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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](http://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.**

Applications may be turned into the School of Nursing administrative assistant in Metro 304, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm. 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.**

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## 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.

5. All students: ACT or SAT scores must be included in the application. It is not necessary to include a separate copy of your ACT or SAT scores, if they are listed on the UTC Rap sheet.

**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.

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3. List any honors you have received.

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

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### 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 does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, handicap, or veteran status in provision of educational opportunities or employment opportunities and benefits, pursuant to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and other applicable statutes. Inquiries and charges of violation of this policy should be directed to the Office of the Director for Affirmative Action, 104 Founders Hall, (423) 425-4124. Publication #

### **CHECK LIST**

**These items must be included with your application. Please review the checklist below prior to submitting application.**

#### **All Students Must Include:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current RAP sheet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Pre-nursing Statement of Understanding
- \_\_\_\_\_ ATI TEAS scores – available at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)

#### **Transfer Students – in addition to the above items, must also include:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Copies of transcripts from all previous colleges/universities are enclosed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of current class schedule is enclosed

**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.

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Signature

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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.

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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.

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Signature

date

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

## **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.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Examples of Necessary Activities</b> (not all-inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces	Move around in patient rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas; administer cardio-pulmonary procedures
Motor skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care	Calibrate and use equipment, lift and position patients/clients
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	Hears monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care	Observes patient/client responses
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., insertion of a catheter.

If you believe that you cannot meet one or more of these standards without accommodations or modifications, you may request appropriate assistance and guidance. The nursing program will determine, on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can reasonably be made.

\*Adopted from the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (SCCEN), 1993

\*Revised by the Academic Affairs Committee 9/06.

## 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.

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](http://www.atitesting.com). Should you have any questions you may call Assessment Technologies Institute™, LLC at 800-667-7531.

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### ATI TEST REGISTRATION FORM

#### TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS)

Applicants applying Fall 2009

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Select Test Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> January 16, 2009 11:45-4:00
	<input type="checkbox"/> January 20, 2009 12:45-5:00
	<input type="checkbox"/> January 23, 2009 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 Dept. 1051 615 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403	
*** Registration forms must be received prior to the test date. Test date availability is on a first come basis, only 30 students will be allowed to test on each date. 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 \$20.00, 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 must contact April Anderson, [April-Anderson@utc.edu](mailto:April-Anderson@utc.edu), 2 weeks prior to the test date.\*\*\*

