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Dear Applicant:

We appreciate your interest in the School of Nursing at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. In order to be considered for admission to the nursing major, you must:

1. Be accepted into UTC and have all previous transcripts evaluated in the UTC Admission's Office by the School of Nursing application deadline.
2. Complete the requirements and pre-requisite course work for admission to the nursing major as stated in the UTC Catalog
3. Submit a complete application (attached) by the announced deadline, including the following items:
 - Your up-to-date UTC RAP sheet.
 - A copy of all previous transcripts, including those from schools in which you have only taken 1 course. The School of Nursing cannot retrieve copies from the Admission's office: you must provide us with separate copies enclosed in your application. You do not need to include a UTC transcript.
 - Signed statement of awareness: ADA compliance.
 - Signed Pre-Nursing Statement of Understanding.
 - 2 letters of recommendation -- one of which must be a University/College faculty member from whom you have taken courses. Please do not mail separately.
 - ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam scores – may be retrieved from www.atitesting.com
 - If you are taking classes at a school other than UTC, please include a copy of your current schedule with the classes you are taking this semester

The application and all other items should be placed in an envelope with your name on the front. Application packets will not be accepted if everything is not enclosed, including copies of transcripts and reference letters.

Students applying to the BSN program have the opportunity to give a written explanation for any concerns they may have about their admission requirements. Students not meeting the minimum admission requirements must petition for consideration to the nursing major. The required explanation and petition forms are available in the School of Nursing advisement office.

Applications may be turned into the School of Nursing Metropolitan Building 120. Applications may also be mailed to the address above.

Please put an "X" to indicate the semester for which you are making application.

_____Spring

_____Fall

Deadline for submission of application is September 1.

Deadline for submission of application is February 1.

CHATTANOOGA

SCHOOL OF NURSING

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

1. Complete each item on this form making certain that each entry is legible.
2. Enclose all items requested in the application. See checklist at the end of this application.
3. The completed packet must be received by the School of Nursing by the announced deadline in order to be considered for admission. **You must be accepted to UTC before applying to the nursing major.**

I. PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Permanent Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Temporary Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

UTC MocsNet ID Number _____

Telephone Number () _____

Cell Phone Number () _____

E-mail Address _____

A. OPTIONAL ITEMS

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Female _____ Male _____

American Indian _____ Asian _____ Black _____ White _____ Other _____

Married _____ yes _____ no _____

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

1. Name of high school from which you graduated _____ Year _____

Location _____
City State

2. List all colleges and universities you have attended.

School name	City/State	Dates attended	Did you graduate?	Degree earned
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3. If you have a previous bachelor's degree, what was your major? _____

4. Verification of education information

A. Current UTC students: A Record of Academic Progress (RAP sheet) must be included with this application.

B. Transfer students: Official transcripts of all course work completed at other colleges and universities must be on file in the Admissions Office for your nursing application to be reviewed. Copies of all transcripts sent to UTC must be included in the application packet for the nursing major. Copies of transcripts should be enclosed in the application packet and not sent separately. The School of Nursing cannot retrieve copies of transcripts from the UTC Admissions office.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ACCEPTANCE BY THE UNIVERSITY WITH A PRE-NURSING MAJOR DOES NOT ADMIT THE APPLICANT INTO THE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING. ENROLLMENT IN THE NURSING MAJOR IS LIMITED AND THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT CAN BE ADMITTED.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Are you currently employed _____ yes _____ no

Place of employment _____

2. List any work experience or volunteer experience in nursing/health care.

3. List any honors you have received.

4. List any leadership activities in which you have engaged.

IV. REFERENCES

Select two (2) individuals who know you well to act as references for you. One of which must be a University/College faculty member from whom you have taken courses.

1. The letters of recommendation must be enclosed in your application packet (in sealed envelopes signed across the back envelope flap by the person giving the reference). References should **not** be sent in separate from the application.

(NOTE: Please only send 2 recommendations)

What is your reason for pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N)?

I understand that withholding information requested in this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to/or continuation in The University of Tennessee. With this in mind, I certify that the statements herein are correct and complete. I also certify that I have read the requirements for admission to the nursing major in the UTC Catalog. I understand that admission to the University does not ensure acceptance into the nursing major and the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of students that can be admitted.

Signature _____

Date _____

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is an equal employment opportunity/ affirmative action/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution. Publication # E040950-002-09

CHECK LIST

These items must be included with your application. You must be admitted to the University by the School of Nursing application deadline. Please review the checklist below prior to submitting application.

All Students Must Include:

- _____ Completed and Signed Application
- _____ Two letters of recommendation
- _____ Current RAP sheet
- _____ Signed Pre-nursing Statement of Understanding
- _____ Signed ADA Statement
- _____ ATI TEAS scores – available at www.atitesting.com
- _____ Copies of transcripts from all previous colleges/universities attended outside of UTC are enclosed – this includes any courses taken outside of UTC.
- _____ Copy of current class schedule is enclosed if not showing on RAP sheet

The application must be received by the School of Nursing's announced deadline date. The application and all other items should be placed in an envelope with your name on the front. Application packets will not be accepted if all of the above is not enclosed, including copies of transcripts and reference letters.

PRE-NURSING STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING

Please read the following. Sign and return. Keep a copy for your files.

_____ I have read the University catalog including the nursing section and the sections on general education and requirements for admission to the nursing major.

I understand that:

- I am responsible for keeping track of my progress toward admission to the nursing major.
- I must earn a grade of "C" or above for all prerequisite courses to be considered for admission.
- I must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale to be considered for admission to the nursing major.
- I must have completed the prerequisite courses as listed in the catalog to be admitted to the nursing major.
- The nursing major includes a strong biophysical science component (Bio 191, Chem 121, Chem 123, Bio 208, Bio 210, Nurs 226); therefore, the first grade earned in a required science course will be used to compute the student's science GPA.
- Preference for admission to the major will be given to applicants who have completed their prerequisite courses at UTC.
- Enrollment in nursing is limited. Therefore, not all qualified students can be admitted.
- Admission to the University does not ensure acceptance into the nursing major.
- Final acceptance to the major is conditional on successful completion of a background check at students' expense (\$50-\$55 on average).

I have read and understand the above statements.

Signature

Date

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ADA Compliance Statement

In compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the School of Nursing does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities.

Disability is defined in the Act as a (1) physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individuals; (2) a record of such impairment; or (3) being regarded as having such an impairment.

For the purposes of nursing program compliance, a “qualified individual with a disability” is one who, with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential requirements for participation in the program.

The nursing faculty endorses the recommendations of the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (SCCEN) and adopts the “Core Performance Standards” for use by the program (see reverse). Each standard has an example of an activity that nursing students are required to perform successfully to complete the program. Each standard is reflected in the course objectives.

Admission to the program is not based on the core performance standards. Rather, the standards are used to assist each student in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. The standards provide objective measures upon which students and faculty base informed decisions regarding whether students are “qualified” to meet requirements. Every applicant and student receives a copy of the standards.

If a student believes that he or she cannot meet one or more of the standards without accommodations or modifications, the nursing program will determine, on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can reasonably be made.

Statement of Awareness*

I have read the above ADA Compliance Statement and have received a copy of the Core Performance Standards which identify the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program.

Signature

date

* Read, sign, and return one copy. Keep the second copy for your records.

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
School of Nursing
Core Performance Standards

Essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program

Nursing is a practice discipline, with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. The following Core Performance Standards identify essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program.

ISSUE	STANDARD	EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES (NOT ALL INCLUSIVE)
Critical Thinking Ability	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.	Transfer knowledge from one situation to another. Process information, evaluate outcomes, problem solve and prioritize. Use long and short-term memory, identify cause-effect relationships. Plan activities for others. Synthesize knowledge and skills. Sequence information.
Interpersonal Skills	Interpersonal skills sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	Negotiate interpersonal conflict. Respect cultural diversity in clients. Establish rapport with clients and co-workers.
Communication Ability	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Explain health conditions, diagnostic and treatment procedures and initiate health teaching. Interpret and document client responses to health status. Convey information through written and oral reports. Organize work and perform multiple tasks within given time constraints and under stressful conditions while maintaining the ability to communicate clearly.
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	Move within confined spaces. Sit or stand and maintain balance for extended periods of time. Reach above shoulders and below waist. Twist, bend, stoop, climb on stool or stairs, and move quickly in response to potential emergencies. Push, pull, lift or support a minimum of 25 pounds. Use upper body strength. Squeeze with hands and fingers and maintain physical tolerance for repetitive movements and demands of the work environment.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Grasp small objects with hands. Manipulate small objects with fingers. Write with a pen. Type on a computer keyboard.
Hearing Ability	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Hear normal and faint voices. Hear faint body sounds such as blood pressure, heartbeat, etc. Hear in situations when not able to read lips. Hear auditory alarms such as monitors, fire alarms and call bells.
Visual Skills	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.	Visual objects from 20 inches to 20 feet away. Use depth perception and peripheral vision. Distinguish colors and color intensity. Read and understand written documents.
Tactile Ability	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.	Feel vibrations to detect pulses, etc. Detect temperature. Feel differences in sizes and shapes and detect surface characteristics.
Emotional Stability	Emotional stability sufficient to tolerate rapidly changing conditions and environmental stress.	Establish therapeutic interpersonal boundaries. Provide clients with emotional support. Adapt to changing environment and stress. Deal with the unexpected. Focus attention on task. Perform multiple tasks concurrently. Appropriately respond to strong emotions.
Source: Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (1993) and National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.: Guidelines for Using Results of Functional Abilities Studies and other Resources (1990) and Armstrong Atlantic State University (2010).		

Reviewed by Academic Affairs Committee, 1/26/10

Reviewed by School of Nursing Faculty Committee, 2/9/10

Test of Essential Academic Skills

As part of the application process, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga School of Nursing is requiring students to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS™) assessment. All students applying to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program must take the TEAS assessment to be considered for admission to the program. To register for the exam, please fill out the ATI TEAS Registration Form below.

How to Order a Study Guide/Practice Tests:

The TEAS™ assessment gauges students' Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English skills. To prepare for the TEAS™ assessment you may want to purchase a TEAS™ Study Guide and/or an online TEAS™ practice assessment. The TEAS™ Study Guide offers to-the-point review of key concepts covering Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English. It also offers sample questions with accompanying explanations and study/test taking skills. The online practice assessment includes 100 items designed to be reflective of the TEAS™ in both content and format. Items are proportionally representative of the live assessment in each of the four content areas. Once purchased, students may access the TEAS™ Online Practice Assessment two times at no cost. In order to maximize the learning experience, each item is accompanied by detailed rationales for all correct and incorrect responses chosen. Students can take the practice assessment via the Internet at any convenient time and location. Both the Study Guide and the practice assessment may be purchased on-line by going to www.atitesting.com. Should you have any questions you may call Assessment Technologies Institute™, LLC at 800-667-7531.

ATI TEST REGISTRATION FORM TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS) Applicants Applying Spring 2011	
Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Select Test Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> August 12, 2010 8:45-12:00
	<input type="checkbox"/> August 19, 2010 8:45-12:00
	<input type="checkbox"/> August 27, 2010 11:45-4:00
TEAS Registration forms should be turned into April Anderson in the School of Nursing in Metro Building 308 or mail to: UTC School of Nursing Attention: April Anderson 615 McCallie Avenue, Dept. 1051 Chattanooga, TN 37403	
*** Registration forms must be received prior to the test date. Test date availability is on a first come basis. Additional test dates will be added only if necessary. A confirmation of your test date and instructions will be sent by email approximately 2 weeks prior to the test date. The cost of the TEAS exam is \$25.00, which is paid online with a credit/debit card on the day of the test. If you are unable to pay by credit/debit card, you will If you are unable to pay by credit or debit card, ATI Testing suggests you purchase a Visa Purchasing card. Visa Purchasing cards are sold at places like Wal-Mart and you put the amount you need on it. .***	