

*Mercer County Community College*  
*Division of Math, Science and Health Professions*  
*Nursing Program*

SECOND-CHANCE NURSING PROGRAM OPTION

Purpose: To enable students who have been dismissed from the nursing program to have a one-time opportunity to be successful in their quest to become a Registered Nurse by restarting the nursing program from the beginning.

Benefits: Provide an opportunity for students to achieve their life goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.

Procedure: To qualify for the second-chance nursing program, a student must:

1. Sit out of the nursing program for at least one year.
2. Apply for admission to the second-chance program.
  - a. Must meet all the same admission criteria as all other applicants to the program.
  - b. Must have a letter of recommendation from a nursing instructor who has taught them during their first attempt at the program.
  - c. Must have a letter from their nursing program advisor.
  - d. Must submit a written plan outlining how they plan to address the issues that interfered with their success during their first attempt at the program.
  - e. Must pass a written exam and competency testing that covers the content presented in NRS101 and NRS102.
3. Students accepted into the second-chance program are required to meet all the same health record, insurance and background check requirements as all other students.
4. Student applications will be reviewed by the Nursing Director and/or Division Dean to ensure that no previous college or program disciplinary or patient safety issues exist. Documentation of such occurrences will make the candidate ineligible for the second-chance nursing program.
5. All applications will be presented to the program faculty for final approval.

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