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Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Mercer County Community College Nursing Program. Nursing is an exciting profession where you are offered a wide variety of practice opportunities. The Nursing Program at Mercer County Community College is the first step of your journey.

Nursing at Mercer includes preparation in general education with a focus on the sciences. The curriculum is designed to provide the student with a well-rounded educational experience. Admission to the professional nursing portion of the curriculum is by petition. Students desiring admission for the semester submit a petition request that is reviewed for **matriculation date and number of completed courses in the curriculum**. Each new class admits approximately sixty (60) students.

The Nursing Program at Mercer offers a day, evening/weekend and online options for study. Each August, a new class is admitted to the day program. All nursing courses and clinical experiences are scheduled during daytime hours. Each January, a new class is admitted to the evening/weekend program. This affords the opportunity for a nursing education to students who must work during the day. Classes and clinical experiences are scheduled during the evening hours and on weekends. The online program also begins each spring and fall with students completing lectures online and a one-day-a-week clinical/lab day. For students who live outside of Mercer County, we offer cooperative nursing programs with St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing and Capital Health Systems School of Nursing.

Mercer County Community College's Nursing Program professors are experienced in a wide variety of clinical specialties. Clinical experiences are provided in area hospitals, nursing homes, schools and outpatient clinical settings.

Upon graduation, our students are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Our students have a high rate of success on the licensing exam and are readily employed in hospitals, nursing homes, and other settings.

This information packet contains specific information about the Nursing Program at Mercer County Community College. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me, or schedule an appointment to meet with me through the nursing program specialist, Stephanie Hernandez, at (609) 570-3391.

I look forward to meeting with you as you begin your journey toward your professional nursing career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda A. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda A. Martin, RN, MSN, APRN, CNE, BC
Dean of Science and Health Professions and
Director of Nursing Education

Nursing Program Accreditation

The college's nursing program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102, (973) 504-6430 and the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000.

Admission Requirements

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program combines coursework in nursing and general education with clinical experiences in regional health care facilities under the supervision of college faculty members. The program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. Graduates are encouraged to pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing and credits may be applied in whole or in part in accordance with the policies of the accepting institution.

Successful graduates of the program are awarded the Associate in Science Degree and are prepared to:

- accept responsibility for professional growth within the nursing profession;
- utilize the nursing process in caring for assigned patients;
- apply scientific and physiological principles to health care;
- function as members of health care teams, guiding other members in selected aspects of health care; and
- demonstrate accountability to the nursing profession.

The RN Nursing Program at Mercer County Community College is currently open only to Mercer County residents or non-residents who matriculated into the Nursing Science major (22790) prior to May 15, 2003.

Admission requires a high school diploma or the equivalent; satisfactory performance on the college skills placement test or completion of any required academic foundations courses; and high school completion (with a grade of "C" or better) of two years of academic mathematics and one year of laboratory chemistry and biology. Students who have not taken these courses or who have not completed them within the last five years may fulfill this requirement through the completion of the following MCCC courses: Basic Algebra (**MAT 034**), Introductory Chemistry (**CHE 100**), and Biological Science Concepts (**BIO 113**).

Students will be accepted in the order of their first matriculation into “nursing science,” with acceptance going first to those who have been waiting longest. Students who have the most course work completed will be accepted before those who still have coursework to complete. Each of the following science and one of the following mathematics courses are used in the selection process & must have been taken within 5 years (semester and year) at the time you petition for NRS110: MAT 135 or MAT 200; and, BIO 103, BIO 104, BIO 201, and CHE 107 or CHE101 & 102. Only courses with grades of “C” or higher will be considered, and candidates must have an overall Mercer GPA 2.5 or above. Overall GPA rank will be the final determinant if the number of students in this category exceeds the number of available seats.

As of March 2009, the New Jersey Board of Nursing approved a new curriculum for the Mercer County Community College Nursing Program. This new curriculum will be implemented starting in the fall 2009 semester.

As pre-requisites for this new curriculum, students are required to complete two pre-nursing courses; **Entry Into Professional Nursing (1 credit) (NRS 101)** and **Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (2 credits) (NRS 102)**. All students must meet the pre-requisite requirements for these courses. Course outlines including prerequisites are available on the nursing program website. In order for students to complete these courses in a timely manner, they will begin being offered during the summer session.

Along with the new curriculum we have approved additional requirements for admission to the Nursing Program. Students are additionally required to:

- have not failed **any required** college course no more than two (2) times. All students must be successful on the third attempt.
- have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- successfully complete the Admission Assessment Exam. Information regarding the entrance exam can be found on the nursing website at www.mccc.edu/nursing.

The Nursing program offers both a daytime and an evening option. However, enrollment in nursing courses is limited, with priority given to applicants who have satisfactorily completed the general education and science components of the program.

Online Program Option

Applicants for the online nursing program must meet all the same admission requirements as all nursing students. In addition, they must achieve a passing score on the Computer Skills Placement Test.

Admissions Assessment Examination

All nursing students are required to achieve a passing score on the HESI Admission Exam *prior* to petitioning for the program. Students may take the examination as many times as necessary to achieve a passing score. No student will be accepted into the Professional Phase of the Nursing Program without achieving this score. Dates for the exam will be posted on the nursing website at www.mccc.edu/nursing. All students are required to register for this exam through the Nursing Program office.

This is a timed exam. Students are allowed a maximum of **4 hours** to complete the exam. Once that time has been reached, the exam will shut off and the score achieved at that point will be the score recorded. **Once testing has begun it cannot be stopped for any reason.** Should a student chose to leave at any point during the exam, the score achieved at that point will be the score recorded. Students are required to complete **all** sections of the exam. Students who do not take/skip sections will be required to retake this exam. Any student who does not pass the exam will be required to reschedule on another testing date. Also, students who register for a given exam date and do not attend that scheduled test date must wait at least one month before being allowed to reschedule.

Criteria for Admission to the Professional Nursing Courses

Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all nursing, science, and mathematics courses to graduate.

Once accepted into the professional phase of the nursing program, students must obtain a physical examination from a licensed practitioner on a form provided by the college. CPR for Healthcare Professionals is required prior to starting Fundamental Concepts of Nursing (NRS110). Students will also be required to obtain professional liability insurance for a Registered Nurse student prior to starting NRS110. All students will also be required to complete a criminal background check and a urine drug screen prior to beginning NRS110

HPE 110, Concepts of Health and Fitness, or HPE 111, Living with Health, is also required all for students.

Each nursing course is designed to incorporate content from the support courses in the curriculum. As the courses progress, content becomes more complex and the student time commitment increases.

Upon completion of the program, the New Jersey Board of Nursing reserves the right to determine the eligibility for licensure of any student with a history of substance abuse or criminal offenses.

Health Profession Programs Suspension/Expulsion Policy

Policy

Student/ learners who are or have been subjected to disciplinary action for violation of the College's Policies regarding Academic Integrity which have resulted in suspension or expulsion by the Mercer County Community College Academic Integrity Committee are no longer eligible to participate in any of the Health Professions programs.

MCCC Health Professions programs: Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology, Radiography, and Physical Therapist Assistant

Status

Suspension is a non-learner status during which a student/learner will not lose previously accrued academic credits but may not continue to participate in any of the Health Professions programs. Students who have been suspended from the College will not be considered for re-admission or initial admission to any of the Health Professions programs.

Degree Curriculum

Code		Course (lecture/lab/clinical hours)	Credits
BIO	103	Anatomy and Physiology I (3/3)	4
BIO	104	Anatomy and Physiology II (3/3)	4
BIO	201	Microbiology (3/3)	4
CHE	107	General and Physiological Chemistry (3/2)	4
ENG	101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
ENG	102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
MAT	-	Mathematics elective MAT 135 (4 credits), MAT 140 (4 credits), MAT 200 (3 credits).	3-4
PSY	101	Introductory Psychology (3/0)	3
-	-	General education electives (2 courses) Select three credits from the Social Science category and three credits from: Historical Perspective; Diversity and Global Perspective; Visual & Performing Arts; Foreign Language; Interdisciplinary General Education; Humanities; Philosophy.	6
HPE	110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (HPE111 is an acceptable alternative)	2-3
NRS	110	Fundamental Concepts of Nursing (3/4/6)	6
NRS	120	Alterations in Health I (3/3/14)	3
NRS	121	Alterations in Health II (3/3/14)	3
NRS	122	Concepts in Mental Health Nursing (3/0/9)	2
NRS	220	Alterations in Health III (3/3/14)	3
NRS	221	Alterations in Health IV (3/3/14)	3
NRS	222	Maternal Family Nursing (3/0/9)	2
NRS	230	Alterations in Health V (3/3/14)	3
NRS	231	Alterations in Health VI (3/3/14)	3
NRS	240	Transition into Practice (3/0/27)	4
Total			68-70

It is strongly recommended that applicants complete all general education courses prior to starting the nursing courses.

Petition Process

There are three different course options available to students wishing to enter the Nursing program: a daytime program that starts in August of each academic year, an evening program that starts each January and an online option that begins in both August and January.

When students have completed all admission requirements and are ready to begin the professional nursing portion of their education, candidates complete a petition form and return it to the nursing program office. Petitions are submitted from September 1 - October 1 for the evening and online programs that begin each January, and from January 15 - February 15 for the day and online programs that begin in August. **Petitions will not be accepted before or after these dates.** Petitions are available one week prior to the start of a petition period outside the nursing program office (MS127). They are also available on the nursing program website at www.mccc.edu/nursing and click on the Admissions link.

Students submitting petitions electronically will receive immediate notification that the petition was sent and will also receive a confirmation email from the nursing program specialist. **If you do not receive these notifications, contact the nursing program office.**

All petitions will be reviewed for admission into the nursing program. All students who petition will receive notification by mail as to their acceptance status. The letter will contain information about the student's next steps in the admission process. If a student is not accepted, they will need to re-petition for entry into another class during the next petition period. Petitions will not be held from semester to semester and there is no wait list for the nursing program. Seats in each nursing class are limited to a maximum of 60 students and 20 students for the online class.

What happens after I am accepted?

When you are accepted to the nursing program, you will receive an acceptance letter and information as to how to proceed. You will also be receiving information on the following:

- Criminal Background Checks - Clinical facilities are mandating background checks for nursing students. Students accepted into the nursing program will be instructed how to complete their background check. In addition, a more comprehensive background check is required by the Board of Nursing at the time of licensure.
- Health Records - You will receive a Physical Examination Form for the Nursing Program that must be completed by your physician or nurse practitioner. The laboratory tests and/or immunizations must be no older than one year before beginning NRS110.
- BCLS for Healthcare Providers/Professional Rescuer - You will also need to be CPR certified and submit proof of such certification. The class must encompass adult, child and infant victims.
- Uniforms - You will be required to purchase a uniform. You will receive information regarding ordering, sizing, etc.
- Liability Insurance - All students are required to purchase liability insurance for Registered Nurse Students. Information for purchasing this insurance will be provided.
- Drug Screen – All students will be required to complete a 5 or 7 panel urine drug screen and submit a copy of the lab results prior to beginning NRS110. Any student who receives a positive drug screen will not be allowed to begin the professional phase of the nursing program.

LPN - RN Advanced Placement

The LPN-RN advanced placement option offers licensed practical nurses (LPNs) the opportunity to gain experiential credit for their LPN license and receive credit for Fundamental Concepts of Nursing (NRS 110). Applicants must possess a high school diploma (or equivalent), have graduated from an accredited LPN school, possess a valid New Jersey LPN license and complete all the prerequisite course requirements for the nursing curriculum.

Admission to the professional phase of the program requires a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a passing score on the HESI Admission Assessment Exam. Six credits are given for Fundamental Concepts of Nursing (NRS 110). The student is then able to enroll in Alterations in Health I (NRS 120), Alterations in Health II (NRS 121), or Concepts of Mental Health Nursing (NRS 123). Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all nursing, science, and mathematics courses to graduate.

The online option is also available for LPN-RN. Applicants must meet all the same admission requirements outlined above. In addition, they must achieve a passing score on the Computer Skills Placement Test.

Please note that admission to either of the LPN-RN Advanced Placement program options are on a space available basis only.

Students who complete the college's Nursing program earn the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree and eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurses (RNs).

Transfer of Credits / Degrees

Students may request that Mercer accept credits earned at other accredited colleges. Potential transfer credits are evaluated for their applicability to Mercer degree or certificate programs. The Nursing Program only reviews transcripts of those students enrolled at MCCC with their major declared for Nursing or Nursing Science. Approved transfer credits are entered on the student's transcript only after the student has been accepted in a degree or certificate program and have taken at least one class at MCCC. Foreign transcripts require translation or evaluation by an approved outside agency. **Please note: It takes approximately 4-6 weeks from time of receipt to fully complete the evaluation of your transcripts. Please be sure to request them from your previous college as soon as possible.**

International Students

Transferring Credits to MCCC

If you have completed college or university courses in another college in the United States or in your home country, the courses and credits may apply to your degree program at Mercer County Community College (MCCC). The courses must be evaluated before they can be transferred to MCCC.

Transferring Credits from Another College in the United States

If you have completed college courses at another college in the United States and want to transfer the credits, you must submit your official transcript to Mercer County Community College to:

Admissions

Mercer County Community College

1200 Old Trenton Rd.

W. Windsor, NJ 08550

Transferring Credits From Your Home Country

If you have completed university level courses in your home country and are interested in transferring credits to Mercer, you must first submit your official transcript and a certified English translation to a transcript evaluation service. Visit these websites of credential evaluation services for guidelines, procedures, policies and fees for an academic document review:

- **World Education Service**
- **American Education Research Corporation (AERC)**
- **International Consultant of Delaware, Inc.**
- **International Education Research Foundation**

Send your completed credentials evaluation to Mercer for your admission file at this address:

Mailing Address:

Coordinator of International Students

Mercer County Community College

P.O. Box B

Trenton, NJ 08690

Cooperative Nursing Programs

Demand for nursing courses is high. In keeping with the mission of Mercer County Community College, admission is currently limited to students who are residents of Mercer County.

In order to accommodate the learning needs of nursing students who reside outside of Mercer County, Mercer County Community College has developed two cooperative nursing programs with local schools.

One program is affiliated with St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing and the other with Capital Health Systems School of Nursing.

Information on each of the cooperative programs is included in this packet.

St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing

The St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing educational program has been developed from the philosophy and objectives of the School of Nursing. The program provides education and guidance for students in preparation for their delivery of comprehensive professional nursing care as graduate nurses.

St. Francis Medical Center provides a cooperative nursing program with Mercer County Community College in which the graduate will receive a Diploma in nursing from St. Francis and an Associate in Science degree from Mercer County Community College. It is a progressive, fast paced curriculum composed of 40 credits in professional nursing courses and 30 general education credits.

The School is accredited by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission.

The School offers three program options; the Generic program, the Extended program and the LPN Track.

- The **Generic Program** is two years as shown in the Program Outline.
- The **Extended Program Option** is for students who wish to begin on a part-time basis or reduce their course load while taking nursing courses. This is accomplished by completing most or all of the required general education courses before beginning the nursing course sequence. Students in this option take three or more years to complete the program. All required courses must be completed within a five-year time frame from date of admission.
- **LPN Track:** Qualified LPN's may enter into NSG 136 (LPN Transition – Nursing Through the Lifespan) and finish the nursing part of the program in ten months. Upon satisfactory completion of NSG 136, 17 credits will be granted for the LPN licensure.

Throughout the program, extensive clinical experience is closely correlated with classroom instruction. While the majority of clinical experiences are provided at St. Francis Medical Center, additional institutions and agencies are also utilized. At all times the clinical education is taught by St. Francis instructors.

When the student has successfully completed the planned program of studies, completed all planned comprehensive testing and pre-graduation requirements, and fulfilled all financial obligations, he/she is eligible for graduation. Graduates are then eligible to take the licensing examination (NCLEX-RN), to become a registered nurse.

For further information or an admissions packet, please call (609) 599-5190.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS – ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

- The **minimum** requirements for admission to the School of Nursing are:
 1. Submission of a fully completed Application for Admission for the year of entrance requested. The application deadline is April 30th.
 2. Payment of the non-refundable Application Fee.
 3. Graduation from an accredited high school or satisfactory completion of a General Education Diploma (GED).
 4. Within ten years prior to admission, completion of a high school level Chemistry course with a minimum "C" grade (a college level Basic Chemistry course with a minimum "C" grade may be substituted if Chemistry was not taken in high school); a credit-granting score on the CLEP exam is also acceptable.
 5. Achievement of a **minimum** passing score on the reading and math sections of the NET (Nursing Entrance Test). Applicants can only take the NET three (3) times within a year from the first date taken, with at least a month between testing.
 6. Submission of an official transcript from high school and two copies of official transcripts from **ALL** other educational institutions attended since high school.
 7. Submission of three professional references (i.e. teacher, employer, community service representative.) .
 8. A personal interview (by invitation only).
 9. Undergoing and successfully passing a criminal background check. In order to take part in the educational program an applicant must not have been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a violent crime, illegal sale, use or theft of controlled dangerous substances or a sexual offense. An applicant whose criminal background check discloses a conviction or unresolved arrest for a crime or misdemeanor that could jeopardize the health, safety or welfare of any patient, employee, student or visitor, may also be barred from entrance to the School.
 10. Successfully passing a drug screening.
 11. Preference is given to applicants who have successfully completed college course work, particularly Anatomy and Physiology.

Prior to actually enrolling, all accepted applicants must submit the following:

1. Required health history, physical examination and immunization records with all required immunizations and immune titers.
 2. Documentation of College Skills competency by way of the New Jersey College Skills Placement Test (see CSPT information) and/or required college course work. Students whose native language is not English, should complete the English as a Second Language (ESL) Placement Test. The test is administered by appointment in the ESL – Foreign Language Center at Mercer County Community College.
 3. Documentation of satisfactory completion of the American Heart Association Basic Cardiac Life Support course for Health Care Providers (HCP).
 4. Documentation of Professional Liability Insurance coverage.
 5. Documentation of medical insurance coverage.
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Students wishing to transfer from another accredited RN program, should contact the Student Affairs Coordinator for further details.

Science and Math courses must be completed within the last 5 years.

LPN TRACK

In addition to meeting requirements for the Generic Program:

1. Current licensure as an LPN.
2. Graduation from an accredited LPN School.
 - No testing is required for 1986 and later graduates from Mercer County Vocational Technical School.
 - Testing, LPN GAP test with passing score, is required for graduates from Mercer County Vocational Technical School prior to 1986 or graduates from an accredited LPN school other than Mercer County Vocational Technical School.
3. Completion of the following courses with a minimum grade of “C”.

Anatomy and Physiology I	4 credits
Anatomy and Physiology II	4 credits
English Composition I	3 credits
Introductory Psychology	3 credits
Developmental Psychology	3 credits
Across the Lifespan	
Pharmacology in Nursing	3 credits

Science and Math courses must be completed within the last 5 years.

ST. FRANCIS GENERIC PROGRAM OUTLINE

CODE COURSE (lect/lab/clinical hrs) CREDITS

SCIENCE & GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

BIO-103	Anatomy & Physiology I (3/3)	4
BIO-104	Anatomy & Physiology II (3/3)	4
MICRO	Lab Science Elective, 100 level or higher in microbiology field (3/3)	4
PSY-101	Introductory Psychology (3/0)	3
PSY-207	Developmental Psychology Across the Life Span (3/0)	3
ENG-101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
ENG-102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
MAT	Mathematics Elective, Algebraic or statistical math at 100 level or higher (3/0)	3
PHI	Elective (Ethics or Moral Choices (3/0)	3

NURSING COURSES

Fall

NSG-131	Concepts of Nursing I (4/120)	6
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Spring

NSG-135	Concepts of Nursing II (4/180)	7
NSG-134	Physical Assessment (0/2)	1

Summer

NSG-133	Concepts of Nursing III (2/60)	3
NUR-151	Pharmacology in Nursing	3

Fall

NSG-234	Concepts of Nursing IV (6/180)	9
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Spring

NSG-232	Concepts of Nursing V (6/180)	9
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Summer

NSG-233	Pathways to Practice (1/60)	2
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TOTAL

70

* HPE 110 or 111 is required for students who do not demonstrate competence through credit by examination by the completion of Concepts of Nursing IV.

LPN - RN TRACK
RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE
 Prerequisite Courses

<u>CODE</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
BIO 103	Anatomy & Physiology I (3/3)	4
BIO 104	Anatomy & Physiology II (3/3)	4
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
PSY 101	Introductory Psychology	3
PSY 207	Developmental Psychology Across The Lifespan (3/0)	3
NUR 151	Pharmacology in Nursing	3

Recommended (complete two additional required general education courses prior to starting nursing courses)

ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
MAT	Mathematics Elective, Algebraic or statistical math at 100 level or higher (3/0)	3

First Semester – Fall

NSG 136	LPN Transition: Nursing Through (6/180) The Lifespan <i>(17 Credits granted for LPN licensure after satisfactory completion of NSG 136)</i>	9
MICRO	Lab Science Elective, 100 level or higher in microbiology field (3/3)	4

Second Semester – Spring

NSG 232	Concepts of Nursing V (6/180)	9
PHI	Elective (Ethics or Moral Choices (3/0)	3

Second Semester – Summer

NSG 233	Pathways to Practice (1/60)	2
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TOTAL CREDITS

70

* HPE 110 or 111 is required for students who do not demonstrate competence through credit by examination by the completion of NSG 136.

Capital Health Systems School of Nursing Cooperative Program

Mercer County Community College, in collaboration with diploma schools of nursing at Capital Health System, awards the Associate in Science degree to students who successfully complete the corresponding program of study. Students also receive a diploma from the school of nursing and are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination to earn licensure as a registered nurse. Both diploma schools are accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. The cooperative program combines mathematics, science, and general education courses at the college with nursing courses conducted at the medical center. The nursing courses integrate classroom activities with clinical experiences in the home hospital and at other agencies in the area. The cooperative program with Capital Health System spans two years, excluding summers.

Candidates for the Capital Health's cooperative program must meet the admissions requirements of the college and additional requirements specific to the program.

Admission Criteria:

- Submit a completed application form with non-refundable application fee (\$25.00).
- Official U.S. High School transcript(s) documenting a "C" or better or a "Satisfactory" achievement in the following courses:
 1. Chemistry
 2. Biology or another science
 3. Two years of mathematics (algebra I and II or algebra I and geometry)
- High school rank in the upper third of the class is preferable.
- An official GED transcript - Submit in place of high school transcript.
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) - SAT scores are required for all applicants presently in high school. A combined verbal and math score of at least 900 is recommended. SAT scores may be waived for post high school applicants.
- Foreign educated applicants may request information regarding the procedure for documenting equivalency of studies. Transcripts must include the above listed requirements.
- The TOEFL test is required for all students for whom English is a second language. A score of 500 or above is needed to pass.
- Official transcript(s) - Two official copies from all post-secondary schools attended.
- The Accuplacer Placement Test at Mercer County Community College - Applicants with 24 or more transferable college credits, including Math and English, may have the test waived. Complete all remedial courses satisfactorily to college level Math and English before applying to the program.
- Pre-Admission Testing - The Nurse Entrance Test (NET) is a computerized test given at Capital Health System School of Nursing. The Registrar at Capital Health System School of Nursing will notify the applicant to schedule this test after all other admission requirements are met. Please refer to the School for recommended scores and procedures for testing day.
- References - Three references must be submitted on the form supplied by the School. These may be from employers, officials in voluntary organization, counselors, teachers, etc. If the student has previously attended a nursing program, a letter of reference from the Dean/Director is required.
- A minimum grade of "C" must be achieved in all college courses to be acceptable for transfer credit.
- College science and math courses must be completed within the last 5 years in order to be accepted for transfer credit.
- Personal interview (by invitation only).

Further details regarding admission standards, grading and retention policies, and graduation requirements are available by calling Capital Health System School of Nursing 609-394-4050. The cooperative program also maintains a list of baccalaureate nursing programs for students who contemplate transfer.

Successful graduates of the cooperative nursing program will be able to:

- pass the National Council Licensure Examination -- Registered Nurse;
- provide holistic nursing care, integrating concepts of nursing, humanities, and biological, physical, social and psychological sciences;
- function as a beginning practitioner of professional nursing in primary, secondary, and tertiary settings;
- synthesize professional, legal, and ethical responsibility and accountability within nursing practice;
- use the nursing process in guiding and teaching individuals for the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health;
- demonstrate oral and written communication strategies within professional practice;
- exhibit responsible, collaborative behavior that is self-directed, utilizes critical thinking skills, and encompasses personal and professional growth.

Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all nursing, science, and general education courses to graduate.

DEGREE CURRICULUM CAPITAL HEALTH SYSTEM SCHOOL OF NURSING

Code	Course (lecture/lab/clinical hours)	Credits
<i>First Semester</i>		
BIO 103	Anatomy & Physiology I (3/3)*	4
NSG 140	Nursing I (2/3)	3
NSG 141	Nursing II (3/3/45 hours)	5
HPE 101	Basic Concepts of Nutrition (3/0)*	3
PSY 101	Introductory Psychology (3/0)*	3
<i>Second Semester</i>		
BIO 104	Anatomy & Physiology II (3/3)*	4
PSY 207	Developmental Psychology: Across the Life Span (3/0)*	3
NSG 142	Nursing III (4/0/180 hours)	8
MAT 135	Intermediate Algebra with Applications (3/0)*	4
<i>Third Semester</i>		
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)*	3
NSG 241	Nursing IV (4/0/180 hours)	8
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Physical Fitness (2/0)*	2
BIO 201	Microbiology (3/3) *	4
<i>Fourth Semester</i>		
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)*	3
NSG 242	Nursing V (4/0/225 hours)	9
-	- General Education elective (3/0)*	3
	Select from the following general education categories:	
	Historical Perspective;	
	Humanities;	
	Diversity and Global Perspective;	
	Aesthetic Perspective;	
	Foreign Language;	
	Integrated General Education courses.	
Total		70

* *This course is a pre/corequisite of the nursing course(s) schedule for the specific semester.*

** *HPE110 is to be completed by the end of the fall semester, 2nd year. HPE111 is an acceptable alternative.*

It is strongly recommended that applicants complete all general education courses prior to starting the nursing courses.

**Mercer County Community College
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