

H. COUNCILL TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NURSING PROGRAMS

Program Information: Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Practical Nursing (PN)

Thank you for your interest in the Nursing Programs at H. Councill Trenholm State Community College (TSCC). TSCC is committed to helping students reach their career goals. The TSCC Nursing Programs prepare graduates to become eligible to apply to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses or Practical Nurses (NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN). Both programs follow the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) concept-based nursing curriculum, a balanced curriculum of general education and nursing courses that must be taken in sequence.

The Associate Degree Nursing program is taught on the Trenholm Campus at 1225 Air Base Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama. The Practical Nursing program is taught at the Baptist Instructional Site in Montgomery through the Practical Nursing Immediate Impact Program, an institutional collaboration between TSCC and Baptist Health. Both programs are approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, Georgia 30326; telephone 404-975-5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing programs is Continuing Accreditation, with accreditation extending through Fall 2029. The most recent ABN on-site visit took place in April 2026. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding these programs at <https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs>.

It is the mission of the TSCC Nursing Programs to prepare graduates to practice safe, competent, patient-centered care in an increasingly complex and rapidly changing health care system. Nursing education is rigorous and time intensive, and progression through the program is the student's full-time responsibility. Depending on the course, students should plan for 3 to 12 hours of clinical experience per week in addition to class and laboratory time. Clinical hours are scheduled as conveniently as possible, but non-traditional hours, including early morning, evening, and weekend assignments, may be required. Clinical schedules are provided at the beginning of each semester. Students are strongly discouraged from working full time while enrolled in the nursing sequence.

All prerequisite general education courses must be completed, with a grade of C or higher, at the time of application. Applications with courses in progress are not accepted. Mathematics (MTH) and science (BIO) prerequisite courses must have been completed within five years of the application deadline. Students must complete PSY 210 Human Growth and Development; PSY 200 General Psychology does not substitute. Acceptance of transfer students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available, and meeting minimum standards does not guarantee acceptance.

Program Options

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN). Seven semesters are required to complete the program: two prerequisite semesters followed by five consecutive nursing semesters. Graduates earn the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing and are eligible to apply to sit for the NCLEX-RN to become a Registered Nurse (RN). Students who successfully complete the ADN program through the end of the third nursing semester may be eligible to apply to sit for the NCLEX-PN to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN); a student may opt out at that point to work as an LPN or may continue in the program as long as progression criteria are met.

Practical Nursing (PN). Five semesters are required to complete the program: two prerequisite semesters followed by three consecutive nursing semesters. Graduates earn the Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to apply to sit for the NCLEX-PN to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). The program is offered through the Practical Nursing Immediate Impact Program at the Baptist Instructional Site.

Beginning Fall 2027, both programs admit one cohort per year in the fall semester. A final spring cohort will be admitted for Spring 2027. Refer to the Nursing Programs web page for application periods. Final selection for either program is made by the Nursing Program Admissions Committee.

Information about Licensure

Applicants for admission to the TSCC Nursing Programs should be aware of the following information about licensure. The Alabama Board of Nursing application for licensure includes a series of questions regarding past arrests or convictions for DUI or criminal offenses (misdemeanor or felony), history of mental illness or substance abuse, placement on a state or federal abuse registry, and previous court-martial or military discipline. Candidates are advised to respond honestly, because failure to do so can result in denial of the ability to take the examination and to become licensed. Successful completion of the ADN or PN program does not guarantee eligibility to write the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination for licensure. For additional information, contact the ABN at 334-293-5200 or 800-656-5318, or visit www.abn.alabama.gov.

Progression and Reinstatement

To progress in the nursing program, a student must earn a grade of C (75 percent or above) in each nursing course, with satisfactory clinical performance, and a grade of C or better in each required general education course. Courses with a dosage calculation competency require a score of 85 percent on that assessment. A total of two unsuccessful attempts (D, F, or W) in two separate semesters in the nursing program results in dismissal.

A student who is unsuccessful in a nursing course after the first nursing semester may apply for reinstatement. A student may be reinstated only once; reinstatement is never guaranteed and depends on the availability of clinical space, faculty, and program resources. Students seeking reinstatement must hold a 2.50 cumulative GPA, meet all admission and progression standards in effect at the time of reinstatement, and validate psychomotor and cognitive competency for previously completed courses. Students who are unsuccessful in NUR 112 must reapply to the nursing program as a new student. Students dismissed for disciplinary reasons or unsafe patient care are ineligible for reinstatement. Complete policies are published in the TSCC Nursing Student Handbook.

Minimum Admission Standards for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program

1. Applicants must have unconditional admission to the College and a Trenholm State student number (A number).
2. Applicants must complete and submit the online nursing program application, with all required uploads, during the posted application period. Official transcripts from every college attended must be on file with the TSCC Registrar by the application deadline.
3. Applicants must have an official ACT composite score of 18 or higher (national or residual) or an official ATI TEAS total score of 58 or higher. Scores must be no more than three years old at the application deadline. ACT SuperScores are not accepted.

4. Applicants must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA at TSCC or at the institution from which they are transferring, and a minimum 2.50 GPA in the academic courses required for the nursing program.
5. Applicants with no prior college coursework must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative high school GPA. An official high school transcript or GED certificate must be on file by the application deadline.
6. Applicants must have completed all of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher: BIO 103 Principles of Biology I, BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II, BIO 220 General Microbiology, ENG 101 English Composition I, MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra or a higher-level mathematics course, PSY 210 Human Growth and Development, SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communication or SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking, a Humanities elective (Ethics preferred), and ORI 101 College Orientation (required unless the student transfers in 12 or more credit hours). Courses in progress at the time of application are not accepted.
7. All mathematics (MTH) and science (BIO) prerequisite courses must have been completed within five years of the application deadline.
8. Applicants must be in good standing with the College.
9. Applicants must meet the Alabama Community College System Essential Functions for nursing, with or without reasonable accommodations.

Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Minimum Admission Standards for the Practical Nursing (PN) Program

1. Applicants must have unconditional admission to the College and a Trenholm State student number (A number).
2. Applicants must complete and submit the online nursing program application, with all required uploads, during the posted application period. Official transcripts from every college attended must be on file with the TSCC Registrar by the application deadline.
3. Applicants must have an official ACT composite score of 18 or higher (national or residual) or an official ATI TEAS total score of 58 or higher. Scores must be no more than three years old at the application deadline. ACT SuperScores are not accepted.
4. Applicants must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA at TSCC or at the institution from which they are transferring, and a minimum 2.50 GPA in the academic courses required for the nursing program.
5. Applicants with no prior college coursework must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative high school GPA. An official high school transcript or GED certificate must be on file by the application deadline.
6. Applicants must have completed all of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher: BIO 103 Principles of Biology I, BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II, ENG 101 English Composition I, MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra or a higher-level mathematics course, PSY 210 Human Growth and Development, SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communication or SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking, and ORI 101 College Orientation (required unless the student transfers in 12 or more credit hours). Courses in progress at the time of application are not accepted.

7. All mathematics (MTH) and science (BIO) prerequisite courses must have been completed within five years of the application deadline.
8. Applicants must be in good standing with the College.
9. Applicants must meet the Alabama Community College System Essential Functions for nursing, with or without reasonable accommodations.

Admission to the Practical Nursing (PN) Program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Employment with Baptist Health is not required to apply.

Calculation of Points for Applicants Meeting Minimum Admission Standards

After all minimum requirements are verified, eligible applicants to either program are rank-ordered using the point system below. A total of 58 points is possible. Points are awarded by the nursing program from official records and the documents uploaded with the application.

Category	Criteria	Points
Entrance examination	ACT composite score (points equal the composite score), or ATI TEAS total score converted using the chart below. Only one examination is scored; scores are never combined.	18 to 36
Required academic courses	ENG 101, MTH 100 or higher, BIO 201, and BIO 202. Points for grades: A = 3 points, B = 2 points, C = 1 point.	Up to 12
TSCC coursework	Completion of at least 18 credit hours of the required academic courses for the nursing program at Trenholm State Community College.	3
Academic GPA	GPA of 3.0 or higher in the required academic courses for the nursing program, calculated by the College.	3
Health care experience	A minimum of six consecutive months of work experience and at least 215 documented hours in a health-related field with direct patient care, or completion of a health-related program that includes direct patient care. Awarded once.	4
Total possible		58

ATI TEAS Score Conversion

TEAS total score	Points	TEAS total score	Points
58.0 to 59.9	18	78.0 to 79.9	28
60.0 to 61.9	19	80.0 to 81.9	29
62.0 to 63.9	20	82.0 to 83.9	30
64.0 to 65.9	21	84.0 to 85.9	31
66.0 to 67.9	22	86.0 to 87.9	32
68.0 to 69.9	23	88.0 to 89.9	33
70.0 to 71.9	24	90.0 to 91.9	34
72.0 to 73.9	25	92.0 to 93.9	35
74.0 to 75.9	26	94.0 to 100	36
76.0 to 77.9	27		

Health care experience (4 points). To claim these points through work experience, the applicant must document a minimum of six consecutive months of employment and at least 215 hours of work in

a health-related field involving direct patient care, verified by a letter on employer letterhead that includes dates of employment, job title, duties, hours worked, and the signature of the Human Resources Director. Volunteer hours in a direct patient care setting count toward the 215 hours. To claim these points through a completed program, the applicant must upload the certificate, license, or transcript showing completion of a structured health-related program that includes direct patient care, such as Certified Nursing Assistant or Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, EMT or Paramedic, Phlebotomy, EKG Technician, or Patient Care Technician. The credential must have been earned; it does not need to be current. The 4 points are awarded once, whether the applicant qualifies through work experience, a completed program, or both.

Estimated Tuition, Fees, and Expenses

The estimated costs below cover the full length of each program, including prerequisite coursework, and are provided to help students plan. The middle column identifies whether an item is billed by the College, in which case it may be covered by financial aid, or paid by the student directly to a vendor. All amounts are estimates and are subject to change. Tuition is set by the Alabama Community College System and is subject to action by the Board of Trustees.

Item	Billed by College or Paid to Vendor	Practical Nursing	Associate Degree Nursing
Uniforms and Clinical Supplies			
Uniforms, shoes, and clinical supplies (royal blue embroidered scrub top and pants, lab jacket, white leather shoes, stethoscope, penlight, bandage scissors, watch with a second hand)	Vendor (Serendipity)	\$1,100	\$1,100
Tuition and Program Fees			
Tuition, maintenance, and instruction fees at \$187 per credit hour	College	\$9,350 (50 hours)	\$13,277 (71 hours)
ATI Complete Partnership, including course texts, Launch fee, and NCLEX preparation resources	College, attached as a course fee	\$3,000	\$4,600
Nurse pack	College, attached as a course fee	\$300	\$300
Student liability insurance at \$51 per nursing course	College, attached as a course fee	\$204	\$306
NCLEX voucher, attached to the capstone course	College, attached as a course fee	\$200	\$200
ACEMAPP clinical documentation platform, billed by calendar year	Vendor	\$50	\$100
Verified Credentials background check, billed by calendar year	Vendor	\$50	\$100
Drug screen, at entrance and again prior to NUR 221 for ADN	Vendor	\$30	\$60
Graduation application fee	College	\$25	\$25
Additional required texts as assigned by course faculty	Vendor	Varies	Varies
Total approximate required cost		\$14,309	\$20,068
Optional Costs			
Cap and gown for the graduation ceremony	Vendor	Approximately \$100	Approximately \$100

Item	Billed by College or Paid to Vendor	Practical Nursing	Associate Degree Nursing
Composite pictures; nursing pin and lamp	Vendor	Varies	Varies
Temporary work permit	Alabama Board of Nursing	See the ABN fee schedule	See the ABN fee schedule
National Student Nurses Association dues	NSNA	See nsna.org	See nsna.org

Tuition and fees are due by the day of registration. If a portion of registration expenses will be paid by financial aid or a sponsoring agency, the student must provide written evidence of the arrangement to the Cashier's Office at or before registration. ATI is provided through the College under the ATI Complete Partnership, so students are not separately invoiced for ATI products. ACEMAPP and Verified Credentials are billed on a calendar-year basis; the amounts above assume one year for the Practical Nursing certificate and two years for the Associate Degree Nursing program.

Alabama Community College System Concept-Based Curriculum: Associate Degree Nursing

All prerequisite courses must be completed before entry into the nursing sequence. BIO 103 must be completed before BIO 201 and BIO 220.

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
Prerequisite: take first					
BIO 103 Principles of Biology I				4	5
Semester 1 PRE-ADN (Prerequisites)					
ENG 101 English Composition I				3	3
BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I				4	5
MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra or higher				3	3
ORI 101 College Orientation (unless exempt)				1	1
Humanities elective (Ethics preferred)				3	3
Term total				14	15
Semester 2 PRE-ADN (Prerequisites)					
BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II				4	5
PSY 210 Human Growth and Development				3	3
SPH 106 or SPH 107 Speech				3	3
BIO 220 General Microbiology				4	6
Term total				14	17
Nursing Semester 1					
NUR 112 Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	4	2	1	7	13
Nursing Semester 2					
NUR 113 Nursing Concepts I	4	1	3	8	16
Nursing Semester 3					
NUR 114 Nursing Concepts II	5	0	3	8	14
NUR 115 Evidence-Based Clinical Reasoning	1	0	1	2	4

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
Term total	6	0	4	10	18
Nursing Semester 4					
NUR 211 Advanced Nursing Concepts	4	0	3	7	13
Nursing Semester 5					
NUR 221 Advanced Evidence-Based Clinical Reasoning	3	0	4	7	15

Students may be eligible to apply to sit for the NCLEX-PN after successful completion of the third nursing semester and for the NCLEX-RN after successful completion of the fifth nursing semester. Theory, lab, and clinical columns show credit hours for nursing courses.

Associate Degree Nursing Program Totals	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
Nursing courses	39	Nursing theory 315, nursing lab 135, nursing clinical 675
Academic courses	32	Academic theory 345, academic lab 120
Total: seven semesters (two prerequisite, five nursing)	71	1,590

Alabama Community College System Concept-Based Curriculum: Practical Nursing

All prerequisite courses must be completed before entry into the nursing sequence. BIO 103 must be completed before BIO 201.

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
Prerequisite: take first					
BIO 103 Principles of Biology I				4	5
Semester 1 PRE-NUR (Prerequisites)					
ENG 101 English Composition I				3	3
BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I				4	5
MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra or higher				3	3
ORI 101 College Orientation (unless exempt)				1	1
Term total				11	12
Semester 2 PRE-NUR (Prerequisites)					
BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II				4	5
PSY 210 Human Growth and Development				3	3
SPH 106 or SPH 107 Speech				3	3
Term total				10	11
Nursing Semester 1					
NUR 112 Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	4	2	1	7	13
Nursing Semester 2					

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
NUR 113 Nursing Concepts I	4	1	3	8	16
Nursing Semester 3					
NUR 114 Nursing Concepts II	5	0	3	8	14
NUR 115 Evidence-Based Clinical Reasoning	1	0	1	2	4
Term total	6	0	4	10	18

Students may be eligible to apply to sit for the NCLEX-PN after successful completion of the third nursing semester. Theory, lab, and clinical columns show credit hours for nursing courses.

Practical Nursing Program Totals	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
Nursing courses	25	Nursing theory 210, nursing lab 135, nursing clinical 360
Academic courses (including BIO 103 and ORI 101)	25	Academic theory 270, academic lab 60
Total: five semesters (two prerequisite, three nursing)	50	1,035

Contact hour totals for both programs reflect the ACCS standardized concept-based curriculum and do not include the TSCC-added ORI 101 (1 contact hour) or BIO 103 (5 contact hours).

Notes

- BIO 103 Principles of Biology I is a TSCC prerequisite for BIO 201 and BIO 220 and is included in the program totals above.
- ORI 101 College Orientation is required by TSCC for both programs unless the student transfers in 12 or more credit hours. ORI 101 taken at another college does not transfer.
- Humanities elective options include art, art history, foreign language, literature, music, music history, philosophy, ethics, religion, theater, and dance. Ethics is preferred.
- The nursing curriculum may change to meet the requirements of institutional, state, or national approval and accrediting agencies.

It is the official policy of the Alabama Community College System and H. Council Trenholm State Community College that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin, age or any other protected class as defined by federal and state law be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment.

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