

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

Admission to the Professional Phase
of the Nursing Education Program

Purpose: To provide students with a clear outline of the requirements for admission to the Nursing Education program. All students may enroll in general education coursework. Only students who have been accepted to the professional phase of the Nursing Education program may enroll in nursing coursework.

Procedure:

1. The following are the requirements that must be met in order for students to be eligible to apply to the Professional Phase of the Nursing Education program:
 - a. Students must have Health Science-Nursing declared as their major.
 - b. Students must attend a Nursing Information Session given by the Nursing Education Department.
 - c. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. If the student has any MCCC GPA, that will be used for the admission consideration. If the student does not have any completed coursework at MCCC, the cumulative GPA from the last institution attended from which MCCC accepted transfer credit will be used.
 - d. Students must complete a HESI Admission Exam (math and English portions only). The students must score a minimum of 80% on the math portion and a minimum of 80% on the English portion. The HESI Admission exam must have been completed within two years of application. The HESI score report must be submitted with the application to begin the professional phase. Reports from two test attempts are allowed.
 - e. Students must have completed all academic foundations courses and English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.
 - f. Students must have completed the Semester 1 or pre-requisite coursework
 - i. English Composition – ENG101
 - ii. Elementary Statistics – MAT125
 - iii. General and Physiological Chemistry – CHE107
 - iv. Anatomy and Physiology I – BIO103
 - g. Students enrolled in the Semester 1 (pre-requisite coursework) during the application period are eligible for consideration.
 - h. Students must achieve a grade of C+ or higher in all biology courses taken after Spring 2015.
 - i. All math and science classes must have been completed within the past ten years.
2. Students are permitted to transfer coursework from other institutions to fulfill the general education requirements. The student is responsible to ensure official copies of their transcripts are sent to the MCCC Student Records office and credits are evaluated. Unofficial transcripts evaluations are not accepted.
3. The application form and submission instructions are posted on the Nursing Education program website (www.mccc.edu/nursing). Failure to follow the instructions as directed may result in a rejected application.

4. There are two application periods per academic year.
 - a. Applicants who wish to begin the professional phase coursework in the fall on the day schedule should submit their application March 15 through April 15th.
 - b. Applicants who wish to begin the professional phase coursework in the spring on the evening/weekend schedule should submit their application September 1st through October 1st.
 - c. Applications are not accepted outside the application period.
5. MCCC's Nursing Education Program uses a rubric for admission consideration to the Nursing Education Program to ensure fairness and objectivity in the acceptance process. Point values will be assigned to petitioning students based on: Cumulative GPA (transfer or MCCC) of 2.5 or higher, HESI Admission exam score (English language composite and math only) and date of matriculation. Interviews are not conducted and letters of recommendation are not accepted.
6. The application process is unique for each year and does not "carry over" to another year. Students who are not accepted into the program and wish to apply in the future need to submit a new application.
7. Once an applicant is selected for admission to the professional phase of the Nursing Education Program, there will be additional health and other requirements that must be completed prior to beginning the Nursing Education Program.
8. Students will be required to attend two mandatory meetings after being accepted into the Nursing Education Program. The meeting dates and locations will be announced after acceptance is confirmed. Failure to attend the meeting may result in removal from the professional phase of the Nursing Education program.
9. All students applying for the professional phase of the Nursing Education program will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance, in writing, 4 to 6 weeks following the end of the petition period. A letter will be mailed to the home address submitted on the application.

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Approved by:

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