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## Math, Science and Health Professions

Nursing Program  
Admission Information Packet



*Mercer County Community College*  
*Division of Math, Science & Health Professions*

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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 submit a petition request that is reviewed for courses completed, GPA and Admission Exam information.

The Nursing Program at Mercer offers day and evening/weekend options for study. Each August, a new class is admitted to the day program. Nursing lectures 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. Nursing lectures are scheduled during evening hours. For both program options, lab and clinical experiences are scheduled according to facility availability and are subject to change. Clinical experiences and college labs may be scheduled during any week or weekend day or evening for the day, evening program. For students who live outside of Mercer County, we offer a cooperative nursing program with St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing.

Mercer County Community College's Nursing Program professors have experience 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). In addition, the nursing program has several articulations with BSN completion programs.

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 Horner, at (609) 570-3391.

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

Sincerely,

*Donna M. Penn*

Donna M. Penn, RN, MSN, CNE  
Director, Nursing Education

# **Nursing Program Accreditation**

The college's nursing program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newark, NJ 07102, (973) 504-6430 and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (formerly NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850, 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 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (formerly NLNAC). Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). 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:

1. Function within the provisions of the Nurse Practice Act while maintaining the Code of Ethics and accepting responsibility for self-growth and life-long learning.
2. Assess the patient's health status in a comprehensive and holistic manner.
3. Provide individual patient care in a safe physical and psychological environment.
4. Analyze, synthesize and evaluate patient-related data to develop and implement individualized patient care and teaching plans.
5. Evaluate the achievement of patient outcomes.
6. Incorporate within nursing practice advocacy for patient's rights taking into consideration cultural diversity, socioeconomic and political forces.
7. Collaborate with others to respond to the needs of individuals, families, and groups across the health-illness continuum.
8. Use effective verbal and written communication skills, incorporating lifespan considerations.

**The RN Nursing Program at Mercer County Community College is currently open only to Mercer County residents who are in the prenursing major (Health Science-Nursing). Students must be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident.**

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.

MCCC's Nursing Education Program uses a rubric for admissions, assigning point values based on (see sample rubric in the Appendix):

- Date of Matriculation (when you declared pre nursing as your major)
- Cumulative Mercer GPA
- Number of Pre requisite courses in progress or not completed (with the exception of NRS102)
- HESI Admission Assessment Exam

All of the following pre requisite math and sciences courses must have been taken within the last **10 years** at the time of petition:

- MAT135 or MAT140 or MAT200
- BIO103 – Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO104 – Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIO201 – Microbiology
- CHE107 – General & Physiological Chemistry

Applicants must also meet the following requirements:

- All pre requisite coursework required for the nursing program must be completed in three (3) or fewer attempts.
- All pre requisite coursework required for the nursing program requires a grade of "C" or better to be considered for admission.
- All students must have a Mercer cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. ***GPA's are not rounded.***

- All students must complete the pre nursing courses, Entry Into Professional Nursing (1 credit) (NRS 101) and Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (2 credits) (NRS 102) prior to admission. NRS102 should be in progress at the time a student petitions.
- All students must achieve an 80% or higher on the HESI Admission Assessment exam in three (3) or fewer attempts. ***HESI scores are not rounded.***
- All students petitioning for the nursing program must attend a 1-hour information session prior to petitioning for the nursing program. Information regarding these information sessions can be found on the nursing website, under the “Admissions Information” link.

Enrollment in nursing courses is limited, with priority given to applicants who have satisfactorily completed the general education and science prerequisite courses.

### **Admissions Assessment Examination**

All nursing program applicants are required to achieve a passing score (80% or higher) on the HESI Admission Exam ***prior*** to petitioning for the program. This score will not be rounded. Students are limited to three (3) attempts to pass the exam in order to qualify to petition for the nursing program. No student will be accepted into the Professional Phase of the Nursing Program without achieving this score. Dates for the exam and registration instructions are posted on the nursing website ([www.mccc.edu/nursing](http://www.mccc.edu/nursing)). All students are required to register for this exam through the Nursing Program office. Students not achieving the passing score will be required to complete exam remediation activities and wait thirty (30) days before registering for their next test date. Please see the full HESI Admission Exam policy in the appendix

### **Registration for NRS101 and NRS102**

Registration for NRS101 and NRS102 is done in person in the Nursing Program office (MS127) during the college registration periods. These courses can be taken in any order, together or separately. Students must have completed ENG101 and MAT037 or MAT042 or higher to take NRS101. Students must have completed BIO103 and BIO104 to take NRS102. It is strongly **encouraged** that NRS102 be taken the ***semester before*** petitioning for the professional phase of the program. NRS101 and NRS102 are pre-requisites for NRS110.

***Please be aware of registration dates for these courses. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so students should plan accordingly.***

### **Acceptance to the Professional Phase Nursing Program**

Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all required 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 nursing program.
- provide proof of current CPR certification for Healthcare Providers or Professional Rescuer.
- obtain professional liability insurance for a Registered Nurse student.
- complete a criminal background check with the company utilized by the nursing program.
- obtain a urine drug screen.
- provide proof of current flu shot vaccination. Students must provide proof of vaccination and update with the new season vaccination by October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Flu shots are available from September through April each year. No flu vaccine is available during the summer.
- provide proof of current health insurance.

Once accepted into the Nursing Program, students are expected to successfully complete all professional phase nursing courses within six (6) semester of starting NRS110 for the first time. Failure to successfully complete all required professional phase nursing courses within the six (6) semesters will result in dismissal from the nursing program.

All pre nursing students are assigned a nursing faculty advisor and are encouraged to schedule advisement appointments each semester.

*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.*

Please refer to the information regarding nurse licensure by examination found at [http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nursing/nurse\\_app.pdf](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nursing/nurse_app.pdf).

## **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

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.

# Nursing Program Curriculum

## Pre Nursing Phase

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 <b>Social Science</b> category and three credits from: <b>Historical Perspective; Diversity and Global Perspective; Visual &amp; Performing Arts; Foreign Language; Interdisciplinary General Education; Humanities; Philosophy.</b>	6
HPE	110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (HPE111 is an acceptable alternative)	2-3
<b>Professional Phase</b>			
NRS	110	Fundamental Concepts of Nursing (3/4/6)	6
NRS	120	Alterations in Health I (3/3/14)	3
RS	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
<b>Total</b>			68-70

# Petition Process

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

When students have met 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 hybrid online programs that begin each January
- from January 15 - February 15 for the day and hybrid 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](http://www.mccc.edu/nursing) and click on the Admissions link.

Students submitting petitions electronically will receive immediate notification that the petition was received 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 received during the petition period will be reviewed for admission into the nursing program. All students who petition will receive notification by mail, within 4-6 weeks of the end of the petition period, 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 be informed in writing of the reason for non-acceptance. 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.

# 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 criminal 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. Failure to pass the background check may prevent a student from meeting the course/program student learning outcomes.
- Health Records - You will receive a Physical Examination Form for the Nursing Program that must be completed by your healthcare provider. The laboratory tests and immunizations must be within one year of beginning NRS110. Proof of current flu vaccination will also be required and will need to be updated annually by October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Flu vaccines are available from September through April each year.
- Health Insurance – All students are required to provide proof of current health insurance.
- CPR Certification - You will also need to be CPR certified and submit proof of such certification. The class must encompass adult, child and infant victims, as well as AED training. ***CPR certification as a Healthcare Provider or Professional Rescuer are the only certifications accepted.***
- Liability Insurance - All students are required to purchase liability insurance for **Registered Nurse Student**. 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 be evaluated to determine their eligibility to begin the professional phase of the nursing program.

***Students will be required to submit proof of the above requirements by the date specified in their acceptance letter. Any student not meeting this deadline will forfeit their seat for the semester.***

All students will be required to purchase a uniform for clinical experiences. You will receive information regarding ordering once accepted into 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. LPN licensure waives the prerequisite requirement to take NRS101 and NRS102 and gives the licensed LPN 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.
- 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. GPA's are not rounded.
- a passing score (80% or higher) on the HESI Admission Assessment Exam. Scores are not rounded.

Six academic credits are given for Fundamental Concepts of Nursing (NRS 110). The student is then able to apply for acceptance into the second semester nursing courses, Alterations in Health I (NRS 120), Alterations in Health II (NRS 121), and Concepts of Mental Health Nursing (NRS 122). Students must earn a minimum grade of "C" in all courses to graduate.

***Please note that admission to either of the LPN-RN Advanced Placement program options are on a space available basis only. Students are ranked utilizing the admission rubric outlined on page 5.***

For students to apply for this option they must submit a letter, requesting admission to the second semester of nursing as an LPN. This letter must be submitted by the petition deadlines outlined on page 9. The daytime program option for these students begins in spring and the evening option begins in fall.

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

# Transfer of Credits / Degrees

Students may request that Mercer County Community College (MCCC) accept credits earned at other accredited colleges. Potential transfer credits are evaluated for their applicability to MCCC degree or certificate programs. The Nursing Program only reviews transcripts of those students enrolled at MCCC with their major declared for Nursing or Pre Nursing. 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 in the Nursing office to fully complete the evaluation of your transcripts. Please be sure to request official transcripts from your previous college as soon as possible. Transcripts are not evaluated by appointment.**

## 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 17202

Trenton, NJ 08690

# **Cooperative Nursing Program**

In order to accommodate the learning needs of nursing students who reside outside of Mercer County, Mercer County Community College has developed a cooperative nursing program with a local school, St. Francis School of Nursing. The following information has been provided by the school.

# St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing

The St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing educational program has been developed from the philosophy and student learning outcomes 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 Liberal Arts & 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 offers three program options: Extended, Generic and the LPN to RN track.

- The **Extended Program Option** is typically three years and ideal for students who seek admission to the program directly from high school. This is accomplished by completing all of the required general education courses in the year prior to beginning the nursing course sequence. All required courses must be completed within a five-year time frame from date of admission.
- The **Generic Program** is a two year, full-time, day program. This program is ideal for students with post-secondary education in progress or completed.
- **LPN to RN Program Track:** Program is a 10-month, full-time, day program for qualified LPN's who wish to 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 **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING EXAMINATION (NCLEX-RN)**, to become a registered nurse.

The following pages list the courses and pre- and co-requisites for each program option.

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

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS – ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

*All requirements must be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered for admission.*

- I. The minimum requirements for initial acceptance to the School of Nursing for **ALL** applicants are:
- A. **High School Diploma:** Graduation from an accredited high school or satisfactory completion of a General Equivalency Diploma (GED).
  - B. **Chemistry:** Completion of a high school level Chemistry course with a minimum “C” grade within 10 years of admission to the program. (A college level Basic Chemistry course or a course through [www.nursingabc.com](http://www.nursingabc.com) with a minimum “C” grade may be substituted; a credit-granting score on the CLEP exam is also acceptable)
  - C. **Entrance Test:** Achievement of the national mean on the reading and math sections of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).
  - D. **New Jersey College Skills Placement Test:** Satisfactory performance on the New Jersey College Skills Placement Test (CSPT) or completion of any required academic foundation courses.
  - E. **Transcripts:** Submission of two (2) official transcripts from high school and three (3) official transcripts for all other educational institutions attended since high school.
  - F. **References:** Submission of three professional references (i.e., teacher, employer, community service representative).
  - G. **Cumulative GPA:** A minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
  - H. A personal interview (by invitation only) initiated by the Admissions Committee.

*Preference is given to those applicants who have successfully completed college coursework, particularly Anatomy & Physiology. Science and math courses must have been completed within 10 years of beginning the first nursing course.*

- II. Applicants educated outside the USA for high school and/or college  
Additional requirements include:
- A. The TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is required for any student educated outside the USA for high school and/or college. The School of Nursing TOEFL Destination Code (or DI Code) is 2859.
  - B. Achievement of a score of 83 or better on the TOEFL iBT (Internet version of Test of English as a Foreign Language).

To register for the TOEFL iBT go online to <http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about>

- III. Applicants to the LPN to RN Track  
Additional requirements include:

- A. Current licensure as an LPN.
- B. LPN STEP Assessment [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)
  - 1. A passing score is required.
  - 2. No testing is required for Mercer County Vocational Technical School 1986 or later graduates.
- C. Completion of the following courses with a minimum grade of “C”:
  - 1. Anatomy and Physiology I – 4 credits\*
  - 2. Anatomy and Physiology II – 4 credits\*
  - 3. English Composition I – 3 credits
  - 4. Introductory Psychology – 3 credits
  - 5. Developmental Psychology Across the Life Span – 3 credits
  - 6. Pharmacology in Nursing – 3 credits
- D. One year clinical experience (acute care, sub-acute, long-term care or rehab areas)

#### IV. Final Acceptance

- A. Successfully passing a drug screening.
- B. Undergoing and successfully passing a criminal background check, prior to enrolling. 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.

#### V. Prior to enrolling, all accepted applicants must submit the following:

- A. Required health history, physical examination and immunization records with all required immunizations and immune titers.
- B. Documentation of satisfactory completion of the American Heart Association Basic Cardiac Life Support course for Health Care Providers (HCP).
- C. Documentation of Professional Liability Insurance coverage.
- D. Documentation of medical insurance coverage.

\* Science and math courses must have been completed within 10 years of beginning the first nursing course.

Students wishing to transfer from another accredited RN program should contact the Student Affairs Coordinator for further details.

## ST. FRANCIS GENERIC PROGRAM OUTLINE

*Completion of all science and general education courses outlined below are required during enrollment. Completion of some course, such as Anatomy & Physiology courses, are encouraged prior to the submission of an admissions application.*

CODE	COURSE (lect/lab/clinical hrs)	CREDITS
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### 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.

\* Science and math courses must be completed within 10 years of beginning the first nursing course.

**LPN - RN TRACK**  
**RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE**  
 Prerequisite Courses

*Completion of all required science and general education courses outlined below must be submitted as a component of LPN-RN admissions application. Remaining courses must also be completed prior to admission or as outlined during enrollment.*

<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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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>70</b>
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HPE 110 or 111 is required for students who do not demonstrate competence through credit by examination by the completion of NSG 136.

\*Science and math courses, if taken prior to admission, must be completed within 10 years of beginning the first nursing course.

# APPENDIX

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

**HESI ADMISSION EXAM POLICY**

**Purpose:** All students applying to the Mercer County Community College Nursing Program are required to take and achieve a passing score on the HESI Admission Assessment exam prior to petitioning to the program.

**Procedure:**

1. Students must register for the exam by reviewing the available test dates and following the registration instructions located on the HESI Information link of the nursing website at [www.mccc.edu/nursing](http://www.mccc.edu/nursing).
2. Students are required to arrive promptly for the exam. Students are required to call or email, prior to the test start time, if they are unable to attend a test they were registered for. A late arrival constitutes a “no show” for the exam. Any student who registers for a given exam date and does not attend that scheduled test date must wait at least 30 days before being allowed to reschedule. Two or more successive “no shows” for an exam will require students to wait until the next semester to register for another exam date.
3. This is a timed exam. Students are allowed a maximum of 4 hours to complete the exam. If you have a 504 form and receive special accommodations for testing, this information must be provided at the time of registration and the form must be provided to the Testing Center at the time of testing. Once testing has begun, it cannot be stopped for any reason. Should a student choose to leave at any point during the exam, the score achieved at that point will be the score recorded. Any student who does not pass the exam will be required to reschedule another testing date.
4. Students are required to complete **all** sections of the exam in order for their final grade to be accepted. Students who do not complete and/or skip sections will be required to retake the exam.
5. A study guide is available for purchase at the college bookstore. Purchase of this study guide is optional. "Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Examination Review", 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (ISBN 978-1-4160-5635-5)
6. Students are required to achieve a cumulative passing score of 80% or better in order to petition for the nursing program. **Scores will not be rounded.**
7. Students who do not achieve the passing score will be required to complete the remediation available by following the instructions for “Accessing Your Remediation” located on the HESI Information link of the nursing website. This will need to be verified before a student can register for another test date. Students are required to wait 30 days, after an unsuccessful attempt, to register for another test date.

8. Students will be required to achieve the passing cumulative score by their third (3<sup>rd</sup>) attempt or will not qualify for admission to the nursing program.

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