



TCAT Specific LPN Bridge @ Columbia State



Columbia State Community College & Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology Tennessee Board of Regents Articulation Agreement

There is an LPN-to-RN Bridge option articulation agreement specifically for qualified Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who graduated from a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) within three years immediately prior to nursing program entry. LPNs admitted to the nursing program via the Bridge option enter into the second semester of the nursing program and potentially complete the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in nursing in three semesters of nursing study. LPNs are admitted on a space-available basis.

Applications for Columbia State's LPN-to-RN Bridge option will be accepted during these time periods:

- Second Monday in December through the second Monday in February
- Second Monday in July through the second Monday in September

To be eligible to apply under this agreement, the applicant must:

1. Meet admission requirements of Columbia State Community College. This includes submission of the following directly to Columbia State's Admissions Office:
 - a. Official transcripts documenting graduation from a TCAT LPN program
 - b. Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges
 - c. Official high school transcripts or GED equivalent
2. Complete the LPN-to-RN application available at [Nursing LPN-to-RN Bridge Option](#)
 - a. Upload a copy of driver's license
 - b. Upload a copy of TN LPN license
 - c. Submit evidence of a passing score on the TCAT-specific exit exam to nursinglpnapp@ColumbiaState.edu
3. Graduate from a TCAT within three years of program entry.
4. Successfully pass the TCAT-specific exit exam.
5. Possess an unencumbered Tennessee state LPN licensure.
6. Complete all required learning support courses and pre-requisite non-nursing/general education courses prior to nursing program admission:
 - a. COLS 101 (College Success) - 1 credit
 - b. BIOL 2010 (Human Anatomy and Physiology I) - 4 credits
 - c. MATH 1530 (Statistics) - 3 credits
 - d. PSYC 1030 (Introduction to Psychology) - 3 credits

7. Have an earned GPA of at least 2.5 on prerequisite general education courses.
8. Have an earned grade C or better in required math and science prerequisite courses.
9. Complete BIOL 2010 (A&P I) within five years prior to nursing program entry.

Application does not guarantee admission to Columbia State's nursing program. Admission is based on space availability. After successful completion of NRSB 1620, NRSB 1340, and NRSB 1360 in the first semester of the LPN-to-RN Bridge option, students will receive 7 credit hours for NRSB 1710.

Non-Nursing (General Education) Courses

Prerequisites - 11 credit hours

- COLS 101 - College Success (1 credit)
- BIOL 2010 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
- MATH 1530 - Statistics (3 credits)
- PSYC 1030 - Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)

Additional Non-NRSB classes which may be taken before or during program enrollment:

- BIOL 2020 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
- BIOL 2230 – Microbiology (4 credits)
- PSYC 2130 - Lifespan Psychology (3 credits)
- Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (3 credits)
- ENGL 1010 - Composition I (3 credits)



LPNs who do not qualify for this articulation-specific option may apply to Columbia State's traditional LPN-to-RN Bridge option at the [Nursing LPN-to-RN Bridge Option website](#).

