

The information and program requirements contained in this packet are only valid for the Summer 2018 program admission application deadline, which is February 1, 2018.

JACKSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LPN-RN Career Mobility Option Application Packet

This nursing program option is designed for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who wish to further their careers by becoming Registered Nurses (RNs). If you have any questions after reading this packet, or if you would like to make an appointment to meet with a nursing advisor, call the JSCC Nursing Division at (731) 425-2622.

Where Do I Start?

College Admission Process: To be eligible to apply to the LPN-RN Career Mobility Option, you must first apply to and gain full admission status through Jackson State Community College. This will involve the following steps:

- Submit a college application for the term you plan to enroll in JSCC classes (unless you are currently enrolled at JSCC). Be sure to use **Health Interest** as your academic focus area. Students who have previously taken classes at JSCC, but have stopped for even one semester (excluding summer term) must submit an updated college application. Be sure to indicate the correct term you plan to start taking classes at JSCC on the college application. College applications can be submitted online at www.jsc.edu/admissions/apply/html.
- If you do not already have a college degree, ensure that an official copy of your high school transcript or GED/ HISET scores are on file in JSCC Admissions and Records Services.
- All official collegiate transcripts must be received by JSCC Admissions and Records Services by the application deadline. The nursing program reviews **ALL** undergraduate transcripts. Confirm the most recent term you attended and final grades are included on each transcript. If you are presently enrolled, or will enroll at another institution during Fall 2017, request your college or university send an official transcript to JSCC Admissions and Records Services at the end of your term of enrollment.
- Students who earned college-level credit while in high school must make sure a college transcript is on file with JSCC Admissions and Records Services.
- Students with ACT English scores below 18, math scores below 19, and/or reading scores below 19 must complete Learning Support Program requirements as follows:
 - Students who test into LS writing must complete ENGL 0010 and ENGL 1010.
 - Students who test into LS reading must complete READ 0010 and COL 1010.
 - Students who test into LS math must complete either MATH 0530 and MATH 1530 or MATH 0030 and MATH 1030, depending on the student's program of study. Nursing students are advised to take MATH 0530 and MATH 1530.
 - All LSP requirements must be completed by 12/31/2017 to be eligible for summer 2018 nursing admission.
 - Contact JSCC Admissions if you have questions regarding LSP requirements.

Nursing Program Admission Process: Once you have applied to and gained full admission status from JSCC Admissions and Records Services, you can begin taking the pre-requisite courses in preparation for applying to the nursing program. Your nursing program application process will involve the following steps:

- Complete the program-specific 26-27 credit hours of general education pre-requisite courses before applying to the nursing program (see page 4). If completing these courses at another institution, you must successfully complete all of the pre-requisite courses by the end of Fall 2017 term to be eligible for summer 2018 admission; if completing these required courses at JSCC, you must successfully complete all of them by spring 2018. Do not assume a course completed at another institution will meet program requirements. Use the Transfer Course Evaluation Process (pages 4-5) to obtain approval for transfer coursework.
- **Anatomy & Physiology I & II:** Completion of BIOL 2010, Anatomy and Physiology I; and BIOL 2020, Anatomy and Physiology II with grade of C or better completed between the summer 2013 and the Fall 2017 semesters is required. Students enrolled at JSCC have through spring 2018 to complete these requirements.

- Submit a complete and accurate nursing program application to the Nursing Division Office by February 1, 2018. We do not accept faxed applications. If you mail in your application and would like confirmation verifying receipt of your nursing application, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your application. Nursing applications are only valid for one application period. If you are not admitted and enrolled in the summer 2018 class, you must submit a new application form to be considered for the next application term. We do not keep a waiting list.
- Attach a copy of your TN LPN license with your nursing application. Your license must be valid and unencumbered. You must maintain your license while in the nursing program. If you are currently enrolled in a practical nurse program, attach a letter from the school director verifying the date of graduation. If selected for admission, a Tennessee LPN license must be obtained to enroll.
- Ensure an official copy of your practical nurse academic transcript is received by JSCC Admissions and Records Services.
- Maintain a cumulative (overall) college grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or greater. Your cumulative GPA will be calculated based on all undergraduate college-level courses you have attempted at all colleges or universities you previously attended.
- Provide national ACT scores to JSCC Admissions and Records Services. The ACT testing date must be within five years of the application deadline to be considered current. Only official national test results taken on or after **February 1, 2013** will be considered. To register for the national ACT test, go to www.actstudent.org, choose a testing location, and request to have your test scores sent to JSCC. Register early to avoid late fees. Confirm JSCC Admissions and Records Services received your official scores within a month after your testing date.
- Verify in-state residency status from JSCC Admissions and Records Services. Tennessee residents will be admitted before out-of-state residents are considered.
- Attach a copy of your driver's license to provide proof that you are at least 18 years old, or will be 18 prior to the beginning of the first nursing course.
- If you are accepted into the nursing program, there are additional program-specific requirements with which you must comply to enroll in the summer 2018 class. Program orientation and enrollment sessions must be completed as scheduled. Please refer to the Enrollment and Retention Criteria listed on page 5 of this packet.

How Do I Get Accepted?

Eligible applicants are evaluated using the following formula, and those with the highest scores are offered admission into the program. This chart is for informational purposes only and is not part of the application.

	<u>Raw Scores</u>		<u>Points Earned</u>				
ACT English Subscore Score	_____	→	_____	x	20%	=	_____
ACT Math Subscore Score	_____	→	_____	x	20%	=	_____
ACT Reading Subscore Score	_____	→	_____	x	20%	=	_____
ACT Science Subscore Score	_____	→	_____	x	20%	=	_____
Cumulative GPA	_____	→	_____	x	20%	=	_____

Bonus

Residents of Jackson State's 14 County Service Area + 0.50 pts = _____

Nursing Admission Score (out of a possible 5.5 points) = _____

Use the following tables to determine how many points are earned from your raw scores.

	<u>Raw Score</u>	<u>Points Earned</u>		<u>Raw Score</u>	<u>Points Earned</u>
ACT Table	Less than 19	= 0 Points	GPA Table	2.500 - 2.749	= 0 Points
	19 – 20	= 1 Point		2.750 - 2.999	= 1 Point
	21 - 22	= 2 Points		3.000 - 3.249	= 2 Points
	23 - 24	= 3 Points		3.250 - 3.499	= 3 Points
	25 - 26	= 4 Points		3.500 - 3.749	= 4 Points
	27 or More	= 5 Points		3.750 - 4.000	= 5 Points

How Points Are Awarded:

ACT: Valid test scores for this application cycle must be dated **February 1, 2013** or later. If you have more than one current ACT score on file at JSCC, we automatically use your **highest subscore** in the nursing admission score calculation. If you have ACT scores under a name that differs from your current name, please add documentation to the nursing program application with the other name used and date the ACT was taken when the other name was in use.

GPA: You must have a college-level cumulative GPA of **2.50 or greater** to be eligible for the nursing program. Remedial, developmental, learning support, vocational or graduate coursework is not included in the calculation. If you have taken courses at a college or university other than JSCC, your JSCC transcript will not reflect your cumulative (overall) GPA. Your cumulative GPA will be calculated by the Nursing Program.

Bonus Point:

Service Area: Service area residents must attach a legible copy of their driver's license to receive a bonus in the point system. Bonus will be awarded or denied based on the address appearing on both your application and your driver's license. Further verification of service area residence may be required. Service area points are awarded for residents of the following counties: Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henry, Henderson, Madison, McNairy, and Weakley.

ACT Requirement

The Nursing Program will use the highest subscore from the English, math, science reasoning and reading sections of national ACTs which are dated February 1, 2013 or later. Go to www.actstudent.org to register at least a month before your test. Also, use the ACT website to request scores be sent to JSCC Admissions and Records.

Upcoming national test dates which meet this nursing application deadline are:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6 – 29, 2017
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5 - 18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Sept 23 – Oct 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4 - 17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13 - 19, 2018

ACT Prep Resources

The Nursing Program recommends preparation for the ACT. A partial resource list to assist you with test preparation is listed below. Please use additional/other test preparation resources you find helpful.

- To access a free online ACT preparation site go to www.jsc.edu/library
 - Click Learning Express Library
 - Then click:
 - Click College Prep Center
 - Click Prepare for your ACT Test
- ACT Test Prep Website: - <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/> - lists resources to help you prepare
- ACT study guides purchased at local bookstores such as Books-a-Million or at on-line bookstores
- www.actstudent.org/onlineprep

ACT Online Prep™ \$49.95 for one year

LPN-RN Career Mobility Curriculum - Associate of Applied Science Degree

These eight courses should be completed before applying to the nursing program (by the February 1st deadline). All general education courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. Courses not completed at JSCC must be evaluated for adequacy in meeting program curriculum requirements. Do not assume a course completed at another institution will be accepted as a substitute for a required course unless the course has already been posted to the JSCC transcript with the exact same rubric (prefix), number, title, and credit hours as the required course. If you would like to have a course evaluated for eligibility as a substitution for one or more of the required courses, follow the transfer course evaluation process outlined on page 4-5. Anatomy & physiology courses must include lab work and must be less than five years old from the point of program enrollment (completed between summer 2013 and Fall 2017, unless enrolled in the course(s) at JSCC spring 2018).

8 Pre-Requisite General Education Courses (26-27 credit hours)

ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3 credit hrs	BIOL 2010	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 credit hrs
PSYC 1030	General Psychology	3 credit hrs	BIOL 2020	Anatomy & Physiology II	4 credit hrs
PSYC 2130	Life Span Psychology	3 credit hrs	COL 1030	College to Career Navigation	3 credit hrs

Major Specific Elective: Choose one (1) from the following:

BIOL 2230	Microbiology	4 credit hrs	MATH 1530	Statistics and Probability	3 credit hrs
HEC 231	Principles of Nutrition	3 credit hrs	MATH 1710	Precalculus Algebra	3 credit hrs

Communications: Choose one (1) of the following courses:

SPCH 1010	Fundamentals of Speech or	ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3 credit hrs
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Required General Education Humanities Course (3 credit hours)

Choose one (1) of the following humanities electives: It is recommended that you complete the humanities course before admission to the nursing program, but it may also be taken alongside nursing courses.

ARTH 2010	Art History I	ENGL 2310	World Literature I
ARTH 2020	Art History II	ENGL 2320	World Literature II
ART 1030	Art Appreciation	HUM 1010	Introduction to Humanities I
COMM 1851	Introduction to Film	HUM 1020	Introduction to Humanities II
ENGL 2110	American Literature I	MUS 1030	Music Appreciation
ENGL 2120	American Literature II	PHIL 1030	Introduction to Philosophy
ENGL 2210	British Literature I	PHIL 2110	Introduction to Ethics
ENGL 2220	British Literature II	THEA 1030	Introduction to Theatre

5 Required Nursing Courses (31 credit hours)

In addition to the following nursing courses, students must meet clinical placement requirements and achieve a satisfactory score on dosage calculation assessments each term. Achievement of a satisfactory score on a standardized Comprehensive Nursing Exit Exam is required during the last semester. Upon admission to the program, nursing courses are scheduled for completion in three successive terms. All nursing courses must be completed within five terms of initial enrollment in the LPN – RN Option. Upon successful completion of NUR 140, credit for NUR 110 and NUR 120 is awarded.

NUR 140	LPN Career Mobility	7 credit hours	NUR 214	Adult Nursing I	9 credit hours
NUR 180	Pharmacology in Nursing	3 credit hours	NUR 220	Adult Nursing II	9 credit hours
NUR 190	Pathophysiology	3 credit hours			

Transfer Coursework Evaluation Process

Previously completed coursework taken at another institution may be transferable and may substitute for a required course, but must first be evaluated for adequacy in meeting program curriculum requirements. Do not assume a course completed at another institution will be accepted as a substitute for a required course listed in the nursing curriculum unless the course has already been posted to the JSCC transcript with the exact same rubric (prefix), number, title, and credit hours as the required course. To have your transfer work evaluated, complete the following process:

1. If you are not a current JSCC student, apply for admissions to the college. Request official copies of all undergraduate transcripts. Once they are received by JSCC Admissions and Records Services and you have been accepted to the college, request JSCC Records to POST all coursework that may apply to the nursing program. Once posted, you will be able to view your courses on your JSCC transcript and by using the advising tool, DegreeWorks, found under jWeb Self-Service.
2. If JSCC Admissions and Record Services have already posted your general education coursework using an "ELEC" course prefix, you may request a course review by submitting a complete Request for Transfer Course Review Form. Obtain instructions along with the form from the Nursing Division Office.

Policies Related to Program Admission and Enrollment

Accreditation and professional certification standards, limited clinical and classroom space, faculty availability, and a concern for appropriate student progress influence the selective admissions process to all Tennessee Board of Regents nursing programs. Students must meet the admission criteria, be reviewed and accepted for admission, and make satisfactory progress in order to continue their enrollment in the nursing program. Enrollment in the program is limited. Because the pool of qualified applicants exceeds the number of students admitted, students who accept and subsequently decline or fail to complete enrollment requirements twice within a 2-year time period will lose admission eligibility for two subsequent years. Applicants with grades of D, F, or W in another collegiate-level nursing program may be eligible for admission if the grades were earned in only one term and the applicant's eligibility to re-enroll in the nursing program in which these grades were earned can be verified. If an applicant has earned grades of D, F, or W during more than one term or earned a grade of D or F, they are ineligible for admission unless: 1) Academic Fresh Start status has been granted prior to the application deadline, and 2) verification that all previously earned nursing course grades of D, F, or W were unrelated to student clinical performance or academic misconduct is obtained from the dean/director of the program in which they were enrolled. Academic Fresh Start status does not negate a record of nursing program dismissal due to clinical performance or academic misconduct. In the employment of admission criteria in the review of applicants, Jackson State is cognizant of the institutional goal of maintaining appropriate student diversity in its acceptance pool. Because Jackson State is a state-supported institution, in-state residents are given preference in the admission process.

Enrollment and Retention Criteria

Students admitted to the program must comply with specific requirements to enroll and progress in the program. Criminal background checks and drug/alcohol screens may be a requirement at some affiliated clinical sites for training. Based on the result of these checks, an affiliated clinical site may determine not to allow your presence at their facility. This could result in your inability to successfully complete the requirements of this program. Additionally, a criminal background may preclude licensure or employment. Enrollment and retention criteria are published in the Nursing Student Handbook, which is on reserve in the college library, and is provided to each admitted student. Enrollment and retention criteria include, but are not limited to:

- a minimum age of 18, documentation of health, TB screenings, and completion of MMR, Varicella, TDAP, and Hepatitis B immunization series and/or titers
- full disclosure of college enrollment at other institutions and submission of official transcripts
- satisfactory drug/alcohol screen, criminal background check, and other placement requirements of clinical agencies
- achievement of a minimum grade of C in all required coursework and completion of all nursing courses within three years
- certification in Healthcare Provider, Basic Life Support from the American Heart Association
- verification of good standing and eligibility to return to and enroll in any prior nursing programs from the dean/director of the program in which they were enrolled
- achievement of core performance standards

Core Performance Standards for Retention in Nursing Program

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students must be, with reasonable accommodation, physically and mentally capable of performing the essential functions of the program. The Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression developed by the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing and adopted by all nursing programs in the Tennessee Board of Regents system include:

- A. Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.
- B. Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups.
- C. Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.
- D. Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
- E. Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.
- F. Auditory abilities sufficient to monitor and assess health needs and hear verbal instructions.
- G. Visual abilities sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.
- H. Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.

Admission to the nursing program is not based on these standards; instead, they are used to assist each student in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. Each of these standards is reflected in nursing student learning outcomes and provides an objective measure for students and advisors to make informed decisions regarding whether the student is qualified to meet requirements.

Legal Limitations of Licensure

A graduate of a state-approved nursing program who has been convicted of a violation of the law other than a minor traffic violation may be denied licensure. A graduate's eligibility for licensure is determined on an individual basis by the Tennessee Board of Nursing. Program applicants should be aware that conviction of the following crimes would make you **ineligible** for Registered Nurse licensure in the State of Tennessee: Aggravated Assault, as in T.C.A. 39-13-102; First Degree Murder, as in T.C.A. 39-13-202; Second Degree Murder, as in T.C.A. 39-13-207; Voluntary Manslaughter, as in T.C.A. 39-13-211; False Imprisonment, as in T.C.A. 39-13-302; Kidnapping, as in T.C.A. 39-13-303; Aggravated Kidnapping, as in T.C.A. 39-13-305; Robbery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-401; Aggravated Robbery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-402; Especially Aggravated Robbery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-403; Aggravated Rape, as in T.C.A. 39-13-502; Rape, as in T.C.A. 39-13-503; Aggravated Sexual Battery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-504; Sexual Battery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-505; Statutory Rape, as in T.C.A. 39-15-506; Theft of Property, as in T.C.A. 39-14-103; Theft of Services, as in T.C.A. 39-14-104; Forgery, as in T.C.A. 39-14-114; Falsifying of Educational and Academic Records, as in T.C.A. 39-14-136; Arson, as in T.C.A. 39-14-301; Aggravated Arson, as in T.C.A. 39-14-302; Burglary, as in T.C.A. 39-14-402; Aggravated Burglary, as in T.C.A. 39-14-404; Incest, as in T.C.A. 39-15-302; Aggravated Child Abuse, as in T.C.A. 39-15-402; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, as in T.C.A. 39-17-1003; Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, as in T.C.A. 39-17-1004; Especially Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, as in T.C.A. 39-17-1005; Assisted Suicide, as in T.C.A. 39-13-216; Rape of a Child, as in T.C.A. 39-13-522.

Hepatitis B Immunization Requirement

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, risk of contact with blood and other potentially infectious materials is often highest during the professional training period. Effective July 1, 2011, unless exempted by law, any student enrolled in a higher education institution who is a health science student expected to have patient contact shall present proof of protection against hepatitis B before patient contact begins. Students admitted in the JSCC nursing program begin clinical rotations providing direct patient care contact as early as the first week of nursing courses; therefore this requirement must be completed by deadlines listed to enroll in the program.

The recommended primary vaccination is three intramuscular doses of hepatitis B vaccine in the deltoid with second and third doses given 1 and 6 months, respectively, after the first. Post-vaccination testing is not mandatory but is the only means to verify immunity. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) post-vaccination testing is necessary for persons who received vaccine in the buttock, persons > 50 years old, HIV positive persons, and persons on dialysis need testing for immunity.

Applicants for the Summer 2018 class should provide documentation which verifies the first dose of the vaccination was received no later than October 30, 2017 and the second dose of the vaccination no later than November 30, 2017. You must wait one month between the first and second doses. The third and final dose is given approximately 5 months after the second dose. Students selected for program admission must provide documentation of the final dose of the vaccination series by May 30, 2018 to enroll in nursing classes for Summer 2018. It is recommended that within 1-2 months after the third dose of the vaccination that each student submit for serologic testing (titer) to evaluate any need for a booster injection. Although this is not a requirement (unless you meet one of the conditions listed by the CDC (see above), it is the only way to document if immunity has been acquired or if an additional "booster" injection is advisable.

Varicella (Chicken Pox) Immunization Requirement

Effective July 1, 2011 all higher education institutions will also require proof of immunization against Varicella (chicken pox) of all students **born after 01/01/1980**. All nursing students, regardless of age, must provide documentation of immunization to varicella prior to program enrollment. For purposes of this paragraph adequate immunization is defined as:

- a) A complete varicella vaccine series (2 injections) with the first dose no earlier than 4 days before the 1st birthday and the second dose at least 28 days later
- b) Laboratory evidence of immunity or infection (serology of titer positive)

LPN-RN Career Mobility Option Plan of Study

Once enrolled in the program, you must enroll in the courses according to the curriculum sequence in which they are required. In all cases, only courses with a grade of "C" or above can be used to satisfy nursing program requirements.

Required Pre-Requisite Courses

Pre-requisites		Credit Hours
ENG 1010	English Composition I	3
PSYC 2130	Life Span Psychology	3
BIOL 2010	Anatomy & Physiology I	4*
BIOL 2020	Anatomy & Physiology II	4*
PSYC 1030	General Psychology	3
ENGL 1020 or SPCH 1010		3
COL 1030	College to Career Navigation	3
Major Specific Elective:		
BIOL 2230, HEC 231, MATH 1530 or MATH 1710		3-4
		26-27 hours

Submit Nursing Application Form and Documentation By February 1st

If Accepted & Enrolled, Begin Three Semesters of Nursing Courses:

Summer

NUR 140	LPN Career Mobility**	7
NUR 190	Pathophysiology	3
		10

Fall

NUR 180	Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NUR 214	Adult Nursing I	9
		12

Spring

NUR 220	Adult Nursing II	9
	Humanities Elective	3
	Comprehensive Exam	0
		12

Students admitted must satisfactorily complete NUR 140, 180, 190, 214, 220, the humanities elective and the program comprehensive exam within a maximum of five terms.

*Must be completed between Summer 2013 & Fall 2017 terms; unless enrolled in the course(s) at JSCC spring 2018

**Upon successful completion of NUR 140, credit for NUR 110 and NUR 120 is awarded.

Estimated Nursing Fees

The following are estimates & subject to change:

Admissions Fees:

National ACT Exam \$42.50

Prerequisite Course Tuition and Fees*

\$156/credit hr + college fees; add'l fees apply if online courses. Refer to <http://www.jsc.edu/fees-and-tuition>

Enrollment Fees:

Physical Examination, Immunizations** \$250.00
CPR course \$50.00
Drug/Alcohol Screening \$40.00
Criminal Background Checks \$58.00

Program Fees:

Books and Supplies** \$1,500.00
Student Nurse Uniforms (approximate) \$200.00
Lab Equipment (approximate) \$100.00
Liability Insurance \$11.00
College Tuition and Fees *
\$156/credit hr; \$25/credit hr nursing course fee + college fees. Refer to <http://www.jsc.edu/fees-and-tuition>
Student Nurse Assoc. Membership (optional) \$35.00
Achievement Exams and Resources \$542.00
NCLEX review and resources \$300.00
Nursing Pin (due during final semester) \$30.00–\$219.00

Licensure Application Fees

(due during final semester) \$300.00

Transportation to and from clinical agencies will be the responsibility of the student. Travel to clinical agencies outside of the Jackson area and/or weekends may be required. Evidence of health insurance may be required by clinical agencies. Confirmation testing may increase drug screening fees. Additional course fees apply for courses taken online.

*Tuition and fees are based on figures for the 2016-2017 academic year and may change for 2017-2018 year. Contact JSCC Business Services for specific rates or the current fee schedule posted online. Notice of fee changes is provided.

**Required immunizations and titers include MMR, Varicella, TDAP, and Hepatitis B vaccination series. (Note: The Hepatitis B series takes 7 months to complete and consists of 3 injections with the 2nd injection needed 1 month after the first, and the 3rd injection 5 months after the 2nd. Applicants should initiate this vaccine series by October 30, 2017. The Varicella immunization requires 2 injections given 4 weeks apart.) Screening for tuberculosis must also be documented annually.

**Represents average cost of books and supplies; expenses are greatest during the first semester.

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JACKSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LPN-RN Career Mobility Option Admission Application

This option is only open to applicants who hold a current, valid, unencumbered Tennessee LPN license and who have completed all required pre-requisite courses.

Please Print in Black or Blue Ink. The contact information will be used to communicate with you. If there is any change, notify the Nursing Division at (731) 425-2622.

Name _____ Other Name(s) on Transcripts or ACT Reports _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

SS# _____ - _____ - _____ Email Address _____ @ _____ County _____

Optional Information: Gender _____ Ethnic Background _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Are you currently attending Jackson State? Yes _____ No _____ If no, you must first complete all college admissions requirements. Apply online at www.jsc.edu/admissions.

Have you applied to the JSCC nursing program before? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what term and year? _____

Have you ever been admitted to any other nursing programs, other than the LPN program? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, when and where? _____

ACT Testing Requirement: You must have national ACT scores within five years of the application deadline on file at the college. Only national test scores taken between February 2013 and February 2017 will be considered for summer 2018 program admission. **ACT: Circle date(s) if you plan to take an upcoming ACT:**

September 9, 2017 October 28, 2017 December 9, 2017 February 10, 2018

Below you are required to list **all colleges/universities** you attended and dates of enrollment. Include JSCC and any college credits earned while still in high school. To be eligible for consideration, you must submit **all official transcripts** to JSCC Admissions and Records Services **before** the nursing application deadline. If you attended more than three colleges, attach an additional page citing these schools.

College _____ Dates Attended: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
 College _____ Dates Attended: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____
 College _____ Dates Attended: From _____ To _____ City _____ State _____

Prerequisite Coursework: You must complete 26-27 pre-requisite credit hours before applying to the nursing program under the LPN-RN Career Mobility Option. These courses must be completed successfully with a "C" grade by the end of the Fall 2017 term. Complete the chart below outlining your courses. Do not leave blank.

Course	Name of College Attended	Term	Year	Grade	Name on Transcript
ENGL 1010: English Comp I					
PSYC 1030: General Psychology					
PSYC 2130: Life Span Psychology					
BIOL 2010: Anatomy & Physiology I					
BIOL 2020: Anatomy & Physiology II					
ENGL 1020 or SPCH 1010					
One Major Required Elective: BIOL 2230, HEC 231, MATH 1530 or MATH 1710					
COL 1030: College to Career Navigation	JSCC specific course				

Recommended but not required to complete prior to beginning nursing courses

One humanities course					
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Anatomy & Physiology Coursework: A & P courses must be completed with a grade of C or better, must include lab work, and must be less than five years old (completed between summer 2013 through fall 2017 semester).

Policies Related to Program Admission and Enrollment

Historical Background Information

An affirmative response to the following questions will not necessarily be a bar to admission. Factors such as age at the time of conviction, elapsed time, seriousness and nature of the crime, and rehabilitation will be taken into account. Students with an affirmative answer to any question are advised to consult with the licensing board regarding their licensure eligibility. **Clinical agencies require background checks and drug/alcohol screens of students and may deny a student permission to enroll in clinical experiences. Such denial will result in the student's inability to progress in and subsequent dismissal from the nursing program.**

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation?	Yes _____	No _____
Have you ever had any license in any health care field suspended, revoked, or denied?	Yes _____	No _____
Have you ever been listed on any abuse registry (nursing home, home health, sexual, or other)?	Yes _____	No _____

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please attach an explanation of your answer.

Legal Limitations of Licensure

Program applicants should be aware that conviction of the following crimes would make you **ineligible** for Registered Nurse licensure in the State of Tennessee: Aggravated Assault, as in T.C.A. 39-13-102; First Degree Murder, as in T.C.A. 39-13-202; Second Degree Murder, as in T.C.A. 39-13-207; Voluntary Manslaughter, as in T.C.A. 39-13-211; False Imprisonment, as in T.C.A. 39-13-302; Kidnapping, as in T.C.A. 39-13-303; Aggravated Kid-napping, as in T.C.A. 39-13-305; Robbery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-401; Aggravated Robbery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-402; Especially Aggravated Robbery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-403; Aggravated Rape, as in T.C.A. 39-13-502; Rape, as in T.C.A. 39-13-503; Aggravated Sexual Battery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-504; Sexual Battery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-505; Statutory Rape, as in T.C.A. 39-15-506; Theft of Property, as in T.C.A. 39-14-103; Theft of Services, as in T.C.A. 39-14-104; Forgery, as in T.C.A. 39-14-114; Falsifying of Educational and Academic Records, as in T.C.A. 39-14-136; Arson, as in T.C.A. 39-14-301; Aggravated Arson, as in T.C.A. 39-14-302; Burglary, as in T.C.A. 39-14-402; Aggravated Burglary, as in T.C.A. 39-14-404; Incest, as in T.C.A. 39-15-302; Aggravated Child Abuse, as in T.C.A. 39-15-402; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, as in T.C.A. 39-17-1003; Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, as in T.C.A. 39-17-1004; Especially Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, as in T.C.A. 39-17-1005; Assisted Suicide, as in T.C.A. 39-13-216; Rape of a Child, as in T.C.A. 39-13-522.

The Tennessee Board of Nursing is concerned about the number of individuals with criminal histories seeking licensure as an RN and prohibits individuals with certain criminal histories and those serving probation from becoming licensed, as well as those who have been denied or had a nursing license, certificate or registration disciplined (i.e. meaning revoked, suspended, placed on probation or reprimanded) or voluntarily surrendered in any state or jurisdiction. The Board of Nursing mandates an **additional extensive** background check with fingerprints be completed at the end of this program, prior to receiving licensure. If you have had any criminal history, at the time you apply for licensure, you will be asked to produce a certified copy of the warrant(s) and judgment(s) or conviction papers and evidence of fines, restitution, and probation as well as address a self-letter to the Board of Nursing describing the circumstances that resulted in the arrest(s) and conviction(s). Criminal convictions may impact your ability to be licensed after completion of this program. Sign below verifying you have read and understand this statement.

Signature _____ Date _____

Because the College seeks to provide, in as much as possible, a reasonably safe environment for its health career students and their patients, a student may be required, during the course of the program, to demonstrate their physical and/or emotional fitness to meet the essential requirements of the program. Such essential requirements may include freedom from communicable diseases, the ability to perform certain physical tasks, and suitable emotional fitness. Any appraisal measures used to determine such physical and/or emotional fitness will be in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, so as not to discriminate against any individual on the basis of disability.

Core Performance Standards for Retention in the Nursing Program

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students must be, with reasonable accommodation, physically and mentally capable of performing the essential functions of the program. The Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression developed by the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing and adopted by all nursing programs in the Tennessee Board of Regents system include:

- A. Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.
- B. Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups.
- C. Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.
- D. Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
- E. Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.
- F. Auditory abilities sufficient to monitor and assess health needs and hear verbal instructions.
- G. Visual abilities sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.
- H. Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.

Admission to the nursing program is not based on these standards; instead, they are used to assist each student in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. Each of these standards is reflected in nursing course objectives and provides an objective measure for students and advisors to make informed decisions regarding whether the student is qualified to meet requirements.

Please read and sign the following statement: I verify that I have read and understand the requirements of the JSCC Nursing Program Core Performance Standards as outlined above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Nursing Admissions Checklist:

Use this checklist to ensure you have met all nursing admissions requirements. Initial each blank to indicate completion and understanding of each of the following requirements. Signing this application indicates you understand and have completed each step. Failure to respond to each statement will prevent your application from being considered.

I have:

1. _____ submitted my JSCC admissions application for the upcoming term to JSCC Admissions and Records Services. (*Write N/A if you are currently enrolled at JSCC.*)
2. _____ (For new JSCC applicants only:) I selected Health Interest as my academic focus area. Note: Write N/A if you are currently enrolled at JSCC.
3. _____ confirmed my official high school transcript (or GED/HISET scores) has been received by JSCC Admissions and Records Services, (*Write N/A if you already hold a college degree.*)
4. _____ confirmed all my college transcripts, including the most recent semesters I've attended, have been received by JSCC Admissions and Records Services.
5. _____ confirmed an official copy of my practical nurse program academic transcript is on file in JSCC Admissions and Records Services.
6. _____ completed all learning support requirements in reading, math, and writing, or I have verified that I am eligible to enroll in any of the required General Education courses listed in the program curriculum without any learning support co-requisite course requirements.
7. _____ checked my college cumulative GPA to be sure it is at least 2.50. I understand this includes all undergraduate courses taken at all college and universities, not just at JSCC.
8. _____ successfully completed or enrolled to complete the required eight pre-requisite courses by the end of Fall 2017 semester, **or**
_____ I am enrolled in the following prerequisite courses at JSCC spring 2018 (list courses): _____
9. _____ For coursework earned at colleges/universities other than JSCC: Completed the transfer evaluation process (page 4-5) to determine if my college-level transfer work has been posted as equivalent work to my JSCC transcript. If the coursework is not equivalent, worked with the Nursing Division to complete the transfer course review process. I understand this process must be completed before I can be admitted to the Nursing Program. (*If you only earned college work at JSCC, write NA.*)
10. _____ I am aware I must confirm JSCC Admissions and Records Services receives my ACT scores.

11. _____ attached a copy of my driver's license to this application. I understand bonus points may be awarded or denied based on the address on my driver's license and application form. Additional data may be used to verify my residence.
12. _____ attached a copy of my current, valid, unencumbered Tennessee practical nurse license. If enrolled in a practical nurse program, I am attaching a letter from school director verifying date of graduation. If I am currently enrolled in an LPN nursing program, I understand I must obtain my LPN license prior to beginning Summer 2018 JSCC nursing classes.
13. _____ previously received, or will complete the necessary Hepatitis B series immunizations no later than the dates listed here: Injection #1 - no later than October 30, 2017; Injection #2 - no later than November 30, 2017; and Injection #3 - no later than May 30, 2018.
14. _____ read the application and understand it is my responsibility to ensure all application requirements are met and materials are received in the Nursing Division Office prior to the deadline.
15. _____ mailed or hand delivered my application on or before February 1, 2018. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2018. I understand the Nursing Division does not accept faxed applications.

Statement of Validity and Understanding

I certify that the above information and supporting documentation attached is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I acknowledge that falsifying or withholding information will lead to the invalidation of my application and/or dismissal from the nursing program.

I have read and understand the admission, enrollment, and retention criteria and the applicant evaluation system of the Jackson State nursing program. I understand all application materials must be received by the Nursing Program by the appropriate deadline, and if not admitted I must submit a new application prior to the next deadline.

I understand that Tennessee residents will be admitted before out-of-state residents will be considered. If admitted, all nursing courses must be completed within five terms of initial enrollment, in the sequence designated in the program curriculum, and only grades of "C" or above can be used to meet graduation requirements. If I am unable to complete the required courses as designated in the curriculum, I will not progress in the nursing program. If accepted for admission, I must also comply with specific enrollment requirements such as drug/alcohol screening, criminal background checks, and program and course orientation sessions. Once enrolled in the program I must also comply with other specific criteria to be retained and progress in the nursing program. A copy of the enrollment, retention and progression criteria is available in the Nursing Student Handbook on reserve at the JSCC College Library for my review.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

After making a copy, turn in pages 9-12 with a copy of your driver's license and LPN license to:
 Nursing Division Office
 Jackson State Community College
 2046 North Parkway
 Jackson TN 38301-3797

Documentation & Copying Procedures:

- Do not attach copies of ACT scores, transcripts, immunizations, or letters of recommendation.
- Once an application is submitted, no further documentation will be accepted for admission consideration.
- The Nursing Division does not accept partial applications nor contact potential students if the application is incomplete or required documentation is missing.

Student Notification Process: At the conclusion of the admissions process, all applicants will be mailed a letter specifying the admissions outcome. Letters are mailed to the address provided on the application; we are unable to provide results by phone.