

## MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### ONLINE NURSING PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE GENERAL INFORMATION

**Petitions will be accepted during the following time frames:**

September 1 – October 1, 2009

Petitions **will not** be accepted before or after the above dates for the appropriate semester.

#### **Criteria for Acceptance into the Professional Phase**

In order to be considered for admission to the professional phase of the program, **you must have completed all basic skills and ESL courses** and be eligible to enroll in college-level English and mathematics. Students must be matriculated as a Nursing Science major 22790. The following general principles are applied to ensure fairness and objectivity in the acceptance process if the number of candidates exceeds the number of available seats:

**Students will be accepted in the order of their first matriculation into “nursing science,” with acceptance going first to those who are most prepared and have been waiting longest.** Students who have completed all mathematics and science courses required in the program will be accepted before students who do not have these completed. Each of the following science and one of the following mathematics courses are used in the selection process & must have been taken within the last 5 years: MAT 135, MAT 141, MAT 140 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 GPA above 2.5. All required coursework for the nursing program (e.g., BIO103, ENG101, etc.) must have been completed in three or fewer attempts. Students must have completed both pre-nursing courses, NRS101 and NRS102, with a grade of “C” or higher, completed and passed both the HESI Admission Assessment & Computer Skills Placement Exams. The RN Nursing Program at Mercer County Community College is currently open only to Mercer County residents and those students matriculated into the Nursing Science major (22790) prior to May 15, 2003. Overall GPA rank will be the final determinant if the number of students meeting all criteria exceeds the number of available seats. Students for this program option must also have a computer with broadband internet access.

#### **Transfer Credits**

In general, you can expect to receive credit for any college courses in which you earned a grade of “C” or higher if it is comparable to a course required in the program. Science and math courses are not accepted if the credits are more than five years old. It is your responsibility to ensure that Mercer receives transcript evidence of work from other colleges and that the corresponding Mercer course is entered on your transcript. Normally, transfer credits will be entered on your transcript after your first semester is underway. You may be asked to provide copies of course descriptions or other information to assist with transfer credit evaluations. Students must submit requests for transfer credit in a timely manner to allow time for evaluation and processing.

#### **Program-Specific Information**

All candidates must fulfill a health requirement consisting of a comprehensive physical examination that includes specific vaccinations and laboratory tests. For details beyond what is covered here consult the current MCCC catalog or the nursing program webpage. Candidates are reminded that the State Board of Nursing applies its own criteria to determine eligibility to practice. For example, the New Jersey Board reserves the right to deny a license to a candidate who was previously convicted of a felony. Finally, all students must comply with the rules, regulations, and access privileges determined by the clinical agencies to which they are assigned during their program. This includes a criminal background check.

- ❖ Licensed practical nurses who meet both the admission and program requirements are eligible to apply for the LPN-to-RN option.. Consult the college catalog for details.

- ❖ Nursing courses may be attempted only twice. Students who wish to repeat a course must meet the same admissions requirements as all other students (grades of “C” or higher in science and math courses; GPA above 2.5). **Readmission is on a space-available basis after all newly qualified and continuing students are registered.** Applicants for readmission must meet the same deadlines noted above for new applicants. Some students may find it necessary or helpful to repeat other courses or enroll in general education courses to improve their academic standing and eligibility for readmission to the nursing program.
- ❖ If you find it necessary to suspend participation for one or more semesters and intend to return to the program in the future, you should inform the director of the nursing program in writing at the time of your departure. You are also expected to submit a letter indicating your interest in returning according to the established petition deadlines for this program.

### **Notification of Students**

All petitioning students will be notified of their acceptance or rejection by mail. Processing of petitions takes 4 - 6 weeks. Please allow sufficient time for processing.

This information is also available at MCCC’s nursing website: [www.mccc.edu/nursing](http://www.mccc.edu/nursing). For clarification or additional details, contact Linda Martin, Director, x3384 ([martinl@mccc.edu](mailto:martinl@mccc.edu)) or the Nursing Office (MS127) x3391.

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 PETITION TO COMMENCE ONLINE NURSING PROGRAM

**Instructions:** Carefully read the information page before completing this petition. Complete this form indicating the core math and science courses you will have completed by the desired starting date. Deposit the completed form in the lockbox outside of MS127 by the appropriate deadline. If you are not accepted for the entering class you indicate, it will be necessary for you to submit a new petition. Please answer completely.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MCCC ID# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

1. Indicate desired entry date (insert year and circle):

January 20\_\_\_\_\_

Submit between September 1 and October 1, 2009

2. Date of MCCC admission or matriculation \_\_\_\_\_ Number of times previously petitioned \_\_\_\_\_

3. Current MCCC cumulative grade point average (must be at least 2.5) \_\_\_\_\_

4. List your core math, science and pre-nursing courses (only show courses completed or in progress):

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>SEMESTER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRADE*</u>	<u>COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY</u>
MAT 141 or College Algebra or higher MAT 135 or MAT 140 or MAT 200	_____	_____	_____	_____
BIO103     Anatomy & Physiology I	_____	_____	_____	_____
BIO104     Anatomy & Physiology II	_____	_____	_____	_____
CHE107     General & Physiol. Chem.	_____	_____	_____	_____
BIO201     Microbiology	_____	_____	_____	_____
NRS101     Intro to Prof Nursing	_____	_____	_____	_____
NRS102     Health Assmt. Lifespan	_____	_____	_____	_____
HESI Exam Overall Score**	_____			
Computer Skills Placement Score**	_____			

\*If you are currently enrolled, leave grade blank or write "IP" for in progress. Be sure your MCCC transcript includes transfer courses.

\*\*Attach copies of your score report.

5. Indicate any previous nursing courses and grades at MCCC or elsewhere:

<u>Course and Course Name</u>	<u>College/School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Grade</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____

6. Are you an LPN who intends to apply for for advanced placement? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

7. HESI Admission Assessment Exam completed? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Computer Skills Placement Exam completed? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Previous Healthcare experience? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you have a computer with broadband internet access? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

11. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_