

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NURSING PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE GENERAL INFORMATION

Petitions will be accepted during the following time frames:

Spring (evening program) - September 1 - October 1

Fall (day program) - January 15 - February 15

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:

Beginning with the fall 2011 petition period, MCCC's Nursing Education Program will be piloting the use of a rubric for admission to the nursing program. Point values will be assigned to petitioning students based on date of matriculation (when you declared nursing as your major), GPA, number of prerequisites incomplete or in progress, and HESI exam score. For example, a student with "0" prerequisites in progress would be assigned a higher point value than one who has prerequisites in progress or incomplete. Students will then be ranked according to the total points assigned and fill the available seats for the semester accordingly. 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, MAT140 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 and completed and passed the HESI Admission Assessment Exam. 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.

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.

- ❖ Two different cycles are available: a daytime program which starts in the fall semester of each academic year and an evening/weekend option which starts in the spring semester of each year. The evening/weekend

option is intended for students who cannot attend during the daytime. Refer to petition dates above for each semester.

- ❖ Licensed practical nurses who meet both the admission and program requirements are eligible to apply for the LPN-to-RN Advanced Placement 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 as follows: no later than October 1 for readmission for the spring term, and no later than February 15 for return in the fall.

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. For clarification or additional details, contact Linda Martin, Director, x3384 (martinl@mccc.edu) or the Nursing Office (MS127) x3391.

**MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PETITION TO COMMENCE NURSING 110**

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__ (evening/weekend option)
submit between September 1 and October 1

September 20____ (daytime option)
submit between January 15 and February 15

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**	_____	_____	_____	_____

*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 is applying for advanced placement? YES ____ NO ____

7. Signature _____ Date: _____