

# JACKSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Nursing Program Application Packet

If you have any questions after reading this packet, or if you would like to make an appointment to meet with a nursing advisor, please call the Jackson State Nursing Department at 731-425-2622. You can also find this information online at [www.jsc.edu/nursing](http://www.jsc.edu/nursing).

### Where Do I Start?

To be eligible to apply to the nursing program, you must first apply to and gain full admission status from Jackson State Community College. This will involve the following steps:

#### College Admission Process:

- Submit a college application, including required official transcripts and immunization records, to the Jackson State **Admissions Office**. You must do this if you are not currently enrolled in classes at the college. This also includes students who have been recently taking classes but have stopped for even one semester (excluding summer term). Be sure you indicate a College admit date that is the same as the date of the nursing program admission you are seeking. College applications can be submitted online at [www.jsc.edu](http://www.jsc.edu).
- Declare a degree-seeking major. On the college application form, you should choose AAS Pre Nursing for your planned course of study. **Please note:** Students who wish to apply to the Jackson State nursing program should choose **AAS Pre Nursing** (Associate of Applied Science) instead of AS Pre Nursing (Associate of Science) for their course of study. The AS Pre Nursing major is designed for students who wish to complete their basic courses at Jackson State but plan to apply to a nursing program at another institution.
- **If** you are required to take the Compass Test to determine your college-level placement, you must **complete** the Compass Test and **all** required developmental courses **before applying** to the nursing program. This means you must successfully complete your developmental courses in the **Spring** semester if you are applying for the **Fall** nursing program or in the **Summer** semester if you are applying for the **Spring** nursing program. Applicants participating in the Jackson State Developmental Math Pilot must complete models 1-8 and modules 9-12 are strongly recommend. If you have any questions regarding developmental studies course requirements, contact the **Admissions Office**.

Once you have applied to and gained full admission status from Jackson State, you can apply to the nursing program. This will involve the following steps:

#### Nursing Program Admission Process:

- Submit a complete and accurate nursing program application form by the correct deadline to the **Nursing Department**. We do not accept faxed copies of application. Nursing applications are only valid for one application period. If you are not admitted, you must submit a new application form to be considered for the next application term. We do not keep a nursing waiting list.
- Provide current ACT scores to the Admissions Office by the correct deadline. The ACT testing date must be within 3 years of the application deadline to be considered current. If you need to take the ACT exam, check that option on the nursing application form and you will receive a postcard with ACT registration instructions **after** the application deadline. **Please note:** the ACT exams for nursing applicants will be scheduled **after** the application deadline, but the scores will be processed in time to be included in your application file.
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater. Your cumulative GPA will be calculated based on all college-level courses you have completed at all colleges or universities you have attended. Your final high school GPA will be used if you do not have any college credit.
- Have been granted in-state residency status from the Jackson State Admissions Office.
- Provide proof that you are at least 18 years old, or will be 18 prior to the beginning of the first nursing course.
- If you have received two or more failing grades (D's or F's) in any prior nursing coursework, you will not be eligible for the nursing program unless Academic Fresh Start has been granted.

All of the above conditions must be met  
by **February 1<sup>st</sup>** if you want to start the nursing program in the **Fall** semester  
or by **August 1<sup>st</sup>** if you want to start the program in the **Spring** semester.

## How Do I Get Accepted?

Applicants who meet all the conditions listed above are eligible to be considered for acceptance into the nursing program. Eligible applicants are evaluated using the following formula, and those with the highest scores are offered admission into the program.

	<u>Raw Scores</u>		<u>Points Earned</u>			
ACT Composite Score	_____	→	_____	x	25%	= _____
ACT Reading Subtest Score	_____	→	_____	x	25%	= _____
ACT Science Subtest Score	_____	→	_____	x	25%	= _____
Cumulative GPA	_____	→	_____	x	25%	= _____
Bonus Points for Recently Completed A & P Coursework (I or II)				+ 0.25 pts each		= _____
Bonus Points for Healthcare Providers with Documented Work Experience				+ 0.50 pts		= _____
Bonus Points for Residents of Jackson State's 14 County Service Area				+ 0.50 pts		= _____
<b>Nursing Admission Score</b> (out of a possible 6.5 points)						= _____

Use the following tables to determine how many points are earned from your raw scores.

<b>ACT</b>	Less than 19	=	0 Points	<b>GPA</b>	2.500 – 2.999	=	0 Points
<b>Table</b>	19	=	2 Points	<b>Table</b>	3.000 – 3.499	=	4 Points
	20 – 21	=	3 Points		3.500 – 4.000	=	5 Points
	22 – 23	=	4 Points				
	24 or More	=	5 Points				

The ACT that Jackson State offers for nursing applicants is a residual ACT exam. The residual exam is the same as the national exam except that the test scores “reside” here at Jackson State and cannot be sent to any other institution. If you would like to take a national exam instead of, or in addition to, Jackson State’s residual exam, you can register for a national exam on the ACT website ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)). You can also visit their website if you have taken a national exam within the last three years and need to have your scores sent to the Admissions Office. The essay portion of the ACT exam is not required for nursing admission.

If you have more than one current ACT score on file, we will use your best set of scores in the nursing admission score calculation. We recommend that you prepare for the ACT exam using an ACT prep guidebook or by taking an ACT prep course. Also, the Jackson State Library has both print and electronic ACT preparation materials.

You must have a college-level cumulative GPA of **2.5 or greater** to be eligible for the nursing program. Remedial or developmental coursework is not included in the calculation, nor is vocational coursework. If you have no prior college coursework, a cumulative 2.5 high school GPA is required. If you do not have either a college or high school GPA, the ACT exam score will count for 100% of your nursing admission score.

If you are accepted into the nursing program, there are other program-specific requirements with which you must comply. Please refer to the Enrollment and Retention Criteria listed on page 6 of this packet.

Bonus points are awarded only if you have successfully completed BIOL 2010 Anatomy & Physiology I and/or BIOL 2020 Anatomy & Physiology II **prior to the application deadline**. A & P courses must be completed with a grade of C or better, must include lab work, and must be less than five years old from the point of initial program enrollment. If these criteria are not met, the Anatomy and Physiology courses must be repeated.

### **For Applicants who already serve as Healthcare Providers:**

Bonus points can be awarded if you have been recently working as a healthcare provider in a direct patient care role (examples include LPNs, CNAs, Paramedics, EMTs, Respiratory Therapists, Medical Office Assistants, Clinical Records Specialists, high school HOSA students with medical service experience, etc.). To receive these bonus points, you must demonstrate that you have completed **at least 800 hours of healthcare service within the past three years** and that you are in good standing with your parent institution. You can do this by completing the Healthcare Provider form included in this packet and submitting it with your nursing application form by the application deadline. The forms will be reviewed and the bonus points awarded by committee decision.

## Nursing Program Curriculum

For the Associate of Applied Science Degree

### **8 Required General Education Courses (26 credit hours)**

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ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3 credit hours	<i>The nursing faculty recommends that you complete the gen. ed. courses before applying to the nursing program, but they may also be completed alongside the nursing courses.</i>
PSY 102	General Psychology II	3 credit hours	
PSY 202	Abnormal Psychology	3 credit hours	
PSY 261	Developmental Psychology	3 credit hours	
BIOL 2010	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 credit hours	
BIOL 2020	Anatomy & Physiology II	4 credit hours	

### **Choose one (1) of the following communications courses**

SPE 211	Fundamentals of Speech	3 credit hours	<i>All gen. ed. courses must be completed with a grade of C or better, and are worth 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted.</i>
ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3 credit hours	

### **Choose one (1) of the following humanities electives (3 credit hours each)**

ART 1010	Art History I	<i>Anatomy and Physiology courses must include lab work and must be less than five years old from the point of initial program enrollment. Otherwise, they must be repeated.</i>
ART 1020	Art History II	
ART 1030	Art Appreciation	
COM 1030	Film Appreciation	
ENGL 2110	American Literature I	
ENGL 2120	American Literature II	
ENGL 2210	British Literature I	
ENGL 2220	British Literature II	
ENGL 2310	World Literature I	
ENGL 2320	World Literature II	
HUM 1010	Introduction to Humanities I	
HUM 1020	Introduction to Humanities II	
MUS 1030	Music Appreciation	
PHIL 1030	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 2110	Introduction to Ethics	
THEA 1030	Introduction to Theatre	

### **7 Required Nursing Courses (39 credit hours)**

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NUR 110	Foundations of Nursing	7 credit hours	<i>Upon admission to the program, all nursing courses must be completed within 3 years of initial program enrollment.</i>
NUR 120	Maternal-Child Nursing	7 credit hours	
NUR 180	Pharmacology in Nursing	3 credit hours	
NUR 190	Pathophysiology	3 credit hours	
NUR 200	Mental Health Nursing	4 credit hours	
NUR 214	Adult Nursing I	6 credit hours	
NUR 220	Adult Nursing II	9 credit hours	

Comprehensive Nursing Exit Exam

**JACKSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

***Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing***

<b>Fall Admission Option</b> Application Deadline: February 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Spring Admission Option</b> Application Deadline: August 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Extended Track Option</b> Application Deadline: Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> or Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>																																																																																																																																																																														
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# Jackson State Community College Nursing Program

## Estimated Nursing Fees

ACT Exam (if taking the JSCC Residual Exam)	\$35.00
Books and Supplies *	\$1,500.00
Physical Examinations	\$200.00
CPR course	\$45.00 – \$124.00
Hepatitis B vaccination (optional) **	\$130.00
Drug / Alcohol Screening	\$13.00
Criminal Background Checks	\$100.00
Liability Insurance (\$35 per year)	\$70.00
Student Nurse Uniforms (approximate)	\$100.00
Lab Equipment (approximate)	\$100.00
College Tuition and Fees *** (\$130 per credit hour)	\$8,450.00
National Student Nurse Association Membership (\$35 per year) (optional)	\$70.00
Achievement Exams	\$395.00
Licensure Application Fees (due during final semester)	\$300.00
Graduation Fee (due during final semester)	\$25.00
Nursing Pin (due during final semester)	\$30.00 – \$100.00
<b>Total Estimation</b>	<b>\$11,712.00</b>

\* Represents average cost of books and supplies; expenses are greatest during the first semester of the freshman year.

\*\* Strongly recommended, but not required. OSHA standards recommend student nurses receive Hepatitis B vaccination due to risk of exposure to blood and body fluids during program of study.

\*\*\* Tuition and fees are based on figures for the 2008-2009 academic year. Contact the Jackson State Business Office for specific rates.

Transportation to and from clinical agencies will be the responsibility of the student. Travel to clinical agencies outside of the Jackson area and/or on weekends may be required. Evidence of health insurance may be required by clinical agencies.

**All fees are subject to change without notice.**

# Policies Related to Program Admission

Accreditation and professional certification standards, limited clinical and classroom space, faculty availability, and a concern for appropriate student progress influence the selective admissions process to all Tennessee Board of Regents nursing programs. Students must meet the admission criteria, be reviewed and accepted for admission, and make satisfactory progress in order to continue their enrollment in the nursing program. In the employment of admission criteria in the review of applicants, Jackson State is cognizant of the institutional goal of maintaining appropriate student diversity in its acceptance pool. Because Jackson State is a state supported institution, in state residents are given preference in the admission process.

## Enrollment and Retention Criteria

Students admitted to the program must comply with specific enrollment, retention and progression requirements to continue in the program. Enrollment and retention criteria are published in the Department Student Handbook, which is on reserve in the college library, and provided to each admitted student. Enrollment and retention criteria include, but are not limited to:

- satisfactory drug/alcohol screen, criminal background check, and documentation of health
- achievement of a minimum grade of C in all required coursework
- certification in Healthcare Provider, Basic Life Support from the American Heart Association
- liability insurance coverage
- completion of all nursing courses within 3 years of initial enrollment with grades of "C" or above
- immunization against specified communicable diseases
- achievement of core performance standards

Criminal background checks and drug/alcohol screens may be a requirement at some affiliated clinical sites for training. Based on the result of these checks, an affiliated clinical site may determine not to allow your presence at their facility. This could result in your inability to successfully complete the requirements of this program. Additionally, a criminal background may preclude licensure or employment. Further information is available from your program director.

## Core Performance Standards for Retention in Nursing Program

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students must be, with reasonable accommodation, physically and mentally capable of performing the essential functions of the program. The Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression developed by the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing and adopted by all nursing programs in the Tennessee Board of Regents system include:

- A. Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.
- B. Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups.
- C. Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.
- D. Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
- E. Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.
- F. Auditory abilities sufficient to monitor and assess health needs and hear verbal instructions.
- G. Visual abilities sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.
- H. Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.

Admission to the nursing program is not based on these standards; instead, they are used to assist each student in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. Each of these standards is reflected in nursing course objectives and provides an objective measure for students and advisors to make informed decisions regarding whether the student is qualified to meet requirements.

## Transfer Applicants

1. Must submit a written request for transfer and a letter of recommendation, verifying good standing, from the director of previous nursing program to the Nursing Admissions Committee.
2. Must submit all official transcripts and appropriate course descriptions from the previous school of nursing.
3. Meet all program admission requirements and be selected for program admission.
4. Should understand that nursing courses from other programs will be evaluated for transfer on an individual basis. All nursing courses must be completed within three years of initial enrollment in nursing courses.
5. Should understand that if the number of transfer requests exceeds available space, applicants will be evaluated according to the program's standard evaluation system.
6. In addition to the above admission criteria, applicants seeking transfer should be aware that such requests are considered on an individual basis according to state and nationally recommended faculty/student ratios and the availability of space in courses.

## Legal Limitations of Licensure

A graduate of a state-approved nursing program who has been convicted of a violation of the law other than a minor traffic violation may be denied licensure. A graduate's eligibility for licensure is determined on an individual basis by the Tennessee Board of Nursing. Program applicants should be aware that conviction of the following crimes would make you **ineligible** for Registered Nurse licensure in the State of Tennessee: Aggravated Assault, as in T.C.A. 39-13-102; First Degree Murder, as in T.C.A. 39-13-202; Second Degree Murder, as in T.C.A. 39-13-207; Voluntary Manslaughter, as in T.C.A. 39-13-211; False Imprisonment, as in T.C.A. 39-13-302; Kidnapping, as in T.C.A. 39-13-303; Aggravated Kidnapping, as in T.C.A. 39-13-305; Robbery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-401; Aggravated Robbery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-402; Especially Aggravated Robbery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-403; Aggravated Rape, as in T.C.A. 39-13-502; Rape, as in T.C.A. 39-13-503; Aggravated Sexual Battery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-504; Sexual Battery, as in T.C.A. 39-13-505; Statutory Rape, as in T.C.A. 39-15-506; Theft of Property, as in T.C.A. 39-14-103; Theft of Services, as in T.C.A. 39-14-104; Forgery, as in T.C.A. 39-14-114; Falsifying of Educational and Academic Records, as in T.C.A. 39-14-136; Arson, as in T.C.A. 39-14-301; Aggravated Arson, as in T.C.A. 39-14-302; Burglary, as in T.C.A. 39-14-402; Aggravated Burglary, as in T.C.A. 39-14-404; Incest, as in T.C.A. 39-15-302; Aggravated Child Abuse, as in T.C.A. 39-15-402; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, as in T.C.A. 39-17-1003; Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, as in T.C.A. 39-17-1004; Especially Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, as in T.C.A. 39-17-1005; Assisted Suicide, as in T.C.A. 39-13-216; Rape of a Child, as in T.C.A. 39-13-522.

# JACKSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Nursing Program Admission Application

The application deadline is **February 1<sup>st</sup>** if applying for Fall admission or **August 1<sup>st</sup>** if applying for Spring admission.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden or Other Name(s) on Transcripts \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Information: Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic Background \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**The contact information provided above is what we will use to communicate with you. So if there is any change, be sure to notify the Nursing Office. 731-425-2662**

### Admission Term

What semester are you applying for? Circle One: Fall or Spring Year: \_\_\_\_\_

This application is valid for one term only. You **must reapply** if not accepted into the term applied for.

Have you attended Jackson State Community College in the past? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If no, you must first complete all college admissions requirements. Contact the college's Admissions Office at (731) 425-8844 or at [www.jsc.edu/admissions](http://www.jsc.edu/admissions).

Are you currently attending Jackson State? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to the Jackson State nursing program before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what term and year? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied to any other nursing programs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

### College History

Have you attended any colleges other than Jackson State? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, list below **all the colleges** you have attended. You must submit **all official transcripts** to the Admissions Office **before** the nursing application deadline to be eligible for consideration.

College Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

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### ACT Testing Requirement

You must have current ACT scores (within 3 years of the application deadline) on file in either the Nursing Dept. or the Admissions Office to be eligible for consideration. Choose one of the following options:

\_\_\_\_\_ Option A: I wish to use my prior ACT scores. I have taken the exam within the past 3 years and have confirmed that my scores are on file at Jackson State.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option B: I wish to take the residual ACT exam scheduled for nursing applicants. I understand these scores can only be used within the Nursing Dept. and cannot be reported to other colleges or used for Jackson State admission purposes.

**Please Note:** If you choose Option B, you will receive a postcard with ACT registration instructions **after** the application deadline. The testing dates will be scheduled after the deadline as well, and the scores will be processed in time to be included in your application file.

### Anatomy & Physiology Coursework

Bonus points are earned by successfully completing BIOL 2010 Anatomy & Physiology I and/or BIOL 2020 Anatomy & Physiology II, including lab, **prior to the application deadline**. A & P courses must be completed with a grade of C or better, must include lab work, and must be less than five years old from the point of initial program enrollment. If these criteria are not met, the A & P courses must be repeated.

Have you successfully completed Anatomy & Physiology I? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, cite term and location \_\_\_\_\_

Have you successfully completed Anatomy & Physiology II? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, cite term and location \_\_\_\_\_

### Healthcare Providers

Bonus points can be awarded if you have been recently working as a healthcare provider in a direct patient care role (examples include LPNs, CNAs, Paramedics, EMTs, Respiratory Therapists, Medical Office Assistants, Clinical Records Specialists, high school HOSA students with medical service experience, etc.). To receive these bonus points, you must demonstrate that you have completed **at least 800 hours of healthcare service within the past three years** and that you are in good standing with your parent institution. You can do this by completing the Healthcare Provider form included in this packet (page 9) and submitting it with your nursing application form by the application deadline. The forms will be reviewed and the bonus points awarded by committee decision.

Are you a healthcare provider and is your completed Healthcare Provider form attached to this application? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Dual Enrollment with the University of Memphis

For students interested in pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing degree (BSN), Jackson State offers a dual enrollment track with the University of Memphis. If you are interested in applying for the dual enrollment track with the University of Memphis, please read the following information release and sign below. "I authorize the Jackson State Nursing Department to release information regarding my admission status to the University of Memphis."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dual Enrollment with Another University**

If you are currently enrolled or plan concurrent enrollment at another institution, please read the following statement, fill in the blank, and sign below. "I authorize the Jackson State Nursing Dept. to release information regarding my enrollment and financial aid status to the institution listed below, and I authorize the institution listed below to release information regarding my enrollment and financial aid status to the Jackson State Nursing Dept."

College or University: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historical Background Information**

An affirmative response to the following questions will not necessarily be a bar to admission. Factors such as age at the time of conviction, elapsed time, seriousness and nature of the crime, and rehabilitation will be taken into account. Students with an affirmative answer to any question are advised to consult with the licensing board regarding their licensure eligibility. **Clinical agencies require background checks and drug/alcohol screens of students and may deny a student permission to enroll in clinical experiences. Such denial will result in the student's inability to progress in and subsequent dismissal from the nursing program.**

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation, had any license in any health care field suspended, revoked, or denied, or have you ever been listed on any abuse registry (Nursing Home, Home Health, Sexual, or Other?) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**If you answered yes to any of these questions, please attach an explanation of your answer.**

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Do you have any physical or mental health condition which would cause you or any other person to be placed in danger if you are admitted to the program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain:

Because the College seeks to provide, in as much as possible, a reasonably safe environment for its health career students and their patients, a student may be required, during the course of the program, to demonstrate their physical and/or emotional fitness to meet the essential requirements of the program. Such essential requirements may include freedom from communicable diseases, the ability to perform certain physical tasks, and suitable emotional fitness. Any appraisal measures used to determine such physical and/or emotional fitness will be in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, so as not to discriminate against any individual on the basis of disability.

**Statement of Validity and Understanding**

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I acknowledge that falsifying or withholding information will lead to the invalidation of my application and/or dismissal from the nursing program. I have read and understand the admission, enrollment, and retention criteria and the applicant evaluation system of the Jackson State nursing program. I understand all application materials must be received by the Nursing Department by the appropriate deadline, and if not admitted I must submit a new application prior to the next deadline. If applying for the healthcare provider bonus points, I agree to allow the Nursing Department to contact my employer to verify my medical service. I understand that Tennessee residents will be admitted before out-of-state residents will be considered. If admitted, all nursing courses must be completed within three years of initial enrollment and in the sequence designated in the program curriculum. Only grades of "C" or above can be used to meet graduation requirements. If I am unable to complete the required courses as designated in the catalog curriculum, I will not progress in the nursing program. If accepted for admission, I must also comply with specific enrollment requirements such as drug/alcohol screening, criminal background checks, and program and course orientation sessions. Once enrolled in the program I must also comply with other specific criteria to be retained and progress in the nursing program. A copy of the enrollment, retention and progression criteria is available on reserve at the JSCC College Library for my review.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return your completed application form to: Department of Nursing, Jackson State Community College, 2046 North Parkway, Jackson, Tennessee 38301-3797

**We will not accept a faxed copy of your application. Please keep a copy of all submitted documents.**

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**For Applicants With Recent Healthcare Provider Experience**

Bonus points will be added into your nursing admission score you have been recently working as a healthcare provider and if you fulfill the following requirements. To receive the points, you must demonstrate that you have completed **at least 800 hours of healthcare service within the past three years** and that you are in good standing with your parent institution. Please submit this form with your nursing application by the appropriate deadline. Please complete the top of this form yourself and have the bottom completed by your supervisor. Note: The data provided will be verified.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Healthcare Provider:

- LPN                                       Respiratory Therapist
- CNA     Medical Office Assistant
- EMT/Paramedic                             Clinical Records Specialist
- RAD Tech                                     high school HOSA student **(with medical service experience)**
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(Bonus points for applicants in the Other category will be reviewed and awarded by committee decision.)

State of Licensure, License Number, and Expiration Date (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Hours of Medical Service Completed Within The Past Three Years:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY AN APPROPRIATE WORK SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor's Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the applicant listed above in good standing with your institution?                                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                                      No \_\_\_\_\_

Does the applicant work in a direct patient-care role?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_                                      No \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant completed at least 800 hours of work within the past 3 years?                                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                                      No \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe the applicant's work setting and duties (or attach current job description): \_\_\_\_\_

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"I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that this applicant has completed the minimum work requirement as specified above."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_