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## THEI College Program at the Turney Center Industrial Complex

### Application Packet

#### To Apply:

- You must have verified high school diploma or equivalent (GED or HiSet).
- Completed THEI application.
- Completed college essay.
- No prior college degree (prior college credits are okay).
- Complete a full 10 weeks of College Prep, beginning in May 2020.
- Take the Accuplacer college placement exam & score at college level in reading. Exam will be August 2020.
- No A write-ups in the past six months or during the entire application process.

#### Please follow these directions carefully to complete the application packet:

Step 1: **Nashville State Application** – Complete the blank application with your personal information.

Step 2: **Nashville State Transcript Request Form** – Complete this form and return with the Nashville State application. If you have a copy of your HS diploma or GED/HiSet transcript, include that as well.

Step 3: **THEI Application Form** – Complete this form (with as much information as you can) and return with the Nashville State application.

Step 4: **THEI Pell Eligibility Form** – Complete this form (with as much information as you can) and return with the Nashville State application. The purpose of this form is to determine your eligibility to receive the federal Pell grant, should it become available to people who are incarcerated in Tennessee.

Step 5: **College Essay** – Write an essay following the instructions on the essay prompt page. Please submit your completed essay when you submit your completed application packet.

*Return entire completed application packet to Program Clerk Doug Royster or Academic Coordinator Ms. Ka-Rhonda Porter before April 1, 2020.*



Tennessee Higher Education In Prison Initiative. 2020. THEI Employee Handbook. Nashville, TN: Tennessee Higher Education In Prison Initiative.



## College Admission Timeline:

1. Complete and submit a full application package. All documents must be received at the same time to be considered complete. You will **NOT** be considered for College Prep Admissions if your application is incomplete. **Due Date- Wednesday, April 1, 2020**
2. After your application has been submitted, THEI's staff will select qualified applicants to be invited to join the 2020 College Prep cohort. Completion of the THEI application **does not** guarantee admission into College Prep. All applicants will receive a letter from THEI notifying them of their status. **Estimated Date- Thursday, April 30, 2020**
3. College Prep participants must complete the 10-week program with exceptional attendance and participation to be considered for college admission. Students may be dismissed from the College Prep program at any time for TDOC disciplinary reasons, attendance, or lack of commitment to program expectations. **Estimated Dates: College Prep will run Late May-Early August 2020**
4. Upon completion of the College Prep program, participants will be required to take a college entrance exam to determine college readiness. Students must successfully pass the entrance exam to be considered for admission into the college program. **Estimated: 1st week of August 2020**
5. Final admissions decisions will be determined following the admissions testing day, and all applicants will be notified of their status. Admitted students will be given further instructions at this time. **Estimated Last Day of Notifications: Monday, August 17, 2020**

If there are any questions about the proposed timeline, feel free to write to the Academic Coordinator.

THEI  
1006 Shelby Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37206



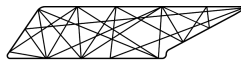
## Admissions Requirement: College Essay

***Directions:*** Write an essay in which you address ***ONE*** of the following prompts. Your essay should be 1-3 pages and can be hand-written or typed.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma-anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment or event (formal or informal) that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

You have satisfied the essay requirement by completing one of the above essay options. However, please feel free to submit a three to four paragraph response to the following optional essay question should you have additional information you wish to share with the Admissions Committee.

1. What else, if anything, would you wish the Admissions Committee to know about your candidacy? ***Please submit your essay along with your completed THEI application.***



**Tennessee Higher Education  
In Prison Initiative  
THEI Application Form**

Please answer **every** question on this form, for the purposes of data collection. Please write as clearly as possible. All information provided in this form will remain **confidential**. All data reported by THEI will be anonymous, and we will not use your name or any identifying information. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Full Name:	TOMIS #:	
Preferred Name:	Race(s):	Gender:
Date of Birth:	Job Assignment:	
Social Security #:	Unit/Cell:	Current facility:
Today's Date:	Are you serving a life sentence? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Next parole hearing (if applicable):	Release Eligibility Date (RED):	
<div>What school are you applying to (check one)? <input type="checkbox"/> Nashville State <input type="checkbox"/> Dyersburg State <input type="checkbox"/> Roane State</div>		
<div>Have you ever attended college before joining this program? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If Yes, what school(s)?  If Yes, please estimate dates:  Please estimate how many credits you have earned:</div>		
Have you previously applied to a THEI college program?  <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N  If so, when: _____		
<div>Did you earn your HS diploma? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, what high school? _____ _____ What state? _____ Please estimate your graduation date: _____</div>		
<div>Did you earn your HiSET/GED? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, in what state? _____ Please estimate month and year: _____ Did you earn your HiSET/GED while incarcerated? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, in what facility? _____</div>		
<div>Did one or more of your parents graduate from college? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</div>		
<div>County of your last residence:</div>		
<div>Did both of your parents graduate from college? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</div>		
<div>County you will return to:</div>		
<div>Are you a parent? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</div>		
<div>Have you ever been in the military? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, what year did you enlist:</div>		
<div>For questions, please contact: THEI Admissions 1006 Shelby Ave Nashville, TN 37206</div>		



## Pell Eligibility Form

The purpose of this form is to determine your eligibility to receive the federal Pell grant, should it become available to people who are incarcerated in Tennessee. It is extremely important that you answer **every** question. If you have any questions or are uncertain of what to answer, please discuss with a THEI staff person.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your appropriate answer for each question:**

Did you attend college before enrolling with THEI?	Yes	No	Unsure	
Did you previously receive the Pell grant to attend college?	Yes	No	Unsure	
Have you previously taken out student loans?	Yes	No	Unsure	
Are you in default on student loans?	Yes	No	Unsure	
What is your current marital status?				
Never married	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed
If you are married, does your spouse receive any government benefits (SNAP, disability, etc.)?	Yes	No	Unsure	
Have you registered for the Selective Service?	Yes	No	Unsure	
Do you have less than 5 years until you are eligible for release?	Yes	No	Unsure	

**If you are 24 years old or younger, please also answer the following questions:**

Were you ever in foster care after the age of 13?	Yes	No	Unsure
Do your parents receive any kind of government benefits (SNAP, disability, etc.)?	Yes	No	Unsure
When you were in school, did you receive free or reduced lunch?	Yes	No	Unsure
Are you in regular contact with one or more of your parents?	Yes	No	Unsure
Are you a veteran?	Yes	No	Unsure



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Date

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Name of School

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Address of School

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City, State, and Zip

Dear Registrar or Principal:

For the purpose of completing admissions requirements, please send a complete transcript of my records to:

Nashville State Community College/Office of Admissions  
120 White Bridge Road  
P. O. Box 90285  
Nashville, TN 37209-4515  
Phone: 615-353-3215

\*\*\*Please make sure that my DATE OF GRADUATION and the type of diploma are clearly marked on the transcript. (Tennessee Board of Regents Institutions, please send COMPASS scores, if applicable). \*\*\*

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Name

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Maiden/Previous name, if applicable

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Social Security Number

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Date of Birth

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Date last attended

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Street Address

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City, State, and Zip

If there is any charge for this service, please bill me at the address above.

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Signature

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO MAIL THIS FORM.

NOTE TO APPLICANT: All transcripts should be sent after final grades are recorded. If your high school work was completed by a GED test, please submit a copy of your GED scores.

# Application for Admissions

**www.nsc.edu**

120 White Bridge Road  
Nashville, TN 37209-4515

Member of



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Nashville State's classes are considered to be web-enhanced. Faculty have an expectation that students will use a computer and the Internet to complete assignments, engage in online discussions, and access various course materials through Desire2Learn (D2L) course shells. Computers are available for student use at each campus during campus open hours.

### First-time College Student

*(No prior college attendance)*

1. Complete Application for Admissions.
2. Submit Official ACT Report (Not required if 21 years of age or Older. Applicants 21 or older can take the ACCUPLACER Test). Official ACT report can be requested by writing to American College Testing Program, PO BOX 414, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. ACT scores on official high school transcripts are acceptable, as are SAT scores.
3. Students will be placed into college-level courses based on ACT sub scores of 19 or higher in Math and Reading and 18 or higher in English. SAT sub scores must be 450 or higher in Writing and 460 or higher in Math and Reading. Learning Support will be required for students who place below those score ranges.
4. Request high school to forward official transcript to Office of Admissions.
5. If eligible by GED or high school equivalency, have official copy sent directly from reporting institution to Office of Admissions.
6. Complete Hepatitis B Waiver Form and Proof of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chicken pox) Immunization.
7. Provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence.

### Re-Admit

*(Previously attended NSCC)*

1. Complete Application for Admissions.
2. Applicants who have attended other institutions since attending NSCC must have an official transcript forwarded from **each** institution.
3. Provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence.

### Transfer

*[Previously attended college(s)]*

1. Complete Application for Admissions.
2. Request an official transcript be forwarded directly to NSCC from **each** college, business, or technical school attended and high school.
3. Transfer students without previous English or Math course work will be required to take the appropriate portion of the ACCUPLACER placement test prior to registration. Students who took the placement test at another Tennessee Board of Regents institution **should have ACCUPLACER scores sent to the Office of Admissions.**
4. Complete Hepatitis B Waiver Form and Proof of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chicken pox) Immunization.
5. Provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence.

### Non-Degree Seeking

**College Student** *(Not pursuing a degree, but taking college level courses)*

1. Complete Application for Admissions.
2. Applicants under the age of 21 must submit official high school or GED transcript/high school equivalency.
3. Submit an official transcript from each college attended, if applicable, to meet pre-requisites for courses.
4. Complete Hepatitis B Waiver Form and Proof of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chicken pox) Immunization.
5. Provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence.

### Transient Student

*(Transferring courses back to another institution)*

1. Complete Application for Admissions.
2. Submit an official transcript from **each** institution attended or Transient Student Request Form.
3. Complete Hepatitis B Waiver Form and Proof of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chicken pox) Immunization.
4. Provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence.

**Continuing Education (CED)** *(Workforce and Community Development)*

1. Complete Application for Admissions.
2. Applicants under the age of 21 must submit official high school or GED transcript/high school equivalency.
3. Complete Hepatitis B Waiver Form and Proof of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chicken pox) Immunization.
4. Provide proof of citizenship or lawful presence.

### College Credit for ACT English Subscore SAT Critical Reading Score

Applicants who have a valid ACT English subscore of 27 or higher or a valid SAT Critical Reading score of 610 or higher may receive credit for English 1010. ACT/SAT scores must be less than three years old to be considered valid.

### Dual Enrollment and High School Programs

The office of K-12 programs handles application procedures for all Dual-Enrollment students. There is a separate application for these programs. For questions regarding Dual Enrollment, please call 615-353-3269.

### TN eCampus

Go to [www.tnecampus.org](http://www.tnecampus.org) for more info.

For questions regarding TN eCampus, please call 615-353-3461.

### International Student

The Office of Admissions handles application procedures for all International Students. International students with questions should call 615-353-3219.

### Information for Students with Disabilities

If you have a learning or physical disability and want information on the types of services that are available, please call 615-353-3721.

# Application for Admissions

Please send application and official transcript(s) to: Office of Admissions  
120 White Bridge Road  
Nashville, TN 37209-4515



Applicants must complete every item on this form, sign and date. All credentials provided to the college become the property of the college and cannot be forwarded or returned. All credentials will be maintained in an active status for a period of 12 months. After this period, if you do not register for classes, all credentials will be relocated to an inactive status and must be submitted again before an admissions decision will be made. **Please complete with black or blue ink.**

**Student Social Security Number:**

\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**Please note:** Refusal to disclose your social security number or failure to supply a correct social may result in a fine from the IRS.

**Please indicate the semester and year you plan to attend:**

Fall/Year \_\_\_\_\_ Spring/Year \_\_\_\_\_ Summer/Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Legal Name:**

\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Home Address:**

**Length of residence at permanent address:** \_\_\_\_\_ yrs.

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Street/Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if not U.S. Citizen) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number (please include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Home Address (If different from Permanent Address) :**

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Street/Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if not U.S. Citizen) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

We request your completion of the following **for reporting purposes only**. This information will not be used to discriminate against any applicant in the admissions decision: **Gender:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

**Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:** ☐ White ☐ Black or African American

☐ Asian ☐ American Indian ☐ Alaskan Native ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

All male U.S. citizens and non-citizens who take up residency in the United States of America before their 26th birthday must register with Selective Service prior to registering for classes at NSCC. This requirement does not apply to veterans and others exempt by federal law. **Indicate whether or not you have registered for the United States Selective Service:**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Exempt **Military Veteran:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Check One:** ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Foreign Citizen, non-immigrant ☐ Foreign Citizen, permanent U.S. resident

If non-U.S. resident, in what country do you hold citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_ Visa Number \_\_\_\_\_

What type of visa do you hold? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your native language? \_\_\_\_\_

**No student will be classified as an in-state resident at NSCC by his/her mere presence as a student in the state of Tennessee.**

Have you lived in Tennessee continuously since birth? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, when and why did you move to Tennessee? \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment (for resident classification purposes only):**

Are you currently employed? ☐ Yes (\_\_\_\_Full-time, \_\_\_\_Part-time) ☐ Currently not employed

Have you previously applied for admission?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, which semester? \_\_\_\_\_ Year? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your primary campus:**

☐ Main Campus/Nashville

☐ Clarksville

Do you live in Christian, Logan, Todd or Trigg County, KY?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you live there for more than one year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Dickson

☐ East Davidson (Donelson)

☐ Humphreys Co./Waverly

☐ Southeast/Nashville (Antioch)

**Under which classification do you wish to enroll? Check one:**

**Degree/Certificate Student:**

☐ First Time College Student

(no prior college attendance)

☐ Re-Admit

(previously attended NSCC)

☐ Transfer

[previously attended college(s)]

☐ Certificate Program

**Non-Degree Student:**

☐ Transient

(transferring courses back to another institution)

☐ Seeking College Level Courses

\_\_\_\_Math \_\_\_\_English \_\_\_\_Other

☐ Continuing Education (CED)

(Workforce and Community Development Courses only)

☐ ESL Courses Only

**Intended Major:** Please check degree or certificate you plan to receive from NSCC. **Omit this section if you checked any box under the Non-Degree Student column. Refer to Degree insert for a list of possible degree programs and concentrations.**

**Degree Student:** ☐ Associate of Arts (AA) ☐ Associate of Science (AS) ☐ Associate of Science in Teaching (AST)

☐ Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Concentration (Only for AAS Degrees)

**Certificate Student:** ☐ Technical Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code County Country

Print your name as it appears on your high school transcript: \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are not a high school graduate, have you earned the GED equivalency diploma?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Indicate date GED received: \_\_\_\_\_ Official scores must be sent to the Office of Admissions.

**List all colleges/universities attended (including NSCC if you are re-enrolling). Official transcripts from ALL previous institutions must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions. It is the student's responsibility to obtain official transcripts.**

Name and Location (Do not abbreviate college name)	Dates Attended (month/year)	Degree(s) Received	Name under which transcript issued

**Immunization Health History Form**  
**All Students Must Complete Top Portion**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

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(TO BE COMPLETED BY NEW APPLICANTS ONLY)

The General Assembly of the State of Tennessee mandates that each public or private postsecondary institution in the state provide information concerning measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and hepatitis B infections to all students matriculating for the first time. Tennessee law requires that such students complete and sign a waiver form provided by the institution that includes detailed information about these diseases. The required information below includes the risk factors and dangers of these diseases as well as information on the availability and effectiveness of vaccines for persons who are at-risk for these diseases. The information concerning each disease is from the Centers for Disease Control and the American College Health Association.

The law does not required that students receive vaccination for enrollment. Furthermore, the institution is not required by law to provide vaccination and/or reimbursement for the vaccine.

**Hepatitis B (HBV) Immunization:**

Hepatitis B (HBV) is a serious viral infection of the liver that can lead to chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure, and even death. The disease is transmitted by blood and or body fluids and many people will have no symptoms when they develop the disease. The primary risk factors for Hepatitis B are sexual activity and injecting drug use. This disease is completely preventable. Hepatitis B vaccine is available to all age groups to prevent Hepatitis B viral infection. A series of three (3) doses of vaccine are required for optimal protection. Missed doses may still be sought to complete the series if only one or two have been acquired. The HBV vaccine has a record of safety and is believed to confer lifelong immunity in most cases.

Check only **one**:

- ☐ I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have had the entire series of the Hepatitis B vaccine.
- ☐ I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have elected not to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine.
- ☐ I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have elected to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine and/or I am in the process of receiving the complete three dose series of the Hepatitis B vaccine.

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) and Varicella Immunizations:**

**Measles**, causes fever, rash, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes. Complications can include ear infection, diarrhea, pneumonia, brain damage, and death.

**Mumps** causes fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, loss of appetite, and swollen salivary glands. Complications can include swelling of the testicles or ovaries, deafness, inflammation of the brain and/or tissue covering the brain and spinal cord (encephalitis/meningitis), and, rarely, death.

**Rubella** causes fever, sore throat, rash, headache, and red, itchy eyes. If a woman gets rubella while she is pregnant, she could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects.

**Varicella** (chickenpox) causes blister-like rash, itching, fever, and tiredness. Complications can include severe skin infection, scars, pneumo-nia, brain damage, or death.

You can protect against these diseases with safe, effective vaccination.

Check only **one**:

- ☐ I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have had the entire series of MMR and Varicella vaccines.
- ☐ I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have elected not to receive the MMR and Varicella vaccines.
- ☐ I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have elected to receive the MMR and Varicella vaccines and/or I am in the process of receiving the complete series of MMR and Varicella vaccines.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian must sign if student is under the age of 18)

**For more information about these diseases and the vaccine schedules, please contact your local health care provider or consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at [www.cdc.gov/health/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/health/default.htm).**

**Signature Page for Admissions Application  
All Students Must Complete Top Portion**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

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**Application Agreement, Signature and Disclaimer (Please sign in blue or black ink).**

If you are accepted as a student at this institution, there are certain performance tests you will be required to take during your academic career. It is a requirement of admission that you agree to take any tests deemed necessary by this institution. In those instances where tests are administered by an external entity, you hereby agree for the result of such tests to be released to that institution. The purpose of this agreement and requirement is to comply with the legislature's expressed intent that institutions regularly evaluate and improve instruction at all levels. Any test scores obtained under this agreement by Nashville State Community College will be treated with the strictest confidentiality as required by law.

The federal campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act and the Tennessee College and University Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2002 require that whenever a sex offender becomes employed, enrolls as a student or volunteers at an institution of higher education in the state of Tennessee, he or she must complete or update the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) sexual offender registration/monitoring form and deliver it to TBI headquarters in Nashville. Students may obtain Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Sexual Offender of Safety Offender Registration/Monitoring forms in the Office of Safety and Security, Office A-70A.

I understand that withholding information on this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to, or continuation in, Nashville State Community College. Accordingly, I certify that all of the information and statements provided by me on this application are correct and complete. Further, if I am admitted to Nashville State Community College, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the institution.

**In addition to the forgoing, the Tennessee Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act requires an applicant for in-state tuition or state financial aid to attest under penalty of perjury that he or she is either a United States citizen or alien lawfully present in the United States. By submitting this application, I am attesting that I am either a United States citizen or alien lawfully present in the United States or I am not requesting any state benefits including in-state tuition.**

**I understand that this attestation is required by Tennessee law if I have applied for a state public benefit. I understand that Tennessee law requires me to provide documentation verifying the status indicated above prior to receipt of this state public benefit. I understand that knowingly and willfully making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation shall subject me to liability under the Tennessee False Claims Act, Tennessee Code Annotated 4-18-101 et seq. I understand that if I am found to have made a false or misleading statement, my state public benefits may be rescinded or I may be disciplined by the college.**

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

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, applicants for admission and enrolled students are advised that the requested disclosure of their Social Security number to the Admissions Office is voluntary. Students who do not provide a Social Security number will be assigned a special nine-digit number. This special number or the Social Security number are used: (a) to identify such student records as applications for admission, registration and course enrollment documents, grade reports, transcript requests, certification requests, and permanent academic records and (b) to determine eligibility, certify school attendance, and report student status. Students are notified, however, that only the Social Security number may be used as an identifier for grants, loans, and other financial aid programs according to federal regulations. The student's Social Security number will not be disclosed to individuals or agencies outside Nashville State Community College except in accordance with the institutional policy on student records.

NSCC 03-18. NSCC is a TBR institution, AA/EEO employer, and does not discriminate against students, employees, or applicants for admissions or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, age status as a protected veteran, genetic information, or any other legally protected class with respect to all employment, programs and activities sponsored by NSCC. Inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Director of Human Resources, Human.Resources@nsc.edu, 120 White Bridge Road, 615-353-3305, The Nashville State policy on nondiscrimination can be found at [www.nsc.edu/misc/non-discrimination-policy](http://www.nsc.edu/misc/non-discrimination-policy). Printer: Performance Business Forms 200 Blanton Ave., Nashville, TN 37210 Quantity: 35000 © 2017, NSCC.



## Frequently Asked Questions

- What is THEI?
  - THEI is a non-profit organization that funds and coordinates programming inside prisons in Tennessee. Our mission is to provide access to on-site degree-bearing higher education for individuals in Tennessee prisons; to support our students in leading meaningful lives in and outside prison; to prepare our students for successful re-entry; and to help our students become contributing members of our communities.
  - The program began in 2012 at Charles Bass Correctional Complex with 25 students. In 2014, the program expanded to Turney Center Industrial Complex, then to Northwest Correctional Complex in 2017, and finally our newest location, Morgan County Correctional Complex in 2019.
  - THEI students at Turney Center are enrolled as official students at Nashville State Community College (NSCC). THEI students at NWCX are enrolled as official students at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC). THEI students at MCCX are enrolled as official students at Roane State Community College (RSCC).
- Is THEI part of Nashville State Community College?
  - THEI is not part of NSCC or part of TDOC. We are an independent organization that works in partnership with NSCC and TCIX. THEI is made up of Executive Director Molly Lasagna, Academic Coordinator Ka-Rhonda Porter, and Student Support & Re-entry Services Director Rachel Zolensky.
- What does this program offer me?
  - The program offers an Associate's Degree in Business Administration or Political Science. This degree requires 60 credit hours of study and takes between three and four years to complete.
  - Being a part of the THEI community also gives students the opportunity to receive other services, such as career counseling, re-entry support, and transition onto a college campus upon release.
  - THEI student reports: *The program offers much to those individuals dedicated to the idea of change. There are many men who have never been told that their lives have value and that they can contribute to society. This program can first and foremost provide that self-awareness*
  - THEI student reports: *The primary reward of college is of course a degree, but the hidden treasure that the students discover is how to access and analyze information. The student becomes a critical thinker, and this can change the path of life for anyone willing to exert the effort.*
- Who will my professors be?
  - All professors for the THEI college program are official professors at our partnering college. At TCIX, all professors come from NSCC.
- How much does college cost?
  - The cost for students is \$25 per semester, which can be paid in one, two or four installments. That money goes toward tuition. The remainder of tuition is covered by THEI as are all textbooks and school supplies.
- What is expected of me while I am in college?
  - College students are expected to conduct themselves with academic integrity, persistence and initiative. Students must have clean disciplinary records (no A write-ups in the last six months). Attendance in class is mandatory. In order to maintain good standing in the program, a student must keep his grade point average above 3.0. College is hard work! Take it seriously and you will set yourself up for success.
  - THEI student reports: *For a brief period of time each day you attend class, or study. During this time you are a student, not an inmate. You are a member of a community of men and/or women that are trying to improve their lives and the lives of their families. You matter. Act like you want to belong to that group. Generally speaking, you get treated exactly the way you treat others.*
- How much time per week should I expect to spend on college?
  - 2-3 Classes meeting once a week each, in the evenings, for three hours. In addition to required class time, students are expected to complete all homework and reading assignments, and to do what it takes to turn in all work on time. Students can expect to spend an average of six hours per week on each class.



- THEI student reports: *As much as possible; the more you put in the more you get out.*
- What are the important dates for me to know?
  - In order to be **considered** for admission 2020, you must:
    - Turn in your completed application by April 1st.
    - Turn in your essay and supporting documents when you turn in your completed application.
    - Successfully gain admission into the College Prep program
    - Complete the College Prep program
    - Take & Pass the Reading Accuplacer test (week of August 3rd).
    - If you are accepted, orientation will take place the week of August 17th.
    - Classes begin the week of August 24th.
- How many students are currently enrolled?
  - There are approximately 58 students in the program at Turney Center across two cohorts. There are currently 35 students at Northwest and 25 students at the Morgan County location with 25 more being accepted in the Fall.
- How many students will be accepted this year?
  - We anticipate 25 qualified students will be accepted at Turney Center in August. 25 students will be selected to begin at Morgan County in August, 2020. This will be MCCX Cohort 2.
- I've taken some college in the past. What happens to those credits?
  - Speak with Ka-Rhonda or Chris about this! We will work to find your transcripts from your prior colleges and have those credits transferred to NSCC.
- What is College Prep?
  - The College Prep program will meet one evening a week, and will cover everything from academic tutoring, to test-taking, to study skills, to learning about what is expected of a THEI college student. You must participate in College Prep in order to be considered for a spot in Fall 2020 classes.
  - After this ten-week preparatory course, you will take the college entrance exam, Accuplacer, in Reading/Writing. Attendance is mandatory at every college prep session!
- Is admission into the college program guaranteed?
  - No. Although we would love to accept all applicants, we must limit the amount of qualified applicants due to the availability of space and financial reasons. Persistence and perseverance are key traits of a college student. If you are not successful the first time, you are able to reapply.