



# NURSING

## THE CAREER

Registered nurses (RNs) are key members of the professional healthcare team. TCL's ADN and PN programs are designed to prepare individuals to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) or the National Council Licensure Examination-Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). Upon satisfactory completion of NUR 102 "Basic Nursing Skills" at TCL the individual is eligible to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program Exam. RNs provide care at the bedside in a hospital setting, carry out medical regimens, supervise licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and nursing assistants (NAs), and help individuals and groups take steps to improve or maintain their health. Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) work as part of the health care team to provide care for patients under the direction of physicians and registered nurses. Specific duties include hygienic care, medication administration, observation of patient's responses to care and patient care needs, contributions to the patient's plan of care, and supervision of care provided by nursing assistants. RNs, LPNs and CNAs may also work in physicians' offices, clinics, home settings, and public and occupational health settings.

## CAREER OPTIONS

The salary range for a registered nurse nationwide is \$33,970 – \$69,670. The salary range for a licensed practical nurse nationwide is \$23,000 - \$44,000 per year.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program consists of general education, science, and nursing courses taught in the college classroom, on campus laboratories, and multiple clinical settings. You must first attend an Info Session. Contact a Health Science advisor for further information or visit our web page at [www.tcl.edu/health](http://www.tcl.edu/health). The RN program (ADN) takes four semesters to complete. LPNs may seek advanced placement in the program. The PN program (diploma) is taught over three semesters

## ADMISSIONS

Applicants interested in the Nursing program must first complete the college application process. After the college admission process has been completed, the prospective student makes an appointment to meet with a Health Science advisor. The Nursing program has additional admission and application requirements. Applications for admission to the Nursing program may only be obtained from Health Science advisors. Acceptance into the college does not guarantee admission into a nursing program. For information regarding TCL's Nursing program please attend a free Information Session. Visit our website at [www.tcl.edu/health](http://www.tcl.edu/health) or contact a Health Science advisor at 843.525.8267.

Participation in the program requires a national background check and a drug screen.

Nursing classes are offered at Beaufort and New River campuses and may require attendance at either.

## ENROLL • REGISTER • ATTEND

1. Apply to the College and for Financial Aid.
2. Complete the COMPASS placement assessment test.
3. Complete the TEAS test.
4. Call your academic advisor to make an appointment for advisement and to register.
5. Pay your tuition and fees. (*Verify financial aid.*)
6. Obtain all needed College IDs: Student ID, Vehicle Registration, and Blackboard ID. (*Get your books and course supplies.*)
7. Mark your calendar for the first day of class and plan to be there!

## NOTE: SEE REQUIRED COURSES IN CATALOG.

Nursing Program Accredited by  
National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLN) • 61 Broadway, New York, New York 10006  
212 363-5555 or 800 669-9656

South Carolina Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR) Board of Nursing  
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