutive terms. If such a withdrawal or non-enrollment occurs, the student is required to meet new entrance policies in the current College catalog.

Competitive Clinical Entry for Practical and Associate Degree Nursing

Competitive clinical entry guidelines have been implemented for both Practical and Associate Degree Nursing students. Competitive clinical entry allows more qualified pre-nursing students to enter into clinical courses at an accelerated rate through a point system and ranking based on the original completion date of the TEAS Test.

Interested students can go to www.tctc.edu and click on Academics - Prepare for a Career or contact the Health Education Admissions Liaison office (Pendleton Campus, Fulp Hall, Room 401) for more information. The application is an automated document found on the Get Set tab in eTC for eligible students.

To have eligibility, an Associate Degree Nursing student must:

- have minimum scores on the TEAS Reading, English, Science, and Math
- have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- have completion of AHS 117 or patient care waiver
- participate in the online version of Updates to Nursing

To have eligibility, a Practical Nursing student must:

- have a minimum AITS (adjusted individual total score) TEAS score
- have a minimum GPA of 2.0
- have completion of AHS 117 or patient care waiver
- participate in the online version of Updates to Nursing

Applications must be submitted each term until clinical entry occurs. Application deadlines will be firm.

Information, such as detailed instructions, complete worksheet and policy, can be found at the eTC Academic Web.

Entry to Clinical Program – LPN to ADN Transition Nursing

The program curriculum guide can be found on eTC at Academic Web or www.tctc.edu, Academics- Prepare for a Career. It is the responsibility of the student to track the progress of program prerequisites. The student must meet with an assigned program advisor each semester for guidance and for confirmation that prerequisite changes have not occurred. (Changes in program and curricular requirements can occur.)

For LPN to ADN Transition Nursing students only, once requirements are completed, the student must go to the Nursing Office, Pendleton Campus, Fulp Hall, Room 401 or 421 to submit a "Notice of Completion" form with all required documentation. (The form is available on eTC at the Academic Web.) When verified, the date on which this form is submitted then becomes the student's "Complete Date" and the student is placed on the Complete List for this nursing program.

Eligibility includes, but is not limited to:

- Graduation from an accredited, credit-bearing program
- A current, active, and unencumbered SC LPN license
- Completion of ENG 101, MAT 120 OR MAT 103, and BIO 210 with a grade of "C" or higher
- A GPA of 2.5 or higher

The complete date indicates the LPN to ADN Transition Nursing student is eligible to start the actual program classes with the next available class as long as space is available. The minimum GPA must be maintained to continue on the Complete List.

Program Notification

Accepted students will receive an e-mail through the students' Tri-County Technical College e-mail account. This e-mail serves as an official offer for a seat into the program and identifies the deposit deadline date. Failure to pay the deposit fee by the specified date will result in delayed entry. Once the student pays the nonrefundable deposit, a seat will be held for entry into the next program class. The student must continue to maintain the minimum GPA even though the deposit has been paid.