

NOTICE TO ALL HEALTH SCIENCE - NURSING MAJORS
Notice of Curriculum Revision Approval
March 9, 2015

As announced on January 26, 2015, the Nursing Education Program at Mercer County Community College had submitted a curriculum revision to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (NJSBON) for approval. As of March 6, 2015, the New Jersey State Board of Nursing approved the curriculum revision. The start date for the revised nursing curriculum **will be the Fall 2015 semester** (daytime program) and will begin with the first professional phase courses. The new courses will be phased in for new students in the professional phase, but changes to the Nursing Program grading policy will impact both new and continuing Nursing students.

New Students:

As previously announced, the petition period for the Fall 2015 daytime Nursing Program has been changed to March 15th through April 15th, 2015. Petitions will be available outside of the Nursing Program Office by March 13, 2015 (MS 127) and on the Nursing Program website under the Admissions Information link.

The following admission requirements will change with the implementation of the new curriculum:

- Students will be required to achieve a C+ or higher in BIO 103 (A&P I), BIO 104 (A&P II) and BIO 201 (Microbiology). The C+ requirement for BIO 103, BIO 104 and BIO 201 will go into effect with students who take these classes starting in Summer 2015; for students who have already completed the courses (in or prior to Spring 2015), the passing grade of C is sufficient.
- HPE110 or HPE111 are no longer a Nursing Program requirement.
- NRS101 and NRS102 are no longer a Nursing Program requirement.
- Students will qualify to petition for the nursing program having only completed, or be in progress with at time of petition, the semester 1 courses (ENG101, CHE107, BIO103, MAT elective).
- GPA (transfer or MCCC) of 2.5 or higher in semester 1 courses (ENG101, CHE107, BIO103, MAT elective) for students petitioning for Spring 2016 and beyond. ***Students petitioning for the Fall 2015 class will use their MCCC cumulative GPA.***
- Score of 80% or higher on the English Language composite portion and 80% or higher on the math portion of the HESI Admission Assessment Exam, in three or fewer attempts.
- For students who are petitioning for Fall 2015 ***only***, and who took the HESI exam ***prior to March 10, 2015***, we will accept either a cumulative HESI score of 80% or higher OR 80% or higher on the English Language Composite and 80% or higher on the math portion. As of March 10, 2015, all students will be required to obtain 80% or higher on the English Language composite portion and 80% or higher on the math portion of the HESI Admission Assessment Exam.

Beginning in Fall 2015, the passing grade for all nursing courses will be C+ (77).

Continuing Students:

Successful continuing students will complete the Nursing curriculum as it appears in the MCCC Catalog for the year when you started the professional phase of the Nursing Program.

Beginning in Fall 2015, the Nursing Program has revised the program grading policy. The passing grade for all nursing courses will be “C+” (77) for both new and continuing students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your nursing advisor or contact the Nursing Program office at (609) 570-3391 or nursing@mccc.edu.

Degree Curriculum

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
Semester 1	(Pre Professional) [these are the only courses now counted for admission]	
BIO103	Anatomy & Physiology I (3/3)	4
CHE 107	General & Physiological Chemistry (2/1/2)	4
MAT125	Elementary Statistics I (3/0) ¹	3
ENG101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
	(Students would petition either while in progress with the above courses or upon completion)	
Semester 2	Professional Phase	
BIO104	Anatomy & Physiology II (3/3)	4
ENG102	English Composition II (3/0) ²	3
NRS 111	Clinical Reasoning in Nursing Practice (1/0)	1
NRS112	Concepts of Nursing Practice I (3/3/)	6
	(NRS111 & NRS112 are co-requisites)	
Semester 3		
BIO 201	Microbiology (3/3)	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology (3/0)	3
NRS 125	Concepts of Nursing Practice II (3/3/12)	8
	(NRS125 pre-requisites: BIO104, NRS111, NRS112)	
Semester 4		
PSY207	Developmental Psychology: Across the Lifespan (3/0) ³	3
NRS 225	Concepts of Nursing Practice III (3/3/12)	8
	(NRS225 pre-requisites: BIO201, NRS125)	
Semester 5		
NRS235	Concepts of Nursing Practice IV (3/3/12)	8
	(NRS235 pre-requisites: NRS225)	
	General education elective ⁴	
	Total Credits	65-66

NOTE:

- ¹ MAT 135, 140 (4 credits) or MAT 200 (3 credits) are acceptable alternatives.
- ² ENG112 is an acceptable alternative.
- ³ SOC 101 is an acceptable alternative (general education elective)
- ⁴ PHI 102 or PHI 205 are recommended