



PN NCLEX Prep

PN Knowledge and Skills Evaluation Course

Course Title: Practical Nursing Knowledge & Skills Evaluation

Course Length: 14 hours

Format: Exam-based evaluation followed by instructor-led skills validation

Purpose:

To evaluate student readiness for progression by assessing theoretical knowledge and validating clinical nursing skills in accordance with Tennessee Board of Nursing (TBON) expectations.

Registration requirements:

- Students must provide copy of diploma and official transcripts from a PN program.
- Must have graduated from a PN program in Tennessee within the last 5 years. Unless otherwise cleared by Allied Health Director

Course Plan

- Students will complete the ATI Comprehensive Predictor Exam.
 - Students will prepare at home for this exam utilizing a study program of their choice.
 - Students will pay the tuition and fee to TCAT for the course.

***ADDITIONALLY: Students will log on to ATI the morning of the exam and pay ATI the required fee of approximately \$70-\$80- utilizing their own personal credit card.**

- A minimum score of 68% is required to progress to the skills evaluation.
 - This course is graded on a Pass/Fail basis.
 - Students must pass the knowledge and skills portion.
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Progression Criteria

- Students who score 68% or higher on the Knowledge evaluation will progress to the skills portion of the course.
 - Students who do not meet the benchmark score on the exam will not progress to the skills portion and recommendations will be given to the student and the Tennessee Board of Nursing.
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Skills Component

After successful completion of the Knowledge evaluation. Students will be provided with a designated list of required nursing skills.

- Students will schedule a specific date and time to return to campus and complete the required skills under the instructor supervision.
 - This appointment must be kept with the instructor.
 - Competency validation will follow standardized check-off criteria aligned with safe nursing practice. All skills must be performed successfully.
 - Skills supplies provided.
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Program Completion & Board Eligibility

- Upon successful completion of both the ATI exam requirement and skills validation, the TCAT Murfreesboro Allied Health Coordinator/DON will submit the transcript and letter to the Tennessee Board of Nursing.
- The student's original program of study must submit transcript(s) to the BON.
- Students must complete the NCLEX registration process- including background check and fingerprinting for test application.
- This documentation will verify that the student has met program requirements and is eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN examination.
- Students are required to take the NCLEX-PN within 6 months of completing the course for PN NCLEX Prep course to be valid.

See the rules set for by the Tennessee Board of Nursing below:

Upon completion of the course, 3 additional attempts will be permitted for the NCLEX- contact BON for specifics.

If the student fails to pass within 3 attempts:

According to our policies you must complete an NCLEX preparatory course recommended by the Dean or Director of your graduating program. Once the preparatory course has been completed, the Dean or Director shall submit proof of passing the preparatory course to the Board of Nursing. Once the Board receives the information from the Dean or Director, you may apply for re-examination within six months of the completion of the NCLEX preparatory course.

If the student fails to pass within 6 attempts or 2 years of graduating:

According to our policies any candidate who fails to pass the NCLEX within two (2) years or six (6) attempts following graduation must, prior to retaking the examination, complete the following:

- Knowledge and skills evaluated by the Dean or Director of the Nursing Program, or designee.
- The Dean or Director of the Nursing Program, or designee, must submit a letter to the Board with the results of the evaluation and recommendations. The letter must be on letterhead, signed, and dated and submitted to nursing.examdocs@tn.gov with the candidate's name and Knowledge and Skills evaluation in the subject line (i.e., John Doe Knowledge and Skills Evaluation).
- Successfully complete all classes and/or clinical courses as required following the evaluation; courses must be completed for a grade; no audited courses are accepted.
- Upon completion of the course(s), request an official transcript be submitted to the Board of Nursing.