

NURSING CAREERS

Start Here!



BSN Direct Admission

Admission to the Whitson-Hester School of Nursing BSN program is competitive, reserved for our most highly qualified students — but Tennessee Tech Presidential Scholars can skip the wait entirely. Direct Admission guarantees your spot in the nursing program before you even start your freshman year, trading away months of application stress for a confident, settled start to college.



QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECT ADMISSION

- ☐ Complete high school with at least a 3.40 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- ☐ Score at least a 23 composite on the ACT



APPLICATION TIMELINE

- ☐ Apply to Tennessee Tech in the fall of your senior year of high school
- ☐ Apply for Tennessee Tech scholarships by December 15 of your senior year



STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

"The direct admission program took all that stress away and helped me prepare my mind for nursing school, rather than the application."

— KATHERINE LAFFOON

"Tennessee Tech's direct admission allows me to stress less and focus more on making the best of my first year on campus."

— JACKSON GLOVER

"Direct admission is what made me choose Tennessee Tech — once I got that letter, the biggest weight was lifted from my shoulders."

— WILLA SHOFNER

"Knowing I wouldn't have to compete for a spot later in my college career was a massive weight off my shoulders going into an already stressful time."

— NOAH VAUGHN

"The direct flight path has given me the opportunity to follow my dream of helping others at a much quicker pace."

— RYLIE SMITH

APPLY TODAY!

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Presidential Scholarship

Guaranteed scholarships for new freshmen who meet the minimum requirements and apply for admission by the deadlines below. Award amount depends on which deadline you meet – the earlier **Original Deadline** pays more than the **Secondary Deadline**.

Qualifying Scores			TN Lottery/HOPE		Dec 15 Presidential Deadline		June 1 Presidential Deadline	
ACT	SAT	GPA	HOPE	Merit	Award	Total	Award	Total
36	1570–1600	3.75+	\$4,500	\$1,000	\$10,000	\$15,500	\$8,000	\$13,500
35	1530–1560	3.75+	\$4,500	\$1,000	\$8,000	\$13,500	\$6,000	\$11,500
30–34	1360–1520	3.75+	\$4,500	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$10,500	\$3,000	\$8,500
29	1330–1350	3.75+	\$4,500	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$9,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
25+	1200+	3.40+	\$4,500	—	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$2,000	\$6,500
23–24	1130–1190	3.40+	\$4,500	—	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$1,500	\$6,000

ELIGIBILITY & RENEWAL

- Must have graduated high school in the fall or spring immediately preceding entry to Tech.
- Must have at least a 3.40 HS GPA and a 23 ACT composite (1130 SAT) received by Tech – by Jan 15, 2026, for the Original Deadline, or Jun 1, 2026, for the Secondary Deadline.
- ACT Superscores cannot be used for scholarship eligibility.
- New ACT scores or transcripts received after your deadline cannot improve your award.
- Renewable up to four years (eight semesters) as long as the student maintains 12 credit hours and a cumulative 3.0 GPA by the end of the third semester and each semester after.

HOPE & HOPE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

HOPE and HOPE Merit are in-state awards funded by the TN Education Lottery Program and the TN General Assembly – awarded separately from Tennessee Tech scholarships, but stacked into the year totals above for eligible Tennessee residents.

HOPE

\$4,500/yr

HOPE MERIT

+\$1,000/yr

OTHER WAYS TO FUND YOUR DEGREE

Beyond Presidential Scholars, complete the **ScholarWeb** application — it opens every August 1 and is due **December 15** for incoming freshmen — to be considered for these additional, mostly-competitive awards.

Departmental & Donor-Funded

700+ scholarships awarded by individual departments – search by major in ScholarWeb.

Honors Program

Additional awards for Honors Program students – apply within ScholarWeb.

Music Scholarships

Band scholarships for majors & non-majors — audition required.

ROTC (Military Science)

Army ROTC scholarships – contact Military Science at 931-372-3283.

Outside Scholarships

Awards from outside agencies, churches or employers – submit to Financial Aid.

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