

**SPECIAL
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VIP Student Portal a “One-Stop Shop” for Students

This year the Office of Undergraduate Admissions made some updates to our student portal. The Vol in Progress (VIP) student portal now includes personalized information about the University based on student interest, campus tour registration, event notification and registration, the application for admission, and status check.

“We are excited about the new VIP student portal. This new portal will be a ‘one-stop shop’ for students as they progress through the admissions process,” said Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions Andrew Wood.

The idea behind this new student portal is to make the process easier for prospective students. They will now have one username and password to access their application, admission status, and any programs offered by Undergraduate Admissions.

The feedback generated by students, parents, and counselors has helped the Admissions Office to tailor the VIP portal to the needs of prospective students.

To create a VIP account students will need to visit, <http://vip.utk.edu>.



2011 Admissions Fast Facts

- Enrolled Fall 2011: **4,196**
- The average ACT of an admitted incoming freshman for Fall 2011 is **26.7**.
- The average GPA of an admitted incoming freshman for Fall 2011 is **3.87**.

Upcoming Events

- * **Open House**— UT’s premiere event for high school seniors. Students will get a chance to talk to representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, and numerous other organizations on campus as well as go on a campus tour. Registration is now available on students’ VIP page.
September 24, November 12

- * **Conference for Counselors**— programs throughout the state of Tennessee designed to provide high school counselors with updated information (statistics, events, admission policies) regarding UT’s Undergraduate Admissions. This year’s event will be a collaborative effort between UTC, UTK, UTM. To register for this event, please visit the following link, <http://tennessee.edu/c4c/>

North Nashville Area— September 19
Memphis Area— September 20
Martin Area— September 21
Jackson Area— September 22
South Nashville Area— September 23
Knoxville Area— September 26
Tri-Cities Area— September 27
Chattanooga Area— September 2

Counselor Resources

- **School Counselors Guide**— a brochure for high school counselors detailing the Undergraduate Admissions process, freshman class profile, scholarship information, quick facts about the university, and university contact information.
- **Counselor Portal**— Coming Soon! This portal will allow high school counselors to check the admission status of their students. More details will be coming soon.

Application Updates

- Admission and Scholarship Application are now combined.
- Capability to submit Letters of Recommendation electronically (will be shared between Admissions and Financial Aid)
- Deadlines remain the same.
November 1st— Scholarship and Admission Priority Application Deadline
December 1st— Admission Application Deadline

Conference for Counselors' Going System-Wide



The Conference for Counselors' will be a system-wide event, with The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga (UTC), and The University of Tennessee, Martin (UTM) all in attendance.

The decision to combine these programs was multifaceted, and is a great opportunity for all involved. This program allows high school counsel-

ors to receive information concerning admissions from three schools at one location.



Vern Granger, Director of Undergraduate Admissions said about the change, "We are ex-

cited about the opportunity to bring together three great universities. This is a win for all parties involved."

Even though there were changes in the structure of the program, the emphasis remains the same. Counselors will continue to learn about the admissions process, financial aid, and multiple opportunities available to their students from each university.

Let Us Know How We're Doing

This newsletter is designed to keep you informed about news and updates from the UT Undergraduate Admissions Office.

Your input and feedback regarding the admissions process is very important to us. Please share any comments or concerns by calling our office at (865)974-2184 or by e-mailing us at admissions@utk.edu.

College Spotlight: The College of Nursing

The College of Nursing is one of the most competitive colleges on campus. Last year, 120 students were admitted to the program. The profile for these students is as follows: Core UT GPA— 4.05, ACT Composite score— 26.7, ACT Science score— 25.

UT's College of Nursing boasts the highest passing rate (96-99%) in the nation for the NCLEX (state Nursing Board Exam). Additionally the College is unique in that it admits incoming freshman directly into the major.

The College of Nursing has a holistic review process. Students applying to this

college are required to write a Nursing essay that answers this question: "What has motivated you to pursue nursing as a career, and what personal characteristics/traits do you possess which will allow you to be a successful nurse." A very heavy emphasis is placed on a student's Nursing essay.

If an incoming student does not get admitted to Nursing they can re-apply to the College. Admission will be based off the number of spaces available. These students, if still interested, will need to notify their advisor and continue communication with the College of Nursing.



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