

# **Texas County Technical College**

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## Academic Calendar

### Fall 2014

#### August

4 PN Program Orientation  
25 First Day of Fall Semester

#### September

1 Labor Day – No classes  
12 End of Drop/Add Period

#### October

3 Last day to drop a course without receiving a grade.

#### November

26 Last day to drop a class  
27-28 Thanksgiving Break – No Classes

#### December

1 Classes Resume  
12 End of Semester  
15 Christmas Break Begins

### Spring 2015

#### January

5 First Day of Spring Semester  
23 End of Drop/Add Period

#### February

13 Last day to drop a course without receiving a grade  
16 President's Day – No Classes

#### April

10 Last day to drop a class  
24 Last day of the semester

### Summer 2015

#### May

4 First Day of Summer Semester  
22 End of Drop/Add Period  
25 Memorial Day – No Classes

#### June

12 Last day to drop a course without receiving a grade

#### July

4 Independence Day – No Classes  
31 Last to drop a class

#### August

14 Last Day of Semester



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*Texas County Technical College is dedicated to the student's education and personal development. The belief in professional, knowledgeable, dedicated faculty and specialized education will enable a student to be prepared for the job market.*

*Texas County Technical College is committed to the community in providing a superior technical training facility that will provide for the educational needs of its people, whether it be for career growth or personal satisfaction. This college believes that through education, a dream or career goal can become reality. It is our mission to provide a quality education for the student.*

*Charlotte G. Gray, President*

## **Texas County Technical College**

Texas County Technical College (TCTC) is a Not-for-Profit, 501 (c) (3), corporation specializing in adult education. The institution is governed by a Board of Directors, administered by the President, and staffed by faculty members with superior professional credentials and experience. The members of the Board of Directors are:

President.....Charlotte Gray  
Vice-President.....Dr. William Gray  
Secretary/Treasurer.....Robbin Hubbs-Wilson

The administrative staff members are:

Campus Director.....Dr. William Gray  
Director of Admissions/Registrar.....Clarice Casebeer  
Librarian.....Jo Bass  
Admissions/Student Services.....Chelsye Scantlin  
Director of Accelerated LPN to RN Program  
and Practical Nursing Program.....Marion Anema, Ph.D., RN

TCTC provides quality instruction and an ideal learning environment both in the classroom and through hands-on experiences. The college offers an *Academic Associate of Science Degree in Nursing*, an *Academic Associate of Science Degree for Medical Administrative Assistant* and a *Certificate for Practical Nursing* upon satisfactory completion of a program.

## **Organization and Campus History**

Texas County Technical College began classes on October 21, 1996, in a small rented office with a couple of classrooms. Understanding the value of higher education, Texas County embraced our vision and enrollment increased. Many of the TCTC students had jobs before enrolling but were looking to advance their skills or even change careers. In 2000, TCTC was awarded a state grant and now occupies its own facility located on South US 63 in Houston, Missouri. Due to the increased demand in the medical field, TCTC added the Practical Nursing program in 2000, a Paramedic program in 2003, a RN Bridge program in 2005, and an Accelerated LPN to RN program in 2009. In the spring of 2009, the name, Texas County Technical Institute was officially changed to Texas County Technical College, and the college continues to have a substantial impact on Houston and the surrounding areas.

## **Mission Statement**

TCTC will provide the highest quality educational experience for individuals seeking affordable, personalized, technical programs and general education in response to the ever changing employment needs of the community.

## **Educational Goals**

The goals of Texas County Technical College's programs are:

1. To provide occupational and supplemental educational programs to serve the needs of our community.
2. To provide retraining and career counseling for the labor force to meet today's changing technology.
3. To provide laboratories, classroom instruction, and work experience that reflects current practices.
4. To provide adult advanced programs creating opportunity for personal and career growth.
5. To provide the student with potential employment opportunities, aid in securing employment, and continued employment opportunities after graduation.

## **Approving Agencies and Affiliations**

Texas County Technical College is approved to operate or is recognized by the following agencies:

- Missouri State Board of Nursing
  - Full approval for the Accelerated LPN to RN program
  - Full approval for the Practical Nursing program
- Missouri State Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
- Veterans Education
- United States Department of Education
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
- Missouri Health Care Association

TCTC is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) to award certificates and academic associate degrees. ACICS is listed as a nationally recognized accrediting agency by the United States Department of Education and is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

The college is approved by the US Department of Education to participate in federally funded financial aid programs.

TCTC holds memberships or affiliations in several educational or professional organizations, examples of which include:

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers  
National Healthcareer Association  
Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Professionals  
Missouri League of Nursing

## **Physical Location and Contact Information**

The TCTC campus is located at:

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The main campus telephone number is:

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The TCTC World Wide Web address is:

[www.texascountytech.edu](http://www.texascountytech.edu)

## **Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policies**

The college affirms a policy of equal employment opportunity, and nondiscrimination in the provision of educational services to the public. The college makes all decisions regarding recruitment, hiring, promotion, and all other terms and conditions of employment without discrimination on grounds of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, age, genetic marker, disability, or any other characteristic which lawfully cannot be the basis for an employment decision by state, local, or federal law.

The college is obligated by and adheres to the provisions of:

- Section 493A, Title IV, Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended
- Title 38, United States code, Veterans' Benefits
- Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972
- Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended
- Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989

Inquiries concerning the application of these laws and their implementing regulations may be referred to the college president.

TCTC complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and makes every effort to ensure disabled persons admitted as students or employed by the college are afforded all of the rights and privileges provided to them by this state and federal laws. TCTC is committed to providing a sound

learning environment to academically qualified students with disabilities. Students must provide complete current documentation to the administrative office prior to beginning the program, and accommodations will be determined based on documentation, then communicated to the instructor with the consent of the student.

## **The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Non-Discrimination Statement**

***This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.***

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint form found at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form.

Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at:

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Director  
Office of Adjudication  
14000 Independence Ave, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

By Fax:

(202) 690-7442

Or by email:

[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

## **Admission**

Admission requirements are based on current admissions policies and are aligned with the college's practices on equal opportunity. All students seeking admission to TCTC must complete requirements listed below and must be admitted into a degree or certificate program. Additional requirements are in place for the Accelerated LPN to RN and Practical Nursing Programs, and students must be able to attend all clinical or externship sites. NO Exceptions.

If a period of one year elapses during which an admitted student is not enrolled, the student must reapply for admission. Students receiving financial aid and/or students using veterans' assistance must be admitted to the college prior to receiving aid.

For admissions the requirements are:

1. Complete an application for admission to Texas County Technical College.
2. Submit application with the nonrefundable \$50.00 fee.
3. Submit photo ID and copy of social security card.

4. Submit proof of high school completion with official transcript forwarded to Texas County Technical College directly from the institution granting the diploma/credits or an official GED transcript from the state administering the test.

The two most common alternatives to attending an accredited high school or earning a GED are: (1) completing a homeschool curriculum that is the equivalent of a high school diploma, (2) earning a high school diploma from a school that has not received accreditation from the state or regionally accrediting association (non-accredited high schools).

TCTC welcomes applications from all qualified students, including students who have chosen to complete high school course work through an alternate means. For admission criteria, these students may present the following documentation:

- Supply ACT scores less than five years old with a composite score of 18 or higher.
- Pass the GED test and supply an official transcript.
- Submit a homeschool transcript showing all courses/credits/grades earned from ninth grade through graduation. Transcripts may be signed by parent or legal guardian administering the program and show date of completion.
- Submit an official transcript from the institution issuing the high school diploma.

Documentation must be presented prior to the beginning of a program study, and the Registrar will make the determination of acceptance.

5. Achieve a composite score of 265 or higher on the Wonderlic verbal skills test **and** a composite score of 250 or higher on the Wonderlic quantitative skills test. Prospective students are limited to three attempts to pass the basic entrance examination. If a prospective student fails to achieve this standard after three attempts, he/she is not eligible to apply for any TCTC programs until the next admission period. Retest fees apply.
6. Receive a satisfactory clearance on a Missouri Care Giver Background Screening and criminal background check \*\*
7. Students for whom English is a second language shall meet the same general admission/program requirements as other students.

The Admissions Office will review completed student applications for the nursing programs. Upon meeting minimum cohort standards or higher, qualified applicants will be offered a seat in the Accelerated LPN to RN cohort or Practical Nursing cohort as long as there are seats available. Once the class has been filled, qualified applicants will be offered an alternate position.

***Cohort requirements for the Accelerated LPN to RN program (Academic Associate of Science Degree in Nursing):***

1. College admission completed.

2. Official post-secondary transcript(s) showing completion of prerequisite courses.
3. Two professional and one personal recommendation form.
4. ATI STEP test score and essay component. Retest fees apply.
5. Proof of current undisciplined Missouri Licensed Practical Nursing license.
6. Current immunization record. \*
7. A satisfactory health physical.
8. A satisfactory background screening. \*\*

***Cohort requirements for the Practical Nursing program (Certificate):***

1. College admission completed.
2. Two professional and one personal recommendation form.
3. ATI TEAS test score and essay component. Retest fees apply.
4. Current immunization record. \*
5. A satisfactory health physical.
6. A satisfactory background screening. \*\*

All students accepting a position in the Accelerated LPN to RN cohort or the Practical Nursing cohort must meet the following program requirements:

1. Proof of current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification.
2. A satisfactory drug screening.

\*Students accepted into the Accelerated LPN to RN cohort, the Practical Nursing cohort, and Medical Administrative Assistant program must provide proof of the following immunizations (NO Exceptions):

- Tuberculosis Testing (two step test required)
- Diphtheria/Tetanus Booster
- Measles/Mumps Rubella (MMR)
- Hepatitis B (Medical waiver available for Hep B series only)
- Other immunizations if requested by clinical site/facility

\*\*Students must have background screening results that meets satisfactory requirements of the college. Due to the variety and complexity of background results, "satisfactory," will be determined on a case by case basis and in accordance with state and federal licensing agencies, externship and clinical sites. All documentation will be required in order to evaluate. Applicants will not be considered for acceptance into the college until all documentation has been evaluated and determination has been made.

***Nursing Licensure***

Nursing is a licensed profession with nurses practicing according to state-specific provisions outlined in the Nursing Practice Act, Missouri Statutes Chapter 335, RSMO and Missouri Code of State Regulations 4CSR 200-1.010 to 4CSR 200-6.010.

Graduates of TCTC nursing programs are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX®). This is a computer-adapted examination and may be taken at testing centers locally and across the United States. Successful completion of this examination will allow the graduate to begin practicing as a nurse (LPN or RN depending on course of study). Students may obtain information about licensure in other states by contacting boards of nursing in the individual state.

All applicants to TCTC nursing programs are hereby notified that the Missouri State Board of Nursing may refuse to issue a license for specific reasons related to moral turpitude, intemperate use of alcohol or drugs, or conviction of a crime.

**See State of Missouri Nursing Practice Act: Section 33.066 Denial, revocation, or suspension of license, grounds for, civil immunity for providing information-complaint procedures. Completion of program does not guarantee eligibility to take the licensure exam.**

Applicants who meet all requirements and are accepted into TCTC will be enrolled in their program of choice. Students will be notified by mail of their acceptance status.

Texas County Technical College reserves the right to add or terminate classes/programs, update classes/programs, amend rules and regulations, change texts or faculty, and modify tuition and fees with adequate notice to the students.

## **Transfer of Credit and Transcript Evaluation Process**

To transfer credits from another post-secondary institution to Texas County Technical College, the student must provide an official transcript and catalog course description, if requested, from the school attended. Transfer credits must have been earned from a post-secondary institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Transfer grades must be a “C” or higher, and courses must be equivalent to those offered at TCTC. Transfer equivalencies are based on current policies and courses at the time of the evaluation is conducted. TCTC courses and course numbers are subject to change; thus, transfer equivalencies are subject to change as well. ALL transcripts for transfer course evaluation MUST be submitted to the Registrar PRIOR to beginning a cohort. NO exceptions.

Transfer credit is not awarded for remedial courses.

To be granted a certificate or associate degree, a student must complete a minimum of 50% of a program’s total credit hours with TCTC. Transferred grades are not computed in the student’s grade point average, and thus, do not affect satisfactory academic progress.

Consideration for transfer of credit hours earned over five years prior to admission to TCTC will require a review and evaluation by the Registrar and appropriate program director. Nursing directors will evaluate nursing specific course for transfer acceptability.

Advanced placement credit for the Accelerated LPN to RN program will be awarded on a case by case basis. Qualified LPNs may receive up to a total of fifteen (15) credit hours for LPN education. Upon meeting all prerequisites and successful completion of RN 200, Transition from Practical to Professional Nursing, advanced placement credit will be awarded on the transcript as a transfer grade.

Any transferability of credits from TCTC to another post-secondary school is up the receiving school. Students are encouraged to discuss transferring credit with that institution.

TCTC has an articulation agreement with the University of Phoenix, Kaplan University, and Southwest Baptist University.

## **Academic Information and Policies**

### ***Academic Standard/Grading System***

Credits are expressed in semester hours and are based on a four-point system.

A	-	4.00
B	-	3.00
C	-	2.00
D	-	1.00
F	-	0.00
P	-	0.00
W	-	0.00

A	-	Superior
B	-	Above Average
C	-	Average
D	-	Below Average
F	-	Failure
P	-	Pass. Used only in the pass/fail grading system and is not calculated in the GPA.
I	-	Incomplete. Students have a specified time to complete course work, or the grade is changed to a failing grade.
W	-	Withdraw. Authorized before the sixth week of the semester.
WP	-	Withdraw passing after the sixth week of the semester.
WF	-	Withdraw failing after the sixth week of the semester.
T	-	Transfer. Indicates credit transferred from another institution.
Retake	-	Repeated class.



**“F” Course Failure:** A course failure is a grade of “F”. A grade of “F” will be figured into the cumulative grade point average. Should a student receive a failing grade, it becomes part of the student’s record until the course has been retaken and successfully completed. When a student repeats a course, the higher of the two grades will be used in computing the cumulative grade point average. To qualify for graduation, the student must retake and pay additional tuition for any required course that was failed. If the course is a prerequisite for other courses, no subsequent course may be taken until the failed course has been retaken and successfully completed.

**“I” Incomplete:** If a student is unable to complete assigned work during regular course due to mitigating circumstances such as extended illness, personal tragedy, accident, death in the immediate family or other special circumstances, a grade of “I” may be assigned by the course instructor with administrative approval. Any incomplete work must be completed within fifteen (15) business days from the end of the semester or grading period. Required classwork will be determined by the instructor. An “I” grade is not figured into the cumulative grade point average. If the incomplete is not removed at the end of fifteen (15) business days, the grade will be converted to an “F” and will be calculated into the cumulative grade point average. An “I” grade is not an option in the Accelerated LPN to RN or Practical Nursing programs.

**“W” Withdraw:** A student may officially withdraw from TCTC up until the end of the sixth week of the semester of grading period and receive a grade of “W”. A “W” grade will not affect the cumulative grade point average.

**“WP” Withdraw Passing:** A student may receive a grade of “WP” if he/she officially withdraws from TCTC after the end of the sixth week of a semester or grading period and is passing a course. “WP” does not affect the cumulative grade point average.

**“WF” Withdraw Failing:** A student may receive a grade of “WF” if he/she officially withdraws from TCTC after the end of the sixth week of a semester or grading period and is failing a course. “WF” will be figured into the cumulative grade point average.

**“Retake”:** Courses that a student chooses to repeat to improve a grade are shown on the transcript with the designation of “Retake” beside the repeated course. The original course then has hours attempted, hours earned, grade and grade points removed, and the course is no longer figured into the grade point average UNLESS the repeated course has a lower grade. ONLY the higher of a repeated course grade is recorded on the transcript with hours attempted, hours earned, grade and grade points will be used to refigure the cumulative grade point average.

Good grades are usually correlated with regular attendance and with accurate and timely completion of all assignments. Poor grades are often correlated with frequent absences and incomplete and/or missing assignments.

## ***Grade Point Average (GPA)***

Grades are based on total points possible. Total points earned are divided by the total points possible giving a percentage of the total points available. Total points awarded will be documented and demonstrate academic justification for assignments given. Students' homework will be factored in as points per assignment depending upon individual assignments given by instructors and will be counted into the total points possible in a class. The Practical Nursing certificate program course syllabi will articulate required course work including student assignments outside of class with specific requirements. Outside classwork will be consistent with program objectives, documented, assessed/graded and will be an integral part of the sequenced educational program.

***Grade Point Average for Medical Administrative Assistant and General Education courses:***

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentile Grade</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>
A	90% - 100%	4.00
B	80% - 89%	3.00
C	70% - 79%	2.00
D	60% - 69%	1.00
F	Below 60%	0.00

Grades are not rounded for any class. 59.99 is less than 60.00 and is an "F" in general education classes.

***Grade Point Average for the Accelerated LPN to RN cohort and Practical Nursing cohort courses:***

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentile Grade</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>
A	94% - 100%	4.00
B	86% - 93%	3.00
C	80% - 85%	2.00
F	Below 80%	0.00

To determine the final grade, the same procedure state above applies.

Grades are not rounded for any class. 79.99 is less than 80.00 and is an "F" in nursing classes.

***Academic Dishonesty***

Academic dishonesty is any behavior on the part of a student that results in the student receiving unauthorized assistance on an academic exercise or receiving credit for work which is not his/her own. Such acts include, but are not limited to:

Cheating:

- Copying from another student's exam and/or work of any kind.
- Allowing another student to copy from one's exam.
- Using unauthorized study aids (such as a formula, a computer, a calculator or any other unauthorized material) for an in class exam, take home exam or other work.

Cheating may be either premeditated (using cheat sheets, etc.) or opportunistic (looking at another student's test paper).

Plagiarism:

- Using another person's idea, opinion, or theory.
- Using facts, statistics, graphs, drawings – any information – that is not common knowledge.
- Using sources without proper citations.
- Paraphrasing materials without proper citations.
- Quoting another person's actual words without proper citations.
- Purchasing a work and submitting it as one's own.

Plagiarism may be deliberate or unwitting. It is the responsibility of a student to know what plagiarism is and avoid it at all costs.

Academic dishonesty is grounds for dismissal from the college.

## ***Standards of Academic Progress***

Accelerated LPN to RN and Practical Nursing: Students must reach and maintain grades of "C" or higher in nursing core classes and general education classes. Grades will be monitored, and a written warning issued if a student's average falls below 82% in a core nursing class. The program director, program coordinator, or faculty member will counsel the student, and a written plan for improvement will be formulated and placed in the student's file. Students who fail to achieve at least 80% in a core nursing class or a "C" grade in a general education class by the end of the semester will be terminated. Clinical components of theoretical courses are an integrated requirement for the specific course, and clinical components must be mastered in order to pass the corresponding course. Clinical evaluations will be completed regularly and available for review. A student will be terminated if he/she fails clinicals.

Medical Administrative Assistant: Should a student earn an "F" in a required course in a program, he/she will not be terminated from the program. A student can go the duration of the program but will not be eligible to graduate until the failed class has been retaken and passed. Course availability is dependent upon program sequence and is offered at the discretion of the college.

## **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)**

Texas County Technical College requires students who are attending the school to be making satisfactory progress toward the completion of the educational objectives. All students must meet the minimum standards set forth in the Satisfactory Academic Progress table, or they shall be deemed not making satisfactory progress, and those students previously eligible for specific financial aid will be considered ineligible for financial aid until satisfactory standards are met.

All programs at TCTC meet or exceed guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education regarding establishment of satisfactory academic progress. Students may contact administration for copy of these guidelines.

### ***Cumulative Grade Point Average (CPGA) Requirements***

Students must meet specific cumulative grade point average requirements at specific points during their enrollment in order to be considered making satisfactory academic progress. These requirements are noted in the table below along the Rate of Progress requirements. These requirements will be reviewed at the end of each semester to determine if a student’s CGPA is in compliance.

### ***Rate of Progress toward Completion Requirements (Percent successfully completed)***

In addition to the CGPA requirements, a student must successfully complete a certain percentage of the credits attempted to be considered making satisfactory academic progress. Credits attempted are defined as those credits for which students are enrolled at the end of the drop/add period of an academic term. These percentage requirements are noted in the table below along with CGPA requirements. As with the determination of the CGPA, the percentage completion requirements will be reviewed at the end of each semester to determine if the student is progressing satisfactorily.

### ***Maximum Time in Which to Complete***

A student is not allowed more than 1.5 times, or 150%, of the standard length of the program in which to complete the requirements for graduation. This will be measured by limiting students to attempting 1.5 times, or 150%, of the number of credits in their program of study. Rate of progress measurements are to assure students are progressing at a rate that will enable them to complete their programs within the maximum time frame.

### ***Maximum Time in Which to Complete by Program***

Accelerated LPN to RN	61.00 credit hours	91.50 Maximum
Medical Administrative Assistant	66.50 credit hours	99.75 Maximum
Practical Nursing	62.00 credit hours	93.00 Maximum

A TCTC student’s progress is considered satisfactory when meeting the following minimum requirements:

<b>Total Number of Credits Attempted</b>	<b>Rate of Progress* Earned/Attempted</b>	<b>Minimum **CGPA</b>
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1 – 25	55%	1.50
26 – 48	65%	1.75
49 – 72	75%	2.00
73 – 100	N/A	2.00

\*Rate of progress toward completion

\*\*Cumulative Grade Point Average

In addition to the above, Texas County Technical College’s policy requires students to reach a minimum CGPA of 1.75 and a rate of progress of 65% at the end of their first academic year. The student must reach a minimum CGPA of 2.00 and a rate of progress of 75% at the end of each subsequent semester.

For the student who chooses to earn an additional degree, the maximum time frame will be based on the hours required to complete the program.

### ***Application of Grades and Credits***

In calculating the rate of progress, grades of “F” (Failure) and “WF” (Withdraw Failing) are counted as hours attempted but are not counted as hours completed. Pass/Fail grades are counted as hours earned but not hours attempted. Pass/Fail courses are not awarded grade points.

When a student repeats a course, the higher of the two grades is used in the calculation of CGPA and is indicated with the grade earned and “Retake”.

Transfer credits are not included in the calculation of CGPA; however, the original course credits remain included in the total number of hours attempted and hours earned in order to determine the required level of CGPA and rate of progress.

For students who transfer between TCTC programs or seek an additional degree, all grades and credits attempted for course common to both programs will transfer into the new program. If a student graduates from one program and enrolls in another TCTC program, all grades and credits attempted for courses common to both programs will transfer to the new program and be calculated in the satisfactory academic progress measurements of the new program.

An “I” grade is not figured to the cumulative grade point average. If the incomplete is not removed at the end of fifteen (15) business days, the grade will be converted to an “F” and will be calculated into the cumulative grade point average and calculated in the satisfactory academic progress measurement.

Texas County Technical College does not offer remedial courses.

Students who take non-credit classes are not accepted into the college and do not receive financial aid. SAP is not applicable to non-credit classes.

## ***Academic Probation***

A student will be placed on academic probation when his/her rate of progress or cumulative grade point average (CGPA) is less than the minimum at the end of the semester. During the period of academic probation, students are considered to be on financial aid warning.

Students on academic probation are expected to show commitment to removing themselves from probationary status. Students may be asked to participate in academic advising or extra tutoring sessions. Upon completion of the probationary period of one semester, the student's progress will be reevaluated to determine if the student is making satisfactory academic progress. A student on academic probation who does not achieve the minimum rate of progress or CGPA at the close of the probationary semester or grading period, will be dismissed and will no longer be eligible for financial aid.

A student may appeal (see appeal/complaint procedure) academic dismissal beginning at the Campus Director level if he/she feels the academic dismissal was caused by mitigating circumstances such as extended illness, personal tragedy, accident, a death in the immediate family or other special circumstances. Students who choose to appeal must submit a completed appeal form to the Registrar's office within ten (10) days of notification they are not receiving SAP. If the appeal is granted, the student will be entered on academic probation and financial aid probation. Students on financial aid probation are eligible to receive financial aid during this period. If, at the next review point, the student meets both requirements, he/she will be removed from academic and financial aid probation. If the student fails to meet the requirements of the probation, the student will be withdrawn and will be ineligible for financial aid.

## ***Extended Student Status***

A student who has been dismissed for failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress may be allowed to continue on extended student status under the following conditions:

- A student is allowed to continue in an extended student status for a period of time not greater than 25% of the normal program length.
- A student is not eligible for financial aid.
- The student must pay tuition according to the established tuition rate per credit hour for any courses in which the student enrolls.
- During this extended student status, the student is expected to be working toward compliance with the standards of satisfactory academic progress.
- All credits attempted while a student is on extended status count toward satisfactory academic progress.

If by the end of the maximum time allowed on extended student status, a student has not improved his/her academic standing to the probation range, he/she will be dismissed.

## ***Reestablishing Satisfactory Academic Progress***

Students returning to Texas County Technical College following academic dismissal must submit an application for readmission. The campus director, program director, and registrar must approve the readmission. If it is highly improbable or mathematically impossible for the student to improve above the minimum standards within their first semester of readmission, the student will not be readmitted.

Students readmitted after academic dismissal (1) will be reentered on academic/financial aid probation (2) are eligible for financial aid, and (3) must bring their CGPA or rate of progress up to the minimum standards by the end of the first academic semester. If the student does not meet minimum standards at the end of the probation semester, he/she will be academically dismissed the second time. However, a student may submit an appeal if he/she feels extenuating circumstances resulted in lack of progress during the probation semester. (See Academic Probation)

### ***Satisfactory Academic Progress and Financial Aid***

Students must meet the standards of satisfactory progress in order to remain eligible to receive financial assistance as well as to continue as a student at TCTC.

Satisfactory academic progress for purposes of determining continuing federal financial assistance is determined by applying the CGPA requirements, rate of progress requirements, maximum completion time restrictions, probation provisions, academic dismissal, and appeals procedures as outlined in the satisfactory academic progress section of this catalog.

Students who have been academically dismissed are no longer active students and are ineligible for federal financial assistance. Reinstatement of financial assistance eligibility will occur only after a student is readmitted following dismissal or in the event the student's appeal results in re-admittance.

## **Graduation Requirements**

To graduate, students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 and successfully completed the required number of courses in their program of choice within the maximum number of credits that may be attempted. Upon satisfactory completion of their program, students will receive a **Certificate** or **Associate Degree**. No student will be allowed to graduate with an "F" in any required course without retaking the course and successfully completing it.

### ***Graduation Honors***

#### *Degree Programs*

Students who graduate with outstanding academic achievement from the degree programs are entitled to the following honors based upon cumulative grade point average.

- Cum laude                      3.50-3.75
- Magna cum laude            3.76-3.89

- Summa cum laude 3.90-4.00

#### *Certificate Programs*

Students who graduate with outstanding academic achievement from a certificate program are entitled to the following honor based upon cumulative grade point average.

- Honors 3.85-4.00

## **Cancellation and Withdrawal**

A student may cancel a program or withdraw from a class at any time prior to the last two weeks of a semester. The student **must** notify the office in writing with the intent to withdraw. There are no exceptions. Refer to refund policy. Nursing students are required to confer with program directors. **Non-attendance does not constitute official withdrawal.**

A withdraw from class after the end of the sixth week of a semester will be assigned withdraw passing (WP) or withdraw failing (WF). Withdraw failing will be included in the calculation of the CGPA; withdraw passing does not affect the calculation of the CGPA.

NO course may be dropped the last two weeks of a semester.

## **Appeal and Grievance Policy**

The successful accomplishment of the school's mission requires prompt consideration and equitable adjustment of any appeal or grievance. It is the desire of the administration and staff to address appeals or grievance informally, and the supervisors, instructors, employees, and students are expected to make every effort to resolve problems as they arise. Grievances or appeals submitted signed by a group will not be addressed.

Students have the right to appeal any action or decision that directly affects their academic performance or records such as grades, probation, warnings, suspension of financial aid or dismissal from a program, etc. due to not making satisfactory academic progress. The student should first request consideration of a decision from the person who initiated the action.

An appeal regarding a final grade should be made within 15 business days of the last day of a class and should initially be addressed to the instructor of the class. If a student is not satisfied with the result, the student may file an appeal following the steps listed below.

Appeals may be granted based on error or unanticipated mitigating circumstances, which may include, but are not limited to: loss of transportation, civic duties, conflicting personal responsibilities, illness, death of a close relative, etc. that may affect a student's attendance or classroom performance.



The grievance and appeal policy outlined below does not apply to actions taken in response to positive drug screens. Please refer to substance abuse policy on page 33.

When an appeal is requested, suspension of financial aid or dismissal from a program is delayed until the appeal has been decided. Students who have appealed are expected to continue in their program until the appeal is decided. When an appeal is not granted, the date of suspension of financial aid or dismissal from a program will be the original date of action. Should the student withdraw immediately following the denial of an appeal, the student will not be charged for any attendance following the date the students was originally suspended from financial aid or dismissed from a program.

Step 1: Students with a complaint relating to a particular class or instructor should discuss it first with that instructor. If the complaint is not resolved satisfactorily, the student should present his/her complaint as outlined in Step 2.

Step 2: A student may present the grievance, or have a student committee selected by the student to present his/her grievance to the program director (or campus director as applicable). All grievances will be submitted in writing. If a satisfactory solution is not achieved, within another three (3) business days from the receipt of the campus director's decision, the student may proceed with Step 3.

Step 3: A student may then present the grievance the Texas County Technical College president. All grievances will be submitted in writing. If a satisfactory solution is not achieved, within another three (3) business days from the receipt of the president's decision, the student may proceed with Step 4.

Step 4: A student may then present the grievance to the Board of Directors. The student has three (3) business days to present the grievance in writing to the Board of Directors after Texas County Technical College's president has made a decision. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.

Complaints against the school may be registered with:  
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools  
750 First Street, N.E., Suite 980  
Washington, D.C. 20002-4241

Toll Free: 1-866-510-0746

## **Attendance Policy**

Good attendance is a mark of dedication which is a component of professionalism that future employers consider seriously. Students are expected to attend all classes in order to get maximum

benefits from the instructional program and to develop the habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. Employers consider regular attendance as the first step in becoming a successful and productive employee. Education at TCTC is designed to prepare students in the proper skills and attitudes necessary for success in their chosen field.

Each program varies by credit hours. Satisfactory progress towards earning an academic degree or certificate means students must meet academic and attendance requirements.

1. Students are to maintain a 90% attendance for each semester. Minimum 90% attendance average is required to begin externship or graduate.
2. Students who have below the required 90% attendance at the end of a semester will be placed on attendance probation and given the following semester to demonstrate the ability to maintain the 90% attendance average. At the end of the attendance probation semester, if the student has not met the 90% attendance requirement, he/she will be terminated from the program. **Due to the nature of the Practical Nursing and Accelerated LPN to RN cohorts, attendance probation is NOT an option for these programs.**
3. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis. Documentation for extenuating circumstances must be submitted within seven (7) calendar days of return to class.
4. A student may make up assignments missed for class at the discretion of the instructor.
5. Students are required to call the school if they are going to be late or unable to attend class.
6. Doctor's visits and other appointments should be scheduled beyond school hours.
7. Any hospitalization requires a release from the doctor to return to class.
8. If a student is absent in excess of four (4) consecutive days or ten (10) business days, whichever comes first, without notifying the school, the student will be subject to termination.
9. Early departure/tardies will be calculated as followed: if the student is 1-15 minutes tardy/early departure, one quarter of an hour will be added to total hours missed; 16-60 minutes tardy/early departure will result in one hour being added to total hours missed.
10. Non-compliance with attendance policy is grounds for dismissal.

## Leave of Absence Policy

Texas County Technical College's programs are designed as uninterrupted programs. If it becomes necessary for a student to interrupt training due to mitigating circumstances, which can include but are not limited to, serious health issues or personal issues, a leave of absence (LOA) or permanent withdrawal must be approved by the campus director. The student must meet with the campus director and program director, provide documentation, if possible, and sign a written request prior to the leave of absence. If unforeseen circumstances prevent the student from providing required documentation and signing a request prior to the LOA, an approved LOA may be granted, and the campus director will document his/her decision and collect written requests at a later time. The campus director will determine if there is a reasonable expectation the student will be able to return to school. A

release to return to school may be required. LOA is not counted as hours attempted. The maximum length of the total LOA time with a twelve month period is ninety (90) calendar days.

If a permanent withdrawal is approved, the student will officially be dropped from the program, and all monies required to be refunded to the student or to financial aid resources will be refunded within thirty (30) days. A student who fails to return from a LOA on or before the date on the written request will be terminated from the program. As required by federal law and regulations, that student's last date of attendance prior to the approval of the LOA will be used to determine the amount of funds the institution earned and make any refunds required under federal, state, or institutional policy.

The effect the LOA has on satisfactory progress is dependent upon the length of the leave and timing of classes. Students considering requesting a leave of absence should be aware that one or more of the following factors may affect their eligibility to graduate within the maximum program completion time:

- Maximum length LOA granted with semester's time is thirty (30) calendar days with approved documentation.
- Students returning from a LOA are not guaranteed that the class required to maintain progress in their program of choice will be available at the time of reentry.
- Students may have to wait for the program/class to be offered.
- Students may be required to repeat the entire semester from which they took a LOA prior to earning a final grade.
- Receipt of financial aid can be suspended during a LOA.

Due to the intensity of the Practical Nursing and Accelerated LPN to RN cohorts, a leave of absence is not permitted.

## **Termination**

A student may be terminated from a class or a program due to excessive absenteeism, grade failure, conduct, violation of rules and regulations, unpaid tuition, falsifying application information, inability to attend or participate in clinical/internship, or academic dishonesty. The student will receive a refund according to refund policy.

## **Readmission**

Students who wish to reenter Texas County Technical College after withdrawing due to mitigating circumstances or academic dismissal must submit an application for readmission. If reapplying within one calendar year for the date of initial application, students do not have to retake the Wonderlic entrance exam. Students who left the college with a balanced owed must pay the balance in full before reapplying. If accepted, students in general programs (if returning on academic probations, please refer to Reestablishing Satisfactory Academic Progress policy).

If a student withdraws or is terminated from a nursing program, he/she may reapply for acceptance if he/she meets current criteria as found on Page 4 under admissions procedures. This includes but is not limited to:

- Retake the Wonderlic entrance exam if reapplying over one year from initial test date.
- Retake the TEAS or STEP exam and meet minimum criteria or higher.
- Submit a satisfactory health physical examination.
- Submit a record of current immunizations.
- Submit updated satisfactory Missouri Care Giver background screening.
- Submit a satisfactory updated Validity criminal background check. The student is responsible for the fee.
- Complete a satisfactory drug screen.

Students who successfully complete the Practical Nursing readmission criteria may seek to have previously passed first semester nursing core classes waived following the procedure below. Failure to meet minimum criteria of one requirement will result in the student to take ALL previously passes first semester nursing core classes. The waiver applies to the Practical Nursing first semester only pending the same curriculum/classes are available.

- Pass the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) comprehensive exams with a Level 2 competency for nursing core classes successfully completed during first semester. The student is responsible for testing fees and is limited to one (1) attempt on the ATI comprehensive exams.
- Pass nursing courses' final exam for which there is not an ATI comprehensive exam. Applies to first semester nursing core classes only. The student is responsible for testing fees.
- Demonstrate proficient nursing skills in a lab setting, if applicable. The student is responsible for a \$25.00 per hour lab usage fee.

First semester Practical Nursing core classes only may be waived due to the clinical components within subsequent semesters.

PLEASE NOTE: Nursing curriculum may change. If accepted for readmission, students will enter under the current catalog.

Students reapplying for ANY program after being dismissed for disciplinary reasons will be readmitted ONLY at the discretion of the program director, faculty and president.

Students in the Medical Administrative Assistant program applying for readmission after being dismissed for attendance issues, once readmitted, will reenter the program on attendance probation for one semester. Students are then expected to end the probation semester with 90% attendance average or higher to remain in the program.

Repeating courses has a direct impact on financial aid available to the student. Check with the financial aid officer for further information. Applying for readmission does not guarantee acceptance into a program.

## **Financial Aid**

Texas County Technical College students may apply for scholarships, grants, or loans to assist them with school expenses. Scholarships and grants are sums of money given to an eligible student to be applied toward the student's education costs. Students do not repay scholarships or grants but must meet specific requirements to receive them. Various loans are also available to assist students with educational costs. These loans must be repaid according to specific terms.

Texas County Technical College's administrative staff will provide information and various forms needed to determine financial aid eligibility. Financial aid forms must be accurate and complete. Though applicants are encouraged to seek financial aid, students should not rely solely on these monies to support themselves throughout the academic year. Though Texas County Technical College's financial aid officer is responsible for accurate distribution, explanation, documentation with validation of federal financial aid requirements, it is the student's responsibility to comply with all requests in a timely fashion if the student wishes to continue receiving benefits.

TCTC has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education for participation of the Title IV programs listed in this section. When completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online ([www.fasfa.ed.gov](http://www.fasfa.ed.gov)), Texas County Technical College's school code is: 035793. Once eligibility is determined, an electronic report will be sent or mailed to both the student and the respective campus. Please note that FAFSAs submitted may require additional verification documentation from the student. Award letters will be sent to the student upon receipt and acceptance of those documents.

### ***Clock to Credit Hour Definition for the Purpose of Awarding Federal Financial Aid***

Non-degree programs that are not fully transferable to degree programs of at least two years in length at the same institution are eligible to convert clock hours to credit hours for purposes of awarding federal financial aid. In doing so, these programs may seek to combine a minimum number of hours in a range of hours of student work outside of class with a required minimum number of hours of instruction alone to meet or exceed a total number of clock hours of instruction. The evaluation of the clock-to-credit hour program is based upon the following federal conversion formulas.

The institution's student work outside of the class combined with the clock hours on instruction meet or exceed the following numeric requirements:

1. A semester hour must include at least 37.50 clock hours of instruction.

2. The clock hours of instruction must include at least 30 hours with at least 7.5 hours of out-of-class work.

Students' homework will be factored in as points per assignment depending upon individual assignments given by instructors and will be counted into the total points available in a class. The Practical Nursing certificate program course syllabi will articulate required course work. Outside of class work will be consistent with program objectives, documented, assessed/graded and will be an integral part of the sequenced educational program.

## ***Federal Aid Application and Forms***

Students are required to submit student aid applications on an annual basis. Students may be eligible to receive Federal Student Aid (FSA) funds once they have completed the entire financial aid process.

## ***Application Process***

1. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Each applicant requesting federal financial aid completes a FAFSA according to its accompanying instructions. The FAFSA form is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). From the application data, the financial aid staff obtains the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and makes a preliminary determination of Federal Pell Grant eligibility. The application data is also used to determine the amount of a student's Direct Loan eligibility and campus-based funds.
  - The FAFSA documents the student's intent to use all federal aid solely for educational purposes. The student also certifies that he/she is not in default on a federal financial aid loan and does not owe a refund to a federal financial aid grant received at any post-secondary institution.
2. Verification
  - Students may be asked to verify information given on the FAFSA. Verification requires the student to submit a verification worksheet and, if requested, a federal tax return transcript for the most recent calendar year. Additional documents may be requested during verification.
3. Master Promissory Note (MPN)
  - In order to be eligible to receive a Direct Loan, a student must sign a MPN. The MPN will be completed by the student on the MPN web site, which will include the Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities ([www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)). Students are able

to obtain additional loans without having to sign a new MPN for each academic year.

- The Financial Aid Office can refuse to certify a student's loan application on a case-by-case basis if the reason is documented for the action, and the office provides the reason in writing to the student

#### 4. Entrance Counseling

- First time Direct Loan borrowers must receive entrance counseling before the first disbursement of the loan can be made. TCTC will provide access to entrance counseling online, or students may go to [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) to complete entrance counseling.

### ***General Title IV Student Eligibility Requirements***

To be eligible for Federal Student Aid (FSA) funds, a student must meet the criteria listed below. Texas County Technical College staff ensures that eligibility requirements are met before the awarding of aid occurs. A student must:

- Be accepted into the college
- Have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent (e.g., a GED)
- Have a valid social security number with the Social Security Administration
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Be registered with Selective Service, if required
- Not be in default on a Title IV loan, or if in default, have made satisfactory repayment arrangements with the loan holder
- Have not obtained loan amounts that exceed annual or aggregate loan limits made under any Title IV loan program
- Not be liable for an overpayment of a Title IV grant or federal student loan or, if liable, have made satisfactory repayment arrangements with the holder of the debt
- Be making satisfactory academic progress (SAP)
- Not have been convicted of an offense involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs that occurred while the student was enrolled and receiving Title IV aid
- Have completed repayment of funds to either ED or the holder of a loan, as applicable, if the student has been convicted of, or pled nolo contendere or guilty to, a crime involving fraud in obtaining Title IV aid

Students must complete the FAFSA and arrange for an Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) to be received electronically by TCTC. Once the Student Aid Report (SAR)/ISIR is received, it is reviewed to ensure that the student meets the eligibility criteria.

If the student meets the eligibility criteria for federal financial aid and all the required documents have been received, he/she is then awarded financial aid funds.

## ***Financial Aid History***

Prior to disbursing FSA program funds, TCTC will check the financial aid history for a student who has received aid at other institution. This will be done by reviewing the financial aid history from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) that appears on the student's ISIR or directly from the NSLDS website. Students may track their entire federal financial aid history by going to: [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov).

## ***PELL Grant***

The Federal PELL Grant is an entitlement program through the US Department of Education which provides grants for students' education based on need. The amount of the grant is based on family size, income, assets, number of credit hours per semester, and cost of attendance at a given school. Students must file a FAFSA to determine eligibility. Students do not repay PELL Grants.

## ***William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program***

The Direct Loan program provides low interest, long-term loans to students and their parents to help meet educational expenses. Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans are awarded on the basis of financial need. Direct Unsubsidized Loans are designed to provide financial aid to students who do not demonstrate need for the Subsidized Stafford Loan. Payment on both the subsidized and unsubsidized loan begins six months after the student completes or leaves his/her educational program. Students must first file a FAFSA to apply for student loans. Any student who borrows student loan funds must complete a Master Promissory Note and entrance loan counseling as conditions of receiving student loan monies. Students must also complete exit counseling upon graduation, withdrawing, or dropping below half time status. Master Promissory Notes, Entrance Counseling and Exit Counseling must be completed at: [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). **This is a loan, and repayment is required.**

## ***Federal Plus Loans***

Direct Plus Loans are available to assist qualified parents to borrow in order to pay the education expenses of a dependent student. Plus Loans are limited to the difference between the student's total cost of education and other financial aid the student may receive. **This is a loan, and repayment is required.**

## ***Loan Disbursement Notification***

Student and parents (if applicable) are notified of the amount of Title IV loan funds they can expect to receive. The notification outlines the type of loan (i.e. Subsidized, Unsubsidized, etc.), the disbursement date, and the amount. Students and parents are notified in writing of the date and the amount of the disbursement no earlier than 30 days before and no later than 7 days after crediting the



student's account. The notice explains the borrower's right to cancel all or a portion of the disbursement and the procedures for doing so.

## ***Credit Balances***

Credit balances are released to the borrower within 14 days after the credit balance occurs.

## ***Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)***

FSEOG funds are awards based on the availability of funds and the student's level of need. There is no guarantee every eligible student will be able to receive an FSEOG.

The purpose of the FSEOG Program is to provide grants to exceptionally needy undergraduate students – who have not received a bachelor's or first professional degree – to help pay for their post-secondary education. All such students are eligible to apply for the grant, regardless of enrollment status or dependency status.

The institution insures that FSEOG funds are reasonably available to eligible students (to the extent of available funds) who demonstrate financial need. Funds are reserved throughout the year to ensure that no advantage exists for students enrolling early in the award year opposed to those enrolling later in the award year. To this end, the institution has established and published deadlines throughout the award year that students must meet in order to be considered for the grant.

### **Application Procedure:**

Students make application by submitting a completed 2014/2015 FAFSA data to the federal processor via FAFSA on the Web or by other means and meeting with the published deadline. The deadlines are as follows:

Fall 2014	October 1, 2014
Spring 2015	February 2, 2015
Summer 2015	May 15, 2015

### **Selection Procedure:**

Students who meet the deadline are evaluated as to which of the following selection groups they belong:

- First Selection Group – those who have the lowest Expected Family Contributions (EFC) who are also eligible to receive a Federal PELL Grant.
- Second Selection Group – those who have the lowest EFC who will not receive a Federal PELL Grant.

Awards are made first to the First Selection Group and then to the Second Selection Group, as funds allocated for the quarter allow.

**Timing of Disbursements:**

Disbursements are made on a per semester basis.

**Award Amounts:**

The FSEOG funds received by the college will change each award year therefore allocations will be made on a projected award year basis. Awards are made in the amount of a minimum of \$200 per award year (assuming unmet need allows) and available funds.

**Award Notification Method:**

Students are notified as to their award amounts via a written Award Letter.

## ***Federal Work Study Program***

The Federal Work Study Program provides jobs for eligible students who must earn funds to pay a portion of their educational expenses. Students must be PELL eligible and enrolled for at least half time to qualify. The number of hours a student may work is based on the financial need demonstrated by the student, the number of hours it is possible for the student to work, and availability of FWS funds at the institution. Students must apply for a position according to college guidelines to be considered for Work Study.

*NOTE: The regulations governing all federal financial assistance programs are subject to change.*

## ***State Financial Aid Programs***

### ***Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program***

This grant is administered by the State of Missouri and requires the following:

- Have a FAFSA on file by April 1 of each year
- Have any FAFSA corrections made by July 31 of each year (if a student is eligible, school choices may be added until September 30 of each year by contacting the MDHE)
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident
- Be an undergraduate student enrolled full time a participating Missouri school (students with disabilities who are enrolled in at least six credit hours may be considered to be enrolled full time)
- Have an EFC of \$12,000 or less
- Not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity
- Not have received a first bachelor's degree, completed the required hours for a bachelor's degree, or completed 150 semester credit hours.

Renewal Students:

- Continue to meet the eligibility requirements for initial students

- Maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5 and otherwise maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school. If this is the first academic year in which you have received an Access Missouri payment, this requirement does not apply.
- Have not received an Access Missouri award for a maximum of five semesters at a two-year school or ten semesters at any combination of two-year or four-year schools, whichever occurs first.

### ***Marguerite Ross Barnett Memorial Scholarship***

This grant is administered by the State of Missouri and requires the following:

- Have a FAFSA on file by August 1 of each year.
- Be enrolled at least half time, but less than full time (6-11 credit hours), at a participating Missouri post-secondary school
- Be employed and compensated for at least 20 hours per week
- Be at least 18 years old
- Demonstrate financial need
- Be a U.S citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident
- Not be pursuing a degree in theology or divinity
- Have not received a first bachelor's degree, or completed 150 semester credit hours
- Not be employed under the Title IV College Work Study Program

Renewal Students:

- Continue to meet the eligibility requirements for initial students.
- Maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5
- Otherwise maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school

### ***Veterans' Assistance***

Students who are or may be eligible for educational benefits for the US Department of Veteran Affairs are required to notify the financial aid office to complete the enrollment process. Each benefit is unique and requires program specific paperwork to be completed in a timely manner to facilitate processing a claim. Additionally, veterans' programs vary extensively in terms of compensation, dependent upon such factors as time in service and rate of progression through a program.

To begin the process of applying for GI Bill benefits, visit: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) and click on "Apply for GI Bill Benefits" completing the correct form. Prospective students are urged to contact their local Military Education Officer to discuss benefit options. TCTC is committed to assisting veterans in every possible way so as to take full advantage of the benefits earned while in service to our country.

### ***Other Financial Aid Resources***

- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

- TRA (Division of Workforce Development)

## ***Institutional Scholarships***

High school seniors are eligible for the TCTC institutional scholarship awarded in the spring of the current academic year.

Criteria includes:

- Must be seniors and graduate by the end of the current academic year
- Must be accepted into a TCTC program the summer or fall following graduation from high school
- Must complete and return applications no later than deadline given on application
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must demonstrate participation and leadership in school and community activities

Two applicants will be selected from each high school represented and will be notified by mail.

Texas County Technical College reserves the right not to award either scholarship if there are no applicants who meet the minimum criteria.

## ***Refund Policy***

Once the student officially notifies the administrative office and the program director/instructor with the request to withdraw, or is terminated, the school will calculate a refund or payment arrangement as of that date. If the student is a minor, requests should be signed by both the student and parent/guardian. Any balance of the refund money due to the student shall be made within thirty (30) days. If a student receives funds from any other financial aid program, all refunds shall be as prescribed by that funding agency's refund policy.

Federal regulations require that when a student officially withdraws or stops attending classes, the amount of Federal Title IV aid assistance a student has "earned" up to the last date of attendance must be calculated using a pro-rata formula. If a student completes more than 60% of a period of enrollment, (fall semester, spring semester, summer semester) a student will have earned all of the financial aid awarded, and his/her account will not be adjusted. Students attending less than 60% of a semester will have federal financial aid recalculated. If a student received more financial aid than he/she has earned, the excess funds will be returned on the student's behalf by the college to the program from which aid was received. In most instances, a student will be left owing the college.

Upon official notification of withdrawal, the financial aid officer will perform the return calculation, and students will be notified by mail. If there is an outstanding balance, students are responsible for making payment arrangements with the college.

Students who withdraw from all classes prior to completing more than 60% of a semester will have their federal financial aid recalculated based on the percent of the semester they have completed. For example, a student who withdraws completing only 30% of the semester will have “earned” only 30% of any Title IV aid received. The remaining 70% must be returned. “Title IV funds” refers to the federal financial aid programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (as amended).

Refunds are returned according to federal policy in the following order: Unsubsidized Direct; Subsidized Direct; Direct Plus Loans; PELL Grant; other federal, state private, institutional sources of aid, and then the student.

Students who drop or withdraw may be entitled to a refund for tuition and semester fees (preadmission fees are not included in the refund) according to the following schedule:

Within the first week of the semester	100%
Within the second week of the semester	75%
Within the third week of the semester	50%
Fourth week or later	no refund

## ***Tuition and Payment Plans***

Texas County Technical College’s administrative office staff is available to discuss financial aid and payment plans with the student and/or parents. Tuition is on a per program/credit hour basis. Tuition and other semester fees are due on the first day of a semester. All fees are the responsibility of the student.

## ***Payment Options***

Tuition and fees are payable in full before the start of the scheduled semester, or students may elect to pay their tuition and fees over the course of the semester by using the college’s payment plan. TCTC offers a payment plan to students who need to pay tuition and fees or balances after financial aid (if applicable) has been applied over the duration of the semester.

A student may select on the following options:

- A. Full payment – Pay in cash, check, or credit card.
- B. Payment plan – A monthly payment plan is available to pay tuition and fees over the duration of the semester. A TCTC promissory note must be completed. Payments are due on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of every month. Students will pay a monthly payment plan fee of \$25.00 per month if tuition and fees are not paid in full at the start of the scheduled semester. The monthly fee will not be waived.

Students will pay the college within ten (10) days from the due date on the most recent billing statement to avoid late fees. Late fees are assessed at a 12% per annum on any

past due account. Any balance not paid as agreed upon in the payment plan, will be assessed interest at 1% per month on the unpaid balance or 12% per annum. Any collection costs or legal fees incurred during collection an account will be the responsibility of the student.

Students who fail to comply with payment plan in any semester may be denied the opportunity to register for future semester and may be denied the opportunity to participate in future payment plans.

All delinquent accounts will be charged accumulated interest/late fees/any attorney/legal fees and collection fees.

Transcripts and diplomas will not be released until all the student's financial obligations to the school have been met and/or Direct Loan exit counseling (if applicable) has been completed at: [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Requests for transcripts and/or diplomas will be held for ten (10) business days when payments for outstanding charges are made by personal check.

## **General Information and Regulations**

### ***Clinicals***

Training specific to health related courses is offered in a health-care facility that is contracted to provide instructional opportunities for medical related activities. Students are required to participate and be eligible to participate in all assigned clinical sites/externship sites. NO Exceptions.

### ***Conduct***

Each student is required to conduct him or herself in a professional manner while attending Texas County Technical College and facilities Texas County Technical College contracts with (externship, clinical sites, etc.). Violation of conduct will subject the student to suspension or termination. Students may be terminated for the following reasons: disregarding the smoke free facility policy, intoxication, stealing, destroying or vandalizing school or in individual's property (student will be held responsible for the costs of any damage), deliberate breach in dress code, academic dishonesty, profanity, lewd or inappropriate gestures, comments or jokes considered undesirable, insubordination to school officials, weapon usage, the possession, distribution, or usages of drugs/alcohol at the facilities or at any school activity.

Students must also conduct themselves in such a manner so their behavior does not significantly disrupt or interfere with the learning process or infringe on the rights/safety of other students or staff.

Facilities must be left clean and orderly. **Food and drinks will be allowed in designated areas only.**

Children are not permitted in instructional facilities at any time.

All electronic devices MUST be turned off during class unless device is approved by the instructor.

### ***Credit Hour Courses***

Texas County Technical College reserves the right to change a course, add or delete courses, or substitute courses to improve or upgrade the curriculum at any time

### ***Definition of Credit Hour***

A credit hour course consists of a minimum of 15 classroom lecture periods of no less than 50 minutes each; 30 laboratory clock hours where classroom theory is applied and explored, or manipulative skills are enhanced; 45 hours of external discipline-related work experience with indirect instructor, supervision, or employer assessment, or combination of all three.

### ***Definition of a School Week***

Definition of a school week varies from program to program. The Practical Nursing program meets four days a week; however, days in session may change due to clinical scheduling. The Accelerated LPN to RN program meets one day a week for nursing classes, one day a week for the general education class, and either Monday or Friday for clinicals. The Medical Administrative Assistant program meet two days a week to be determined by administration. Students should plan appointments and activities around class and clinical schedules. Days of the week when students are not in session may be used to make up missed time due to inclement weather.

### ***Dress Code***

Students attending TCTC are required to dress appropriately for the academic setting. Certain restrictions are made in an effort to promote the development of both a professional appearance and an image that will positively reflect the standards of the college.

### ***Externship***

The school will recruit local businesses and medical facilities to participate in externship training. Students are required to complete the entire externship hours of their program working in a program-related industry; externship hours are defined by each program curriculum. Students do not receive any wages for the externship hours.

### ***Inclement Weather Policy***

Extreme weather may require Texas County Technical College to cancel classes. Information regarding class cancellation will be available on local television and radio stations. If no announcement is made, it may be assumed classes will be in session.

If students believe road conditions are unsafe near their home, and school is in session, they are responsible for contacting the school.

Days missed due to inclement weather will be made up, and regularly scheduled days or holidays may be required as make-up days. Every effort will be made to post make-up days as soon as possible.

## ***Tobacco-Free Facilities***

Effective July 1, 2013, TCTC is a tobacco free school and campus.

The tobacco-free policy prohibits the use of tobacco products in our college and all adjacent areas. Tobacco product cannot be used by students/employees anywhere on the grounds or inside the facilities. Furthermore, students/employees may not smoke or use tobacco in any form while wearing their TCTC badge, at any clinical facility, or college activity representing TCTC.

Students/employees may NOT smoke in their vehicles while on campus. Students/employees with an offensive odor in their clothing may be asked to change or be sent home on their own time to change clothes.

The administration recognizes that smoking is a personal choice, and students/employees may smoke or use other forms of tobacco while off duty and off college grounds as long as they are not representing TCTC in an official capacity.

## ***Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention***

TCTC is committed to providing a healthy, safe, and learning environment for their students, faculty, staff and guests. Part 86, the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Regulations (EDGAR) requires, that, as a condition of receiving funds or any other form of financial assistance under any federal program, an institution must certify that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees both on school premises and as a part of any of its activities.

TCTC has created a program that complies with the regulations to do the following:

1. Annually notify each employee and student, in writing, of standards of conduct; a description of appropriate sanctions for violation of federal, state, and local law and campus policy; a description of health risks associated with alcohol and drug use; information on available treatment programs.



2. Develop a sound method for distributing annual notification information to every student and staff member each year.
3. Conduct a biennial review on the effectiveness of its alcohol and drug use program and the consistency of sanction enforcement.
4. Maintain its biennial review material on file so that, if requested to do so by the U.S. Department of Education, the campus can submit it.

### **DFSCA Biennial Review Information**

The regulations do not specify a date by which the biennial review must be completed and on file – they simply require that a campus complete a review every two years. Since the regulations went into effect in an even-number year (1990), TCTC will conduct a biennial review by the end of each even number calendar year, and the review will be conducted by the Campus Director, Registrar, and President.

### **Documentation**

Reports filed through the disciplinary process are made available for review to determine whether incidents or types of reports are increasing. Any changes in prevention or intervention initiative can then be made to address trends. Within the last two years, no students have been terminated from any program due to alcohol abuse or illicit drug usage.

### **Policy/Program**

Due to programs at Texas County Technical College being primarily medically related, TCTC has a zero tolerance for drug or alcohol usage on school premises or at any facility used by the school for additional training.

Through an assessment of the previous two years of activity, the following components have been identified as actively in place:

1. Mandatory drug screening for acceptance into any nursing program.
2. Random drug screening for any student or employee if deemed necessary
3. Information session regarding drug and alcohol abuse/prevention is given during student orientation at the beginning of each new program and in the student catalog.
4. Employees are provided with information on policies related to alcohol and illicit drug use through distribution of the Employee Handbook.

The consumption of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and ILLEGAL DRUGS on the property of TCTC is ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED, and violators will be prosecuted by local law enforcement agencies. Prohibited unlawful use includes violation of the Missouri law prohibiting possession or use of alcohol by persons under 21 years of age and all other state and federal laws regulating use, possession or

distribution of alcohol or drugs. Also, prohibited are the unlawful or unauthorized use and/or possession of narcotics, drugs, drug paraphernalia and/or other chemicals; the distribution and/or sale of alcoholic beverages and the unlawful or unauthorized distribution and/or sale of narcotics, drugs and/or chemicals. Students and employees are notified that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance or alcohol on the school's property or as part of the school's activities will be grounds for immediate dismissal from a program or employment. Those employees or students dismissed for illegal behavior may be subject to the penalties of federal, state, and city laws. Criminal penalties for violation of such laws range from fines up to \$20,000 to imprisonment for terms up to and including life.

**Health Risks: Specific serious health risks are associated with use of illegal drugs and alcohol. Some of the major risks are:**

- Alcohol and other depressants (barbiturates, sedatives, and tranquilizers): addiction, accidents as a result of impaired ability in judgment, overdose which can result in death, damage to a developing fetus, heart and liver damage.
- Marijuana: addiction, panic reaction, impaired short-term memory, increased risk of lung cancer and emphysema, and impairment of driving ability.
- Cocaine: addiction, heart attack, seizures, lung damage, severe depression, paranoia, psychosis. Similar risks are associated with other stimulants such as speed and uppers.
- Hallucinogens (acid, LSD, PCP, MDMA, etc.): addiction, unpredictable behavior, emotional instability, violent behavior, organic brain damage in heavy users, convulsions, and coma.
- Narcotics (heroin, Demerol, Morphine, Codeine, etc.): addiction, accidental overdose, and risk of hepatitis and AIDS from contaminated needles.
- Inhalants (harmful gases and aerosols, glue, nitrous oxide, etc.): loss of consciousness, suffocation, damage to the brain and central nervous system, sudden death, nausea and vomiting, nosebleeds, and impaired judgment.

A drug screen may be requested of a student and/or employee who demonstrates drug and/or alcohol use. All expenses related to screening, counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation are the responsibility of the student and/or employee.

If a student or employee is terminated from a program/employment for positive results on a drug screen, and he/she wishes to appeal the decision, the following steps must be completed:

1. Notify the program director or campus director in writing within 24 hours (excluding weekends) following termination of the decision to appeal. This time limitation is due to the time constraints concerning specimens maintained by the laboratory.
2. Request that Sample B of the split sample specimen be sent to a second independent laboratory for testing. ALL FEES for this additional testing are the responsibility of the student/employee and must be paid at the time the appeal is submitted.

The findings from the second independent laboratory are final, and decisions made regarding student/employee retention resulting from those findings are final.

**The following contact numbers and hotlines are available for counseling and rehabilitation:**

**Mtn. Grove**

Family Counseling Center INC 417-926-1500

**West Plains**

Family Counseling Center 417-257-9152

Turning Leaf Adult Treatment Center 417-256-5395

Alcoholics Anonymous 417-256-8988

**Rolla**

Gibson Recovery Center 573-368-7302

24 Hour Drug & Alcohol Helpline 888-413-6364

SE Missouri Community Treatment Center 573-364-8511

**Springfield**

Alcoholics Anonymous 417-823-7125

Carol Jones Recovery Center for Women 417-862-3455

Alternatives Counseling Center 417-883-7227

Alcohol and Other Drug Information and Referral 417-865-5200

**Texas County**

Sheriff's Office 417-967-4165

Houston Police 417-967-3348

**Dent County**

Sheriff's Office 573-729-3241

**Phelps County**

Sheriff's Office 573-426-3860

Rolla Police 573-308-1213

**Wright County**

Sheriff's Office 417-741-7576

Mtn. Grove Police 417-926-5181

**Greene County**

Sheriff's Office 417-868-4040

Springfield Police 417-864-1810

Missouri Drug/Alcohol Help Hotline 800-662-4357

Missouri Drug Rehabilitation Treatment Center 800-435-2890

***Testing, Tuition, Books, Supplies, Application, Lab, and Equipment Usage fees***

Tuition is based on operating expenses and will vary from year to year. Refer to the tuition, books and supplies, and fee charges.

***Educational Materials and Supplies***

Appropriate textbooks and materials/supplies are used for each course. Students will be given the opportunity to select to (1) purchase all textbooks and supplies through TCTC or (2) purchase all textbooks and supplies on their own. If students choose to purchase textbooks or supplies on their own, they may not change their first decision once forms have been submitted to administration. A textbook/supply list will be made available listing all information needed to purchase the correct book or supplies. It is the student's responsibility to have the correct textbooks/supplies available by the first day of class or when the instructor requests them. TCTC is not responsible for textbooks or supplies that do not match the textbooks/supply list bought by the students on their own.

Students must make sure all textbooks/materials/supplies purchased match exactly to the list distributed prior to the beginning of a class/program.

## **Student Services**

### ***Academic Counseling***

Individual faculty and administrative staff are available to students during regular office hours for discussion of course or program academic concerns. Students experiencing academic difficulties are required to meet with course instructors to determine a plan for improving the student's academic standing. Faculty may assist students in study habits and provide limited tutoring concerning specific content. The staff may make referrals to outside resources.

### ***Housing***

Texas County Technical College neither has nor provides residential housing. The administrative office can provide a list of local realtors that can provide such information.

### ***Illness and Injury***

In the case of emergency illness or an injury, TCTC will activate EMS and notify the responsible persons listed on the emergency contact list. Texas County Technical College is not responsible for injuries or any expenses incurred.

### ***Insurance***

Each student is responsible for his/her own medical costs. The school does not provide accident or health insurance.

### ***New Student Orientation***

An orientation for students is provided at the beginning of each program. Specific time and content will be determined by each program director.

### ***Parking***

Parking must be in a designated area. This applies to the college and any facilities that the college may use for classroom, externship, clinical, or other school activity.

### ***Personal Calls***

No personal calls will be accepted. Emergency calls will be handled on an individual basis.

## ***Personal Property***

Texas County Technical College, any of its agents, or facilities used are not responsible for personal property. Students must take responsibility for their own personal property.

## ***Placement***

The administrative office will assist students and graduates of Texas County Technical College in seeking employment. The assistance may be in completing employment applications, reviewing and enhancing a resume, interviewing techniques, and determining appropriate positions for which the student can apply. Although TCTC cannot guarantee placement, the school will maintain and seek information concerning current employment opportunities. Placement assistance is not provided for individuals who terminate their program prior to course completion.

## ***Library Services***

The library at TCTC is opened to all students during regular business hours. TCTC students have available the Library & Information Resources Network (LIRN) 24/7, which can be accessed at the college or at home. The LIRN system consists of the following online services: LIRN Search, InfoTrac, ProQuest (including Nursing & Allied Health Source and Health & Medical Complete), eLibrary, and Bowker's Books in Print & RCL web. These are online databases for research featuring complete articles, full-text and graphics.

## ***Information Technology Guidelines***

- **Students may NOT BRING IN any outside storage devices TO BE USED ON COLLEGE COMPUTERS. Outside storage devices include, but are not limited to, flash drives, thumb drives, removable drive, etc.**
- All use of the Texas County Technical College websites must be in support of education and research consistent with the educational goals of TCTC.
- Any use of the TCTC websites for product advertisement is prohibited.
- Any use of the TCTC for political lobbying is prohibited.
- No use of the TCTC websites shall serve to disrupt the use of the network or the website by other users.
- Any use of the TCTC websites for personal commercial purposes is prohibited.
- All communication accessible via the TCTC websites will reflect respect for others and appropriate language.
- All communications and information accessible via the TCTC websites should be assumed to be the property of TCTC.

- Any of the TCTC websites user's traffic that traverses another network is subject to that network's acceptable use policy.
- TCTC technological equipment and resources may not be used to install or illegally obtain software or data. Any software installation on college owned computers must be approved by the president.
- TCTC technological equipment and resources must be used in accordance with the Copyright Guidelines. Use of TCTC technological equipment and resources to illegally copy, download, access, print or store copyrighted material is forbidden.
- An account is assigned to an individual and must not be used by others. The individual is responsible for proper use of the account, including passwords protection. The individual must take all reasonable precautions, including password maintenance and file and directory protection measures, to prevent use of their account by others.
- College records and course work are considered confidential and are to be protected in accordance with federal and state laws and college policies.
- Copying, renaming, changing, or deleting files belonging to TCTC or any other user with malicious intent is prohibited.
- Attempts to bypass TCTC's standard technological procedures are prohibited (e.g., hacking). This includes, but is not limited to, attempts to discover another user's password, taking resources from other users, distribution or execution of a program that damages another user's files or computing resources, and gaining access to resources for which proper authorization has not been given.
- College computing resources, including email and other electronic communications, will not be used to harass others. Sending of obscene, abusive, or threatening messages is prohibited and may be a violation of state and/or federal law. Accessing pornographic or obscene material via the Internet through TCTC computing resources that is not related to work or educational purposes is prohibited.
- The administration will make decision on whether specific uses of the TCTC websites are consistent with this policy.
- TCTC will maintain an official presence on social networking sites to support the college in accomplishing its mission and achieving its goals and objectives. The college encourages feedback and comments from fans, including prospective students, current students, alumni, faculty, staff and members of the community.

The college remains committed to maintaining these sites as a safe and family-friendly forum for sharing information. In maintaining a positive environment to site visitors, the college maintains the right to remove any comments or wall postings from official college-sponsored pages that are inappropriate, inflammatory or damaging to TCTC or any individual.

The college is responsible for posting materials to the college's main social networking sites. Instructors, program departments, and student organizations may also maintain other social networking pages for their specific needs and areas. If so, these sites should be approved by the campus director and approved prior to posting any materials. The procedures for establishing social media sites, general computer and social networking guidelines, and disclaimers are available on the college's main webpage and are provided to each student.

Students pay a technology fee per semester which covers the cost of printing for school related papers/information, and students' per page printing amount will be monitored and recorded by semester. Once students have maxed out the allotted number of pages allowed in a given semester, they will be charged a per page fee for each printed/copied over their allotted amount for the remainder of the semester.

## ***Use of Technology and Social Media***

Policy: Students may not share or post any material that could potentially violate patient/family confidentiality or professional behavior guidelines on social media sites. Although Moodle and other online tools are used in courses are not considered social media sites, students are expected to observe professional standards for communication in all interactions.

All students must follow the related policies of the clinical/externship sites and the school.

Students may be subject to disciplinary action by the school and the clinical/externship site for comments that are either unprofessional or violate patient privacy if applicable. HIPAA regulations apply to comments and images made and shared on social networking sites. Moodle or other online tools violations are subject to the same prosecution as with other HIPAA violations.

Students are expected to conduct themselves as professionals, and therefore should refrain from negative posts regarding school, courses, classmates, or instructors.

### Guidelines:

- Social media includes, but are not limited to blogs, podcasts, discussion forums, online collaborative information and publishing systems that are accessible to internal and external (i.e., Wikis), RRS feeds, video sharing, and social networks like Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.
- Collecting, sharing and posting on social networking sites are subject to the same professional standards as any other personal interactions. The permanence, worldwide access, and written nature of these posting make them even more subject to scrutiny that most other forms of communication.
- Restricted postings include but are not limited to protected health information – individually identifiable information (oral, written, or electronic) about a patient's physical or mental health, the receipt of health care, or payment of that care.
- Online postings or discussions of specific patients are prohibited, even if all identifying information is excluded. It is possible that someone could recognized that patient to which you are referring based on the context. Remember, you wouldn't want YOUR own health information being posted to the internet, do not post that of anyone else.
- Under no circumstances should photos or videos of patients depicting the body parts of patients be taken or displayed online.
- Statements made by you within online networks will be treated as if you verbally made the statement in a public place.



Electronic communication and information devices are a part of everyday life for most people today. However, learning to be a professional includes discriminating when, where, and how technologies are to be appropriately utilized. Students should use hospital or agency computers for patient care related tasks only. Students are not allowed to use hospital computers for Facebook, personal email, or any other use.

Staff use always takes priority over student use of the computers. It is essential that faculty clarify with managers and staff, before students begin clinical/externship, what access students will have to the computers with the manager and staff of the clinical/externship site where students are placed.

Students are not allowed to use electronic devices for personal reasons while in a clinical/externship setting. Students may only use their phones on lunch or dinner break, or by special arrangement with the clinical/externship instructor.

Instructors are to bring any violations to the attention of the course coordinator immediately.

*Source: Modified from Wegmans School of Nursing-St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY, Clinical Instructor Guidelines & Information (2013).*

## ***Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974***

Under the authority of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), students have the right to examine certain files, records, or documents maintained by the school that pertain to them. Texas County Technical College must permit students to examine such records with forty-five (45) days after submission of a written request and to obtain copies of such records upon payment of the reproduction cost. Students may request the school amend their educational records on the grounds that they are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their rights of privacy. In the event that the school refuses to amend the records, students may utilize the college's grievance procedure to request a hearing.

Texas County Technical College complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. Annually, TCTC informs students of their rights relating to FERPA. The act was designed to protect the privacy of education records and to provide for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through formal and informal hearings.

Students have the right to file a complaint with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202 concerning this institution's alleged failure to comply with FERPA.

The college has designated certain information contained in the educational records of its students as **directory information** for purposes of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The following information regarding students is considered directory information: (1) name, (2) address, including email address, (3) telephone number, (4) date and place of birth, (5) major field of study, (6) part-time/full-time enrollment status, (7) dates of attendance (including matriculation and withdrawal dates), (8) academic classification by year, (9) degrees and awards received, (10) the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, and (11) student's photograph.

**Directory information may be disclosed** by this institution for any purpose at its discretion without the consent of the student. Students have a right, however, to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the above information as directory information. In that case, this information will not be disclosed except with the consent of a student or as otherwise allowed by FERPA.

Any student refusing to have any or all of the designated directory information disclosed must file written notification to this effect with the administrative office during regular business hours with the first week of a program/classes. The written notification does not apply retroactively to previous releases of directory information.

In the event a refusal is not filed, this institution assumes a student does not object to the release of the directory information designated. Questions or inquiries should be addressed to the administrative office.

### ***Campus Crime Report***

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), a current copy of the Texas County Technical College Annual Security Report which contains information about campus security and campus security regulations, is available at the TCTC website or upon request from the administrative office. This report is updated annually and includes a summary of all crimes which have occurred on campus. This report is also available in hard copy to any prospective student, parent, or other interested person, upon request, from the administrative office.

### ***Sexual Assault Prevention***

The college educates the student community about sexual assaults and date rape in the mandatory orientation held before the start of each nursing program and on the first day of class for all other programs. Programs include guest speakers from local and area support organizations, power point presentations, and contact information. The staff of TCTC may also choose to use Sexual Violence Training Modules made available through the Saint Louis University's Heartland Center for Public Health and Preparedness.

If you are a victim of sexual assault at this institution, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment as it is extremely important for the survivor's well-being. For the physical evidence to be present and useful, the medical/legal exam must

be obtain within 48 hours of the assault. If the survivor pursues this course of action, he/she must be informed that the appropriate agency must be contacted. Filing a report with a school official will not obligate the survivor to prosecute, nor will it subject the survivor to scrutiny or judgmental opinions.

Since TCTC nor Bolivar Technical College (BTC) has on-campus law enforcement officials, all sexual offenses should be reported to local law enforcement and directly to a school official. Filing a police report will:

- Ensure that a survivor of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests.
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later.
- Assure the survivor has the access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention.

Houston Police Department  
417-967-3348

Texas County Sheriff's Office  
417-967-4165

When a sexual assault survivor contacts the local police department, a representative of the school should be notified as well. The survivor of a sexual assault may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system and the college or the latter. A representative from the police department or the school will guide the survivor, upon request, through the available options and support the survivor in his/her decisions. Though there are no on campus counseling and support services, outside counseling may be obtained through the following:

- Emergency Room of the Texas County Memorial Hospital in Houston, MO  
417-967-3311
- The Shelter and Advocacy Services of Agape House, Inc. Mountain View, MO  
Hotline: 800-667-1811 or 417-934-1811
- The Shelter and Advocacy Services of Christos House, Inc. West Plains, MO  
Hotline: 800-611-5853
- Ozarks Medical Center Behavioral Health Care  
800-356-5395

Since TCTC nor BTC does not provide campus-based housing or facilities other than those offered for educational purposes, we cannot assist survivors of a sexual offense with changes in their living situation but will assist in changes to academic situation if changes are requested by the student and are reasonably available.

A student must contact a school official to begin disciplinary proceedings. Should a disciplinary proceeding against the alleged perpetrator be pursued, both the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have other present during the disciplinary proceeding. After TCTC/BTC has a

reached a final determination following the disciplinary proceeding with respect to the alleged offense, both the accuser and the alleged accused, will be informed of any sanction that is imposed against the accused. Sanctions may include suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement authorities for possible criminal prosecution.

## ***Harassment Policy***

Texas County Technical College is committed to providing a workplace and learning environment that is free from harassment to any group protected by basic laws. Harassment is conduct that is unprofessional, unproductive, and illegal. Consequently, all conduct of this nature is expressly prohibited.

**Sexual Harassment** is the use of personal authority or power to coerce or influence another person into unwanted sexual relations or to create a sexually intimidating, hostile or offensive academic or work environment.

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances or comments, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

**Other forms of harassment** include (but are not limited to) verbal abuse, insulting comments, gestures, and bullying when directed at any individual. It is the responsibility of each employee and each student to conduct himself or herself in a professional manner at all times and to refrain from such adverse behavior.

**Sanctions:** Violators of this policy will be subject to sanction ranging from letters of reprimand to dismissal, according to the severity of the offense.

Complaints should be made as soon as possible after the alleged incident of discrimination has occurred to an immediate supervisor or administrator with no worry of recrimination. Complaints should be presented in writing and signed by the complainant. Each complaint will be investigated in a timely manner with confidentiality and recourse.

In most cases, the person accused of discrimination will be notified of the complaint by the president of the college. Texas County Technical College will take prompt corrective action, if an investigation confirms the allegations, which may include discipline, up to and including immediate dismissal.

**Implementation:** In support of this policy, the college shall conduct periodic orientation and educational programs for faculty, students and staff on the nature of harassment in order to ensure an academic and work environment free of harassment.

## ***Transcript Requests***

Requests for transcripts must be in writing. Forms are available from the administrative office and should include student's name, social security number, dates attended, program completed,

address to where the transcript should be sent and the signature of the student. One official transcript is provided with the degree or certificate upon program completion; additional copies (official or faxed) are \$5.00 each. Transcripts will be available only when all financial obligations to the college have been met and/or Direct Loan counseling (if applicable) has been completed at: [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

### ***Transportation***

It is necessary for students to have their own reliable transportation. Students will need to travel between classroom, externship sites, college sponsored events/activities, and clinical sites.

# Program Descriptions

## ***Accelerated LPN to RN***

### Academic Associate of Science Degree in Nursing

The Accelerated LPN to RN program is designed for Missouri Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) who want to pursue a career as a Registered Nurse. The program consists of 61 credit hours (17 credits of prerequisites, 44 credits throughout the program). Graduates are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination, and upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN and with approval from the Missouri State Board of Nursing, become a Licensed Registered Nurse. Successful completion of the Accelerated LPN to RN program does not guarantee licensure (see section 335.066 RSMO).

The course numbering system is as follows: pre-fixes with RN are specific nursing classes. All other general education courses follow TCTC's course numbering system. The Accelerated LPN to RN program requires 12 months/3 semesters to complete.

Program Prerequisites: Undisciplined Missouri LPN license, Anatomy & Physiology 8 credit hours minimum, English Composition 3 credit hours, Human Nutrition 3 credit hours, Introduction to Psychology 3 credit hours

Learning Objectives: Students will be presented with content to provide basic knowledge in the following:

- Historical and present views of professional practice
- Physical assessment and client interview
- Health promotion and current health trends
- Critical thinking as part of the nursing process
- Evidence-based practice and the role of the professional nurse
- Nursing research and care issues
- Integration of theoretical content of general education classes with nursing theory and practice

Course Number		Course Name	Credit Hours
<b>First Semester</b>			
BIO	208	Microbiology**	4
NUR	120	Nursing Informatics◇	3
RN	200	Transition from Practical to Professional Nursing◇	6
RN	215	Professional Nursing: Maternal/Neonate◇	4
<b>Second Semester</b>			
RN	230	Professional Nursing: Adult Medical Surgical I◇	6
RN	245	Professional Nursing: Mental Health◇	4
RN	260	Professional Nursing: Pediatric◇	4
<b>Third Semester</b>			
CHE	103	Fundamentals of Chemistry**	4
RN	275	Professional Nursing: Adult Medical Surgical II◇	6
RN	290	Professional Nursing: Management & Leadership◇	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>44</b>

◇ indicates core classes

\*\*indicates general education classes

#### Registered Nursing Employment Opportunities (with licensure)

Hospital	Home Health
Nursing Home	Clinic RN
School Nurse	Most Medical Facilities

## **Medical Administrative Assistant**

### Academic Associate of Science Degree

The Medical Administrative Assistant program develops administrative and medical office skills required for employment in a hospital, physician's office, other medically related organization or general business office. Qualified students will be offered the opportunity to take the National Healthcareer Association certification test. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be granted an Academic Associate of Science Degree for Medical Administrative Assistant. Classes listed below are not necessarily taught in the sequence shown. The Medical Administrative Assistant program requires 20 months/5 semesters to complete.

Program Prerequisites: None

Learning Objectives: To prepare the student with the knowledge and necessary skills to enter the medical field as a multi-skilled professional assisting in patient care management. To develop administrative skills including basic education, technical training, and interpersonal skills. Acquire knowledge in general education content.

<b>Course Number</b>		<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
BUS	110	Business Math◇	3
BUS	120	Business English◇	3
BUS	140	Personal Development◇	2
CIS	120	Computer Concepts◇	4
CIS	120-L	Computer Concepts Lab◇	1
OFA	120	Office Administration I◇	2
MED	110	Medical Terminology◇	4
MED	112	Pharmacology◇	3
MED	140	Anatomy & Physiology◇	4
OFA	104	Electronic Transcription◇	2.5
ENG	130	Business Communications◇	2
MED	118	Introduction to Billing and Coding◇	2
MED	130	Insurance Concepts◇	4
MED	180	Electronic Medical Records◇	2
OFA	122	Office Administration II◇	3
COM	211	The Art of Human Communication**	3
MED	124	Coding Concepts◇	6
MTH	101	Fundamental Mathematical Concepts**	3
BIO	103	Biology Concepts**	3
ENG	150	Composition**	3
EXT	102	Externship◇	4
PSY	101	Introduction to Psychology**	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>66.5</b>

◇ indicates core classes

\*\*indicates general education classes

#### Medical Administrative Assistant Employment Opportunities

Billing Clerk	Nursing Home Clerk
Medical File Clerk	Office Assistant
Hospital or Clinic Clerk	Medical Administrative Assistant in a Corporation
Insurance Claims	Medical Receptionist
Insurance Company	Medical Secretary

## *Practical Nursing*

### Certificate Program

The Practical Nursing program is designed to develop attitudes, skills and theoretical basis for competent entry level practice as a Practical Nurse. The curriculum is developed and implemented with the goal of successful graduate attainment of the program terminal objectives. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-PN licensure examination, and upon successful completion of the NCLEX-PN and with approval from the Missouri State Board of Nursing, become a Licensed Practical Nurse. Successful completion of the Practical Nursing program does not guarantee licensure (see section 335.066 RSMO). Texas County Technical College's Practical Nursing program will provide students with 62 credit hours of theory, laboratory, and clinical practice. The Practical Nursing program requires 12 months/3 semesters to complete.

Program Prerequisites: None

Theory offered in biologic and behavioral sciences, developmental and cognitive theories throughout the lifespan as well as nursing concepts and clinical nursing practice provides the basis for the graduates to:

- Utilize critical thinking skills
- Assume responsibilities appropriately in stable situations
- Demonstrate attitudes and behaviors respectful to the client and his/her significant others
- Apply appropriate communication skills
- Implement skillful competency
- Apply scientific principles while implementing safe, effective, therapeutic and holistic nursing care
- Function cooperatively as a member of the health care team while reflecting caring, conscientious, ethical and legally accountable actions reflective of the Practical Nursing scope of practice

Course Number		Course Name	Credit Hours
<b>First Semester</b>			
BIO	111	Anatomy & Physiology I**	4
COMM	103	Personal & Vocational Concepts◇	3
NURS	103	Introduction to Pharmacology ◇	2
NURS	112	Fundamentals of Nursing◇	9
PSY	230	Life Span Development**	3
<b>Second Semester</b>			
BIO	211	Anatomy & Physiology II**	4
BIO	302	Principles of Human Nutrition**	3
NURS	202	Pharmacology II◇	2
NURS	204	Maternal Child Nursing I◇	3
NURS	213	Medical Surgical Nursing I◇	10.5
<b>Third Semester</b>			
NURS	302	Pharmacology III◇	2
NURS	304	Maternal Child Nursing II◇	3
NURS	305	Learning Lab III◇	1
NURS	313	Medical Surgical Nursing II◇	6.5
NURS	323	Mental & Community Health◇	3
NURS	343	Leadership◇	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>62</b>

◇ indicates core classes

\*\*indicates general education classes

#### Practical Nursing Employment Opportunities (with licensure)

Hospital	Home Health
Nursing Home	Clinic LPN
School Nurse	Most Medical Facilities



## Course Identifiers

Texas County Technical College uses a three letter course identifier\*. The letter prefix identifies the type of course:

BIO	Biology
BUS	Business
CHE	Chemistry
CIS	Computer Information Systems
COM	Communication
ENG	English
EXT	Externship
MED	Medical Office
MTH	Math
NUR	Nursing Core
PSY	Psychology
OFA	Office Administration

\*Accelerated LPN to RN and Practical Nursing classes do not follow the three letter course identifier (see Course Descriptions).

## Course Descriptions

### ***Clock and Credit Hours***

Students can expect to devote a minimum of 37.5 hours of classroom, lab, practicum, and out-of-class work (or combination of) for a 1 credit hour class in the Practical Nursing certificate program. Certificate program courses listed below are designated with an asterisk.

Students can expect to devote a minimum of 45 hours of classroom, lab, practicum, and out-of-class work (or combination of) for a 1 credit hour class in the associate degree programs and general education classes.

#### **BIO 103 Biology Concepts**

**3 credit hours**

An introductory course for students with a limited high school background in biology. Includes an introduction to molecular and cellular biology, genetics and a survey of limited organisms. A laboratory component included satisfies distribution. *Prereqs: None*

#### **BIO 111 Anatomy & Physiology I**

**4 credit hours**

This course will introduce the survey of structures and functions of the human body. This course will cover the following topics: cells, fluid and electrolytes, musculoskeletal system, integumentary system, cardiovascular system, and respiratory system. This course includes a one hour laboratory that will give students the ability to see and synthesize material presented in lecture. *Prereqs: None*

#### **BIO 208 Microbiology**

**4 credit hours**

The practical relations of microorganisms to human welfare. An introduction to standard laboratory methods of study of bacteria and bacteriological examinations of materials; effects of environment on bacteria. Lecture and laboratory. *Prereqs: None*

**BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II**

**4 credit hours**

This course will provide further study of the structures and function of the human body. This course will cover the following systems: reproductive, immune, nervous, endocrine, digestive, urinary, and hematopoietic and lymphatic. This course includes a one hour laboratory that will give students the ability to see and synthesize material presented in lecture. *Prereqs: None*

**BIO 302 Principles of Human Nutrition**

**3 credit hours**

A study of food as it functions to meet body needs with emphasis on utilization, food sources, selection of adequate diets, community and world health problems. *Prereqs: None*

**BUS 110 Business Math**

**3 credit hours**

The course is designed to give the student a working knowledge of basic math and 10-key calculators. The course follows the current trends in office technology, teaches the touch method, explains common calculator features, and emphasizes business problem solving. *Prereqs: None*

**BUS 120 Business English**

**3 credit hours**

Business 120 is an overview of the skills required in order to communicate effectively. It is a lecture, discussion, and lab course with varied content including grammar (sentence structure, punctuation, abbreviations, capitalization, number writing), spelling, the writing process, letters, memos, reference materials and business references. *Prereqs: None*

**BUS 130 Business Communications**

**2 credit hours**

This course is designed to teach the student about the various types of organization and office communications. Skills will cover time management, productivity, confidentiality and conduct in the office environment. Included in the course of study is an introduction to various types of office correspondence, letters, memos, reports, advertisements, collection letters, email and basic research. *Prereqs: None*

**BUS 140 Personal Development**

**2 credit hours**

This course is designed to develop self-awareness and appreciation of characteristics that make each student a unique individual. Concepts and skills are presented that will help the students successfully seek and retain employment. Skills include: learning styles, study skills, interviewing techniques, resume preparation, public speaking, interpersonal skills and stress management. *Prereqs: None*

**CHE 103 Fundamentals of Chemistry**

**4 credit hours**

A terminal course dealing with fundamentals and basic concepts of chemistry primarily designed for general college students, as well as those in specialized programs such as nursing. Includes lab. *Prereqs: None*

**CIS 120 Computer Concepts**

**4 credit hours**

This course is designed to give the computer user a working knowledge of word processing programs including Microsoft Office Suite. Instruction will be given in application programs, formatting and editing documents, columns, tables, and internet communication skills.

*Prereqs: None*

**CIS 120-L Computer Concepts Lab**

**1 credit hour**

This course introduces the basics of computer operations including vocabulary and concepts. Basic hands on instruction in the proper form of keyboarding with guided practice in speed and proficiency. *Prereqs: None*

**COM 211 The Art of Human Communication**

**3 credit hours**

Principles and practice of effective oral communication. This course focuses on researching, composing and delivering formal and informal speeches and presentations. Topics include ethics and public speaking, listening, research, analyzing and adapting to audiences, message construction, outlining, delivery of messages, effective use of visual aids, and critically evaluating public address. The course emphasizes informative and persuasive speaking. *Prereqs: None*

**\*COMM 103 Personal & Vocational Concepts**

**3 credit hours**

This course will introduce the practical nursing student to his/her role as a member of the health care team. Course content identifies specific factors necessary for personal and vocational adjustments. Students are introduced to the Missouri Nurse Practice Act and cultural/spiritual issues in nursing. It emphasizes the legal and ethical responsibilities of nursing. Theoretical principles and concepts are correlated with basic nursing subjects and clinical practice.

*Prereqs: None*

**ENG 150 Composition**

**3 credit hours**

A writing course designed to develop students' abilities to write in a variety of modes for a wide range of purposes. *Prereqs: None*

**EXT 102 Externship**

**4 credit hours**

The students will have the opportunity of enhancing and refining their skills by working in a business office environment and being evaluated by their employer. *Prereqs: None*

**MED 110 Medical Terminology**

**4 credit hours**

This course is designed to develop a knowledge base of the language of medicine. Emphasis is placed on the spelling, pronunciation and analysis of word elements and terms relating to anatomy, physiology, diagnosis, pathology, procedures, abbreviations and symptomatic terms that assist the student in communicative used by the health care professionals. *Prereqs: None*

**MED 112 Pharmacology**

**3 credit hours**

This course of study reviews the basic knowledge of pharmacology. Students will practice converting measurements, study dosage and develop an understanding of the history and principles of pharmacology. *Prereqs: None*

**MED 118 Introduction to Billing & Coding**

**2 credit hours**

This course provides the student with basic understanding of the field of medical insurance billing and coding and its impact on the U.S. health care system and economics of health care delivery. *Prereqs: None*

**MED 124 Coding Concepts**

**6 credit hours**

Practice in diagnostic and procedural coding using ICD-10-CM and CPT procedural manuals. *Prereqs: None*

**MED 130 Insurance Concepts**

**4 credit hours**

This unit of study is designed for medical assistant students. It's practical, focused approach provides students with the basic knowledge of medical insurance systems and companies. Instruction in legal issues, ethics, and terminology including: BCBS, Worker's Compensation, CHAMPUS, CHAMPVA, Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, etc. Students will practice filing insurance claims focusing on proficiency and speed. *Prereqs: None*

**MED 140 Anatomy and Physiology**

**4 credit hours**

This course introduces the student to the structure and function of the human body both in health and disease. Body systems include: the cell, homeostasis, integumentary, musculoskeletal, nervous, endocrine, circulatory, lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, urinary, and reproductive. *Prereqs: None*

**MED 180 Electronic Medical Records**

**2 credit hours**

This course provides the student with a working knowledge of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) utilizing the current EMR programs. The student will understand all aspects of patient records and integrated systems in preparation to work in the clinical setting. *Prereqs: None*

**MTH 101 Fundamental Mathematical Concepts**

**3 credit hours**

Development of the number systems – whole numbers through real numbers. Also, problem solving strategies, functions, elementary logic and set theory are included. *Prereqs: None*

**NUR 120 Nursing Informatics**

**3 credit hours**

This course is designed to give the student insight and experience in the application of information science to nursing practice. The electronic environment is explored as a resource for the enhancement of communication, clinical decision making, professional role development, and knowledge discovery with relevance to patient care and healthcare management. Students will demonstrate the use of software applications to include: email, internet browser applications, literature databases, and electronic documentation systems. Focus will include the ethical and legal issues concerning health records, confidentiality, and release of information. *Prereqs: None*

**\*NURS 103 Introduction to Pharmacology**

**2 credit hours**

This course introduces the student to systems of metric, household, and apothecary measurement; abbreviation; and symbols. The nursing responsibilities in the administration of medications are stressed. *Prereqs: None*

- \*NURS 112 Fundamentals of Nursing** **9 credit hours**  
 The Fundamentals of Nursing course is a comprehensive course designed to provide the student with the knowledge and skills essential to meeting the basic needs of any patient. Materials from related subjects will be integrated content. Principles and rationales that are a foundation of nursing care will be emphasized, thus, enabling that student to develop skills to make appropriate nursing judgments. The nursing process format will be utilized to enable the student to develop a systematic and organized method of implementing basic nursing care. A theoretical base, individualized demonstration of technique, practice, and demonstration return in a supervised laboratory setting. The clinical experience is gained by caring for patients in the cooperative health care facilities under the guidance and supervision of the clinical instructor.  
*Prereqs: None*
- \*NURS 202 Pharmacology II** **2 credit hours**  
 Pharmacology II is designed to provide the student with the theory and skills necessary to safely administer medications and assess client response. Specific medications, actions, interactions, side and toxic effect, desired responses and indications are presented. Developing a basic knowledge to utilize the nursing process to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate medication administration appropriate to Semester II students will be the course focus. Specific classification of medication covered in this course will correspond with the Medical Surgical Nursing I course syllabus. *Prereqs: NURS 103, NURS 112*
- \*NURS 204 Maternal Child Nursing I** **3 credit hours**  
 Maternal and Child Nursing I will provide a basic theoretical background on which the student can utilize the nursing process to assist, to plan and implement and to assist to evaluate nursing care during pregnancy, labor and delivery, postpartum; including newborn and family care. Family dynamics as related to the obstetrical experience and aftercare will be explored. Content is organized moving from normal to deviations from normal. Principles of pharmacology and growth and development are integrated in this course. *Prereqs: NURS 112*
- \*NURS 213 Medical Surgical Nursing I** **10.5 credit hours**  
 Medical Surgical Nursing I presents concepts, principles, techniques and skills applicable to meeting the client's needs for health promotion and health maintenance in adulthood with an emphasis on the elderly population. Care is provided in a variety of settings. The course encompasses implementing a basic understanding and implementation of the nursing process and its application to providing safe and therapeutic care to clients. Selected Medical Surgical conditions will be presented. Skills laboratory content and practice for IV Therapy meets the Missouri State Board of Nursing requirements for Practical Nursing graduates to be certified. Medical Surgical clinical will include IV therapy application in patient care settings. Mental Health and Pharmacology/Medication Administration are integrated into clinical practice.  
*Prereqs: NURS 112*
- \*NURS 302 Pharmacology III** **2 credit hours**  
 Pharmacology III presents the theoretical base upon which to competently apply principles of medication administration in the clinical practice setting. Specific medications, their actions, interactions, side and toxic effects, desired outcomes and indications will be presented. Specific medication classification s included in this course will correspond to the Medical Surgical II course syllabus. Students are expected to utilize the nursing process including critical thinking

skills appropriate to Semester III in all areas applicable to the administration of medications.  
*Prereqs: NURS 103, NURS 112, NURS 202*

**\*NURS 304 Maternal Child Nursing II 3 credit hours**

This comprehensive course will provide the student with theoretical background and skills essential to meet the needs of the child. The ultimate goal is promotion of optimum health and development of children at any stage of health or illness. Building upon the knowledge and skills acquired in foundation subjects and in Maternal Child Nursing I, the student will learn to specialize in basic care needs of children in growth and development; health; and safety. Principles of nutrition; growth and development; and pharmacology are integrated into the course. *Prereqs: NURS 112, NURS 204*

**\*NURS 305 Learning Lab III 1 credit hour**

This course will provide a basis for the student to utilize data related to graduate level entry into the job market. Preparing for the job market and preparing for the NCLEX licensure examination are the focal point. *Prereqs: None*

**\*NURS 313 Medical Surgical Nursing II 6.5 credit hours**

Presents theoretical data, concepts, techniques and skills related to the safe and therapeutic care of medical surgical nursing clients. Course theory builds upon Medical Surgical Nursing I. Students will gain increased knowledge along with advanced technical and critical thinking skills to utilize the nursing process in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care. Individualized care planning, client teaching, assessment skills, and advanced comprehension and application of data, included appropriate research is emphasized. *Prereqs: NURS 112, NURS 213*

**\*NURS 323 Mental & Community Health 3 credit hours**

This course will focus on the practical nurses' responsibility in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating measures to encourage mental awareness and to utilize therapeutic nursing intervention when care for patients/clients exhibiting maladaptive behavior or the mentally ill patient/client. The introductory phase of the course includes basic information on the theories of psychological development and behavioral patterns in the healthy person as well as in the ill person. The relationship of growth and development to behavior as well as social and cultural influences will be explored. Behavioral characteristics, diagnostic measures, treatment modalities, and nursing interventions for individuals displaying mental illness behaviors will be considered during the second phase. *Prereqs: NURS 112, PSY 230*

**\*NURS 343 Leadership 3 credit hours**

Advanced Leadership and Management nursing knowledge and skills will provide students with a foundation to participate in these roles within a practical nursing scope of practice. *Prereqs: NURS 112*

**OFA 104 Electronic Transcription 2.5 credit hours**

This course is designed to provide the student with fundamental skills related to basic transcription of medical histories, X-Ray reports, consultations, physician correspondence, chart notes, history and present physicals, etc. This course will assist the student in proper use of terminology and format to provide a permanent record of the patient. *Prereqs: None*

**OFA 120 Office Administration I****2 credit hours**

This course is designed to assist the student in acquisition of administrative duties common to a medical facility including: maintaining inventory and facilities, processing mail, using the telephone effectively, scheduling appointments, managing the reception of patients, maintaining patient records, setting up the physician's appointment book and preparing schedules for the utilization of equipment and personnel. *Prereqs: None*

**OFA 122 Office Administration II****3 credit hours**

Course studies various modern office situation, office atmosphere, interpersonal relationships, office communications systems and different business organizational structures. Students will participate in role playing, visits to medical facilities and waiting rooms, interviewing receptionists, etc. *Prereqs: None*

**PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology****3 credit hours**

This is a survey course providing study of the behavior of living organisms, particularly human behavior. Typical problems are methods and measurements in psychology, theoretical systems, learning, motivation, perception, personality, and psychopathology. *Prereqs: None*

**PSY 230 Life Span Development****3 credit hours**

Study of the entire human life span, beginning with conception and prenatal period. Psychological, sociological and biological determinants of development and change processes are considered. *Prereqs: None*

**RN 200 Transition from Practical to Professional Nursing****6 credit hours**

This course covers the transitioning role of the licensed practical nurse to the professional nurse. The content of this course builds upon the knowledge gained during previous licensed practical nursing experience and begins to build advanced level skills. Pharmacology, IV therapy, and adult medical surgical concepts will be addressed. Critical thinking, research, evidence based practice, and culturally competent care is introduced. The impact of spiritual and religious dimensions of care is reviewed. The course combines classroom study with theory, skills validation, and clinical experiences. Instructors will evaluate the clinical skill competency and nursing knowledge of the students. *Prereqs: None*

**RN 215 Professional Nursing: Maternal/Neonate****4 credit hours**

This course will identify the role of the nurse in the assessment, diagnosis, planning, delivery, and evaluation of care to the childbearing family from preconception thru the postpartum and neonatal period. The differing family components and structures will be investigated. Physiological and psychological aspects of pregnancy including the stages of fetal development, labor, delivery and postpartum care will be reviewed. The nursing process will be utilized to critically evaluate realistic outcomes based on client priorities. Composite nursing theory is used as the students continue to build skill in utilizing the nursing process. *Prereqs: None*

**RN 230 Professional Nursing: Adult Medical-Surgical I****6 credit hours**

Students will gain increased knowledge along with advanced technical and critical thinking skills to utilize the nursing process in assessing, diagnosing, planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care. Individualized care planning, client teaching, assessment skills, and advanced comprehension and application of data, including appropriate research is emphasized. Emphasis will be placed on review of current knowledge with the additional information needed to

function as a registered professional nurse. Pharmacology is incorporated in each system studied.

*Prereqs: None*

**RN 245 Professional Nursing: Mental Health**

**4 credit hours**

This course presents concepts of mental health nursing including current and historical modes of therapy, inpatient and community care settings, and substance abuse. It emphasizes techniques of interpersonal communication and integrates legal and ethical nursing behavior, knowledge of thought and behavioral disorders. *Prereqs: None*

**RN 260 Professional Nursing: Pediatric**

**4 credit hours**

This course will identify the role of the nurse in the assessment, diagnosis, planning, delivery, and evaluation of care to the child and family. Physiological and psychological principles of growth and development are discussed in relation to issues along the wellness/illness continuum. Methods of providing holistic care to the child and family with an emphasis on health promotion, maintenance, restoration or support of death with dignity are discussed. *Prereqs: None*

**RN 275 Professional Nursing: Adult Medical-Surgical II**

**6 credit hours**

Students will continue to build knowledge and skills in caring for complex adult clients. The nursing process is used to critically evaluate realistic outcomes based on client priorities. Students will gain increased knowledge along with advanced technical and critical thinking skills to utilize the nursing process in assessing, diagnosing, planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care. Individualized care planning, client teaching, assessment skills, and advanced comprehension and application of data, including appropriate research is emphasized. *Prereqs: None*

**RN 290 Professional Nursing: Management & Leadership**

**3 credit hours**

This course presents content about leadership and management. Students will review issues related to leadership and management and utilize critical thinking to make leadership decisions. Advanced leadership and management in nursing will provide students with a sufficient working knowledge that will allow them to participate in leadership/management roles related to the professional nursing role. *Prereqs: None*



## Tuition and Fees

### *Accelerated LPN to RN*

2014-2015  
Effective 02/16/2015

#### **Pre-admission and Post Program Student Incurred Fees:**

Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$50.00
ATI STEP Entrance Exam	\$50.00
Health Physical, Drug Screen, CPR and Background Screening (estimate)	\$180.00

#### **Program Fees:**

Nursing Core Tuition (per credit hour)	\$422.00
General Education Tuition (per credit hour)	\$237.00

Books (vary by course)

Supplies (estimate): \$400.00

Name Pin (available only through TCTC)	White Lab Coat	Gait Belt
School Badge (available only through TCTC)	Stethoscope	Pen Light
Blood Pressure Cuff	Uniforms (1)	Straight Bandage Scissors
Kelly Forceps/Hemostats Straight	**Watch	**Shoes

\*\*A watch with a second hand and solid white shoes need to be approved by the nursing faculty. These items are required, but the fees are not collected by the college; the students must purchase them on their own. Supplies purchased on their own must be inspected and approved by the program director.

Lab Fee (per semester)	\$145.00
Technology Fee (per semester)	\$160.00
Student Fee (per semester)	\$17.00
Achievement & Diagnostic Testing (per semester)	\$260.00
Clinical Fee (per semester)	\$605.00
Online Access Fee (1 <sup>st</sup> semester only)	\$110.00
Student Professional Liability Insurance (1 <sup>st</sup> semester only)	\$25.00
MSBN/NCLEX/Fingerprinting Fee (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester only)	\$300.00
Graduation Fee (3 <sup>rd</sup> semester only)	\$150.00

(resale items such as books and supplies are subject to sales tax)

## ***Medical Administrative Assistant***

2014-2015

Effective 02/16/2015

### **Pre-admission Student Incurred Fees:**

Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$50.00
State of Missouri Caregiver Background Screening and Criminal Background check	\$12.00

### **Program Fees:**

Core Class Tuition (per credit hour)	\$175.00
General Education Class Tuition (per credit hour)	\$237.00
Student Fee (per semester)	\$17.00
Technology Fee (per semester)	\$175.00
Student Professional Liability Insurance (per year)	\$25.00
Graduation Fee (5 <sup>th</sup> semester only)	\$125.00
Books (vary by course)	

### **National Healthcareer Association Testing Fees:**

Billing and Coding Specialist Test	\$110.00
Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Test	\$110.00
NHA Retest Fee (per test)	\$110.00

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## ***Practical Nursing***

2014-2015

Effective 02/16/2015

### **Pre-admission and Post Program Student Incurred Fees:**

Application Fee	\$50.00
ATI TEAS Entrance Exam	\$55.00
Health Physical, Drug Screen, CPR and Background Screening (estimate)	\$180.00

### **Program Fees:**

Nursing Core Tuition (per credit hour)	\$199.00
General Education Tuition (per credit hour)	\$237.00

Books (vary by course)

Supplies (estimate): \$450.00

Name Pin (available only through TCTC)	Tote Bag (includes):	
School Badge (3) (available only through TCTC)	Hemostats	Suction Catheter Kit
Stethoscope	Penlight	Trach Care Kit
School T-shirt	Blood Pressure Cuff	Central Line Dressing Change Kit
White Lab Coat	Bandage Scissors	Foley Catheter Kit
Uniforms (2)	Gait Belt	Nasogastric Tube
**Watch	Sterile Gloves (2)	Inj. Sol 10mL NaCL
**Shoes	IV Start Pack	Personal Protection Equipment

\*\*A watch with a second hand and solid white shoes need to be approved by the nursing faculty. These items are required, but the fees are not collected by the college; the students must purchase them on their own. Supplies purchased on their own must be inspected and approved by the program director.

Lab Fee (per semester)	\$145.00
Technology Fee (per semester)	\$160.00
Student Fee (per semester)	\$17.00
Achievement & Diagnostic Testing (per semester)	\$293.00
Online Access Fee (1 <sup>st</sup> semester only)	\$110.00
Student Professional Liability Insurance (1 <sup>st</sup> semester only)	\$25.00
MSBN/NCLEX/Fingerprinting Fee (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester only)	\$300.00
Graduation Fee (3 <sup>rd</sup> semester only)	\$150.00

(resale items such as books and supplies are subject to sales tax)

## Gainful Employment Disclosure

Effective 01/31/2015

Effective July 01, 2011, the Department of Education requires schools with Gainful Employment programs to disclose certain information about these programs **Information reported below is for the period between July 01, 2013 – June 30, 2014 (2013 – 2014 Award Year).**

### **Practical Nursing**

Application Fee	\$50.00
Tuition	\$16,379.00
Books and Supplies	\$2,925.00
Total Program Cost	\$19,354.00
On-Time Graduation Rate	100%
ACICS Placement Rate	94%
Median Title IV Loan Debt	\$9,500.00
Median Institutional Loan Debt	\$0
Median Private Loan Debt	\$0

Jobs Prepared for: Licensed Practical Nurse (SOC 29-2060)

Care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.

## Faculty

Effective 02/16/2015

Dr. Marion Anema, Ph.D., RN	Director of Accelerated LPN to RN and Practical Nursing Education Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA Master of Science in Nursing, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Kathy Austin	General Education Faculty Bachelor of Science Education, Drury University, Springfield, MO Master of Science Education, Drury University, Springfield, MO Specialist Degree, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO
Lacey Campbell, BS, RN	Interim Practical Nursing Coordinator/Nursing Faculty Associate of Science in Nursing, Missouri State University, West Plains, MO Bachelor of Science with Nursing Major, College of the Ozark, Point Lookout, MO
Dr. Bill Gray	General Education Faculty Bachelor of Science in Physical Science with majors in Biological Science & Chemical Science, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO Master in Parks and Recreations; Administrative Management, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO
Jessica "Jessie" Gunn, BSN, RN	Nursing Faculty Associate Degree in Nursing, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO
Dr. Dan Hatch	General Education Faculty Bachelor of Science in Education with majors in Speech & Biology, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO Master of Science in Zoology, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO Doctor of Philosophy in Zoology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

Christy Henry, BSN, RN	<p>Nursing Faculty          Licensed Practical Nurse, Rolla Technical College, Rolla, MO          Registered Nurse, Park College, Parkville, MO          Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of MO, St. Louis, MO</p>
Wes Holmes	<p>General Education Faculty          Bachelor of Science in Physics, Missouri State University,          Springfield, MO          Master of Science for Teachers/Mathematics, University of          Missouri, Rolla, MO</p>
Pearl Hunter, BSN, RN	<p>Accelerated LPN to RN Coordinator/Nursing Faculty          Licensed Practical Nurse, Texas County Technical College,          Houston, MO          Registered Nurse, Texas County Technical College, Houston, MO          Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Central Methodist University,          Fayette, MO</p>
Karma Murr, M.Ed, BSN, RN	<p>General Education Faculty          Registered Nurse, Burge School of Nursing, Springfield, MO          Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Drury University, Springfield, MO          Master of Science in Education, Drury University, Springfield,          MO</p>
Cheryl Stroot, BSN, RN	<p>Nursing Faculty          Associate Degree in Nursing, Lincoln University,          Jefferson City, MO          Bachelor of Science in Nursing, St. Louis University, St. Louis,          MO</p>
Sheena White, BSN, RN	<p>Accelerated LPN to RN Faculty          Licensed Practical Nurse, Texas County Technical College          Houston, MO          Registered Nurse, East Central College, Union, MO          Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Missouri,          Columbia, MO</p>

## **Addendum to TCTC 2014-2015 Student Catalog**

Effective 02/16/2015

- **Page 6: Adding the following policy:**

### **Admission and Applying as a Non-Degree/Non-Credential Student**

The institution is not precluded from admitting, under different requirements, students who are considered to be specially circumstanced due to unsuccessful attempts to pass NCLEX-RN testing. Following Missouri State Board of Nursing guidelines, such students may apply to take COMM 103, Personal and Vocational Concepts.

Requirements for admission in COMM 103 not leading to an academic credential are:

1. Complete the general application for admission.
2. Submit application with \$50.00 fee.
3. Submit photo ID and copy of social security card.
4. Submit proof of high school completion with official transcript forwarded to Texas County Technical College directly from the institution granting the diploma/credits or an official GED transcript from the state administering the test.
5. Submit official transcript from institution granting the associate degree in nursing.
6. Submit official proof of unsuccessful attempt at NCLEX-RN.
7. Take the Wonderlic entrance exam.
8. Receive a satisfactory clearance on a Missouri Care Giver Background Screening.
9. Submit a letter explaining the purpose of attending TCTC as a non-degree seeking student.

Financial Aid nor scholarships are available to non-degree/non-credential seeking students.

- **Page 13 following Graduation Requirements: Adding:**

### **NCLEX Review Requirement**

The college schedules an NCLEX review for all nursing students the week following program completion, and students are required to attend the entire NCLEX review. Once verification of attendance at the review has been turned into the administrative office staff, those students who attended **ALL** sessions of the NCLEX review offered by the college will have official transcripts sent to the Board of Nursing.

Completion of a pre-approved NCLEX review is required in order for official transcripts to be sent to the Board of Nursing. Students who cannot or choose not to attend all of the scheduled NCLEX review at the college may select from a list of preapproved NCLEX reviews (list available in the administrative office). Upon successful completion of an alternate review course, students must provide documentation to the registrar showing proof of completion. Students taking an alternate NCLEX review are responsible for cost incurred.

- **Page 38: Adding the following computer requirement policy**

### **Computer Requirements and Recommendations**

Computers are an essential part of all programs at TCTC. Students are required to have one of the following:

1. A personal computer with some type of word processing software and reliable internet access.
2. Access to a personal computer with some type of word processing software and reliable internet access.

TCTC students may use the school's computer labs/library anytime they are available during regular business hours.

- **Page 61: Faculty**

Remove: Pearl Hunter, Accelerated LPN to RN Coordinator/Nursing Faculty

Add: Kerry York, RN

Practical Nursing and Accelerated LPN to RN Clinical Faculty

Associate Degree in Nursing, Missouri State University, West Plains, MO

Change: Lacey Campbell, BS, RN

Remove: Interim Practical Nursing Coordinator/Nursing Faculty

Add: Accelerated LPN to RN Coordinator/Nursing Faculty

Change: Jessica "Jessie" Gunn, BSN, RN

Add: Practical Nursing Coordinator/Nursing Faculty

Remove: Cheryl Stroot, Nursing Faculty

Remove: Sheena White, Accelerated LPN to RN Faculty



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**Page 17: adding to the Appeal and Grievance Policy**

Complaints against the school may be registered with:

Missouri Department of Higher Education

205 Jefferson Street

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