

# TCPS© Tennessee Clinical Placement System

## Nursing Student Orientation for Using the TCPS©

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Our school is a part of the **Tennessee Clinical Placement Partnership (TCPP)** or has clinical assignments at a TCPP facility. Fueled by the current nursing shortage, the Tennessee Center for Nursing and healthcare partners across the state have developed the Tennessee Clinical Placement System or **TCPS©** which is just one strategy actively being pursued regionally to build capacity for healthcare education.

### Clinical Passport

The Clinical Passport represents the work of many entities toward streamlining the orientation process for students and faculty. Using online technology, much of the orientation content previously provided during facility orientation is now available online at any time of the day or night! This integration of technology into practice provides more flexibility for all individuals – students, faculty, and clinical facility educators! The Clinical Passport consists of three steps:

**Step 1. General Orientation** to TCPP healthcare facilities is achieved through online content. All partner clinical facilities have agreed to require students and faculty to complete a standardized general orientation program once per calendar year in keeping with the requirements for all healthcare professionals. **Students who complete general orientation in the fall semester are not required to repeat it during the spring semester. Check with your instructor if you have questions about this policy.**

Orientation content may be accessed at: <http://www.tcn-tcps.org/go.htm> Please note the technical requirements for Adobe Acrobat Reader, Flash, and to allow blocked interactive content when prompted. Free plugins are available for download on the site should your computer not have these programs available.

The design of these online modules offers you an opportunity for both reviewing content and practice.

- Module 1: Emergency Preparedness Content ~15 minutes & Practice ~8 minutes\*
- Module 2: Confidentiality & Compliance Content ~17 minutes & Practice ~8 minutes\*
- Module 3: Infection Control & Blood-Borne Pathogens Content ~16 minutes & Practice ~8 minutes\*
- Module 4: Safety in the Healthcare Content ~17 minutes & Practice ~8 minutes\*
- Module 5: Dealing with Diverse Populations Content ~10 minutes & Practice ~6 minutes\*

\* Times were based upon beta testing. Actual time will vary based upon reading speeds and decision making. Most students complete the entire General Orientation component in less than 2 hours.

You will need the following login information. **Access information is case specific.**

**Site:** <http://www.tcn-tcps.org/go.htm>

**Student User ID = clinical**

**Student Password = ed2k8**

You should visit this website to complete this information as directed by your faculty and **PRIOR** to the first day at the clinical facility. This login information is changed each academic year.



During your journey through the Orientation Practice sections you will collect **5** letters that will serve as your password into the quiz. Find the “key” letters whenever you see the key icon within the situations!

You will need these 5 letters as your password to activate the quiz. **Enter these letters as all CAPS!**

Letter 1 \_\_\_ Letter 2 \_\_\_ Letter 3 \_\_\_ Letter 4 \_\_\_ Letter 5 \_\_\_

To complete Step 1, you will complete an online quiz over the content in the 5 modules. **Additional instructions for the quiz will be available online when you are ready to take the quiz. Be sure and print/read these instructions carefully to ensure that you complete this step correctly! Failure to not follow these instructions will result in the need to repeat the quiz!**

**Step 2.** In addition to the general orientation content, individual facilities are in the process of placing their Clinical Facility Orientation content online as well. This is a work in progress, but many facilities have already placed materials online for you to review prior to coming to their clinical facility. The goal of this component is to minimize the classroom time at the facility to get students to the bedside delivering patient care. Students should also document their facility orientation on their Clinical Passport to provide an ongoing record of their clinical orientations. This content is accessed via the “**Step 2**” link available at <http://tcn-tcps.org/go.htm>.



Since this system is being implemented statewide – you will first be asked to identify the region of the state where your assigned clinical facility(ies) is/are located. Once the region is selected, you will be presented with a list of partner facilities with online orientation. Visit each of your assigned clinical facilities for this semester to complete this step of your orientation.



