

**Quick Guide to Applying to the Certified Medical Assistant to Practical Nursing Bridge Program**

**Step 1:** Take and pass the HESI® Entrance Exam.

- ☐ Schedule your exam early to make sure you find a date/location that works for you:
- ☐ **Be aware of the deadline for your preferred class time/location (see next page).**
- ☐ Even if you pass (all portions of the exam completed within the 3 hour time limit and at least a 70 on Reading AND 70 on Math AND 70 Anatomy & Physiology), you may want to retake it twice within a trimester if your score is low. **Not everyone who meets the minimum qualifications is accepted into the class. Acceptance is based on the point system located on the next page.**



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schedule your testing

**Step 2:** Upon passing the Entrance Exam, you will receive a packet with detailed directions for completing the required steps. Make sure you check your emails in case admissions need to get in touch with you!!

- ☐ Complete the **application packet** and return it to the Jackson Campus.
- ☐ Complete an **online application to TCAT Jackson** for the appropriate term/program.
- ☐ Complete the **FAFSA** to apply for financial aid.
- ☐ Submit current, **unexpired** state issued ID
- ☐ Submit an **OFFICIAL** copy of your **FINAL** high school, GED®, or HiSet® transcript(s), along with **any other transcripts/certifications noted on the next page (i.e. CNA certification).**
- ☐ Submit **proof of Medical Assistant Certification from a Nationally Recognized Accrediting body (such as, but not limited to, NCCT, NHA, etc).**
- ☐ Submit **proof of current CPR certification from National Red Cross or American Heart Association.**
- ☐ Submit verification of immunity to the following:
  - **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) – 2**  
vaccines or a positive titer
  - **Varicella – 2** vaccines or a positive titer

**Step 3:** Decision letters will be sent out approximately 3 days after the deadline. Letters will be sent only to those who have completed their applications (see Step 2). The **MANDATORY ORIENTATION** is currently scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026.

**Step 4:** IF you are accepted into the program, you will be given directions for completing the following:

- ☐ **Mandatory Orientation** – The date/time will be provided in the Acceptance Letter. This is a full day of MANDATORY orientation.
- ☐ **Acceptance (or declination) of your spot**
- ☐ **Background Check** – **If the background check shows a criminal history or other offenses, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to complete clinicals and, therefore, complete the program.**
- ☐ **Physical including**
  - ☐ **Additional Vaccination Documentation** (in addition to MMR and varicella):  
**Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)** and/or Td booster within the last 10 years  
**Hepatitis B** – full vaccine series or positive titer  
**Negative TB test** within 6 months of program start date  
**Annual influenza vaccination** or declination will be due depending on program start date.

## **Point System for Certified Medical Assistant to Practical Nursing Bridge Program Admission**

### **REQUIRED HESI® EXAMS**

Note: Reading, Math, A & P and Critical Thinking portions must ALL be completed within the 3-hour time limit. Reading, Math, and A&P must be passed with a minimum score of 70 on each portion on the SAME attempt (no super-scoring) in order to be eligible to apply for the program.

**HESI® Reading Score**

**POINTS EARNED**

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**HESI® Anatomy & Physiology Score**

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**HESI® Math Score**

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### **BONUS POINTS**

**HESI® Critical Thinking Score**

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The Critical Thinking portion of the HESI® Exam is required.

Bonus points are awarded for scores  $\geq 749$ .

750-799 = 2 Points

800-849 = 4 Points

850-899 = 6 Points

900-949 = 8 Points

950-1000 = 10 Points

**Official Transcript Showing (within the last 3 years)**

Diploma Awarded for Completion of an Allied Health Program at TCAT

-or- Jackson State Community College CCMA (5 Points)

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**TOTAL POINTS EARNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Deadline:**

Certified Medical Assistant to Practical Nurse Bridge Program – March 20, 2026