

# TCPS® Tennessee Clinical Placement System

## Nursing Student Orientation for Using the TCPS®

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Our school is a part of the **Tennessee Clinical Placement Partnership (TCPP)** and has clinical assignments at a TCPP facility. Fueled by the current nursing shortage, the Tennessee Center for Nursing and healthcare partners across the state have developed the Tennessee Clinical Placement System or **TCPS®** which is just one strategy actively being pursued regionally to build capacity for healthcare education.

### Clinical Passport

The Clinical Passport represents the work of many entities toward streamlining the orientation process for students and faculty. Using online technology, much of the orientation content previously provided during facility orientation is now available online at any time of the day or night! This integration of technology into practice provides more flexibility for all individuals – students, faculty, and clinical facility educators! The Clinical Passport consists of three steps:

**Step 1. General Orientation** to TCPP healthcare facilities is achieved through online content. All partner clinical facilities have agreed to require students and faculty to complete a standardized general orientation program once per calendar year in keeping with the requirements for all healthcare professionals. **Students who complete general orientation in the fall semester are not required to repeat it during the spring semester. Check with your instructor if you have questions about this policy.**

Orientation content may be accessed at: <http://www.tcn-tcps.org/go.htm> Please note the technical requirements for Adobe Acrobat Reader, Flash, and to allow blocked interactive content when prompted. Free plugins are available for download on the site should your computer not have these programs available.

You will need the following login information. **Access information is case specific.**

**Site:** <http://www.tcn-tcps.org/go.htm>

**Student User ID = clinical**

**Student Password = AY2009**

You should visit this website to complete this information as directed by your faculty and PRIOR to the first day at the clinical facility. This login information is changed each academic year.



During your journey through the Orientation Practice sections you will collect **5** letters that will serve as your password into the quiz. Find the “key” letters whenever you see the key icon within the situations!

You will need these 5 letters as your password to activate the quiz. **Enter these letters as all CAPS!**

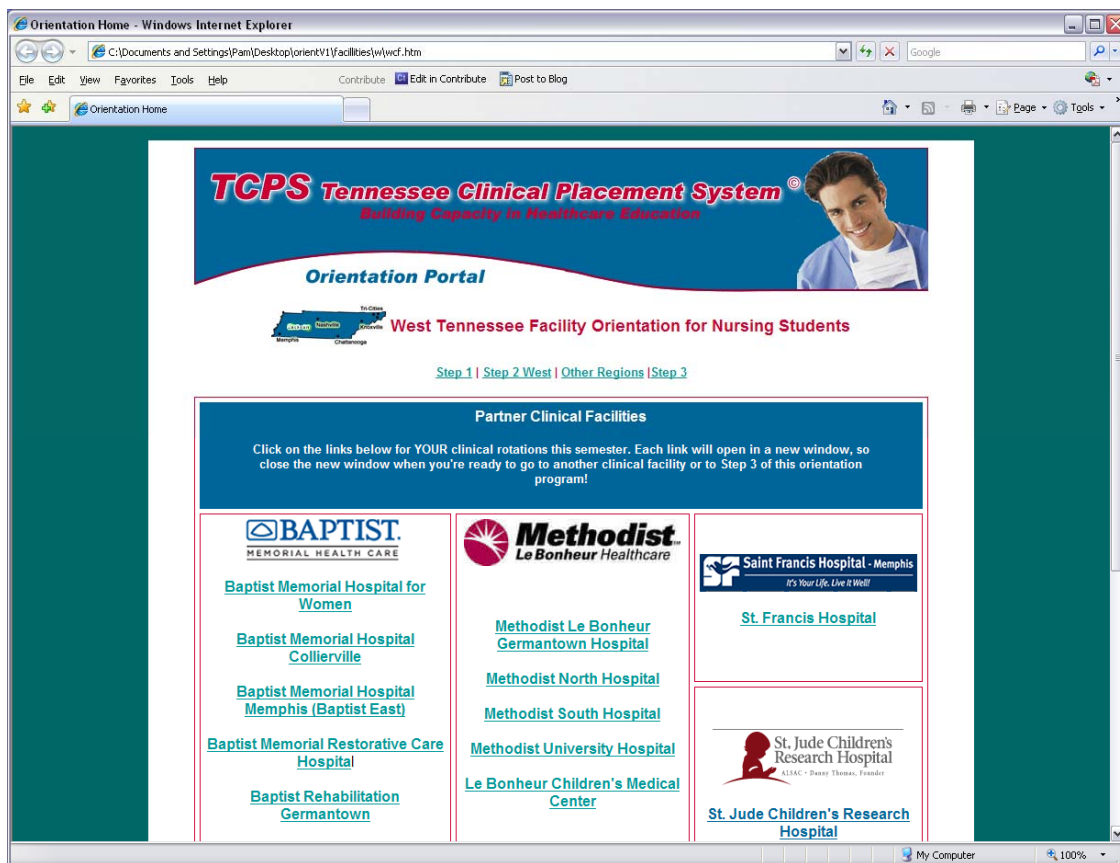
Letter 1 \_\_\_ Letter 2 \_\_\_ Letter 3 \_\_\_ Letter 4 \_\_\_ Letter 5 \_\_\_

To complete Step 1, you will complete an online quiz over the content in the 5 modules. **Additional instructions for the quiz will be available online when you are ready to take the quiz. Be sure and print/read these instructions carefully to ensure that you complete this step correctly! Failure to not follow these instructions will result in the need to repeat the quiz!**

**Step 2.** In addition to the general orientation content, individual facilities are in the process of placing their Clinical Facility Orientation content online as well. This is a work in progress, but many facilities have already placed materials online for you to review prior to coming to their clinical facility. The goal of this component is to minimize the classroom time at the facility to get students to the bedside delivering patient care. Students should also document their facility orientation on their Clinical Passport to provide an ongoing record of their clinical orientations. This content is accessed via the “**Step 2**” link available at <http://tcn-tcps.org/go.htm>.



Since this system is being implemented statewide – you will first be asked to identify the region of the state where your assigned clinical facility(ies) is/are located. Once the region is selected, you will be presented with a list of partner facilities with online orientation. Visit each of your assigned clinical facilities for this semester to complete this step of your orientation.



Content will vary by facility. You may be directed to print documents or forms that must be submitted during your first clinical day. Your faculty may also provide additional instructions for how to manage any paperwork related to a particular clinical facility.

If there is an online quiz, it will be similar to the General Orientation Quiz. You will have the option to email your results and print a completion certificate. Results will also be stored online.

**Step 3.** The third step of the TCPS© is the Program Evaluation and access to your Clinical Passport Document. You will be directed to an evaluation survey that will give you an opportunity to have input into the process and content. Upon completion, you will be directed to the final component of your orientation process.

**TCPS** *Tennessee Clinical Placement System*  
**Student /Faculty Clinical Passport**

STUDENT/FACULTY INFORMATION		
NAME: _____	_____	SCHOOL: _____
	LAST FIRST	

The Clinical Passport Document provides a paper tool that students and faculty CAN use to validate and organize their clinical requirements such as immunizations, CPR status, and orientation activities each semester. It has been designed to serve as a viable document for up to four academic years as needed. Schools have varying procedures for maintaining this document – some require the student to maintain the document, others file the document in the school, and still others speak to the current faculty member to “hold” the document for the semester and then pass it on to the next course faculty when appropriate. **Be sure and check with YOUR school to determine the correct action on your part related to this important document.**

**Questions and for more information ...**

Questions: Contact your faculty member

More Information: [help@tcn-tcps.org](mailto:help@tcn-tcps.org)