

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NURSING PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE GENERAL INFORMATION

Petitions for Fall 2015 will be accepted during the following time frames:

Fall (day program) – March 15 – April 15

Petitions **will not** be accepted before or after the above dates.

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 academic foundations courses and ESL courses**. Students must be matriculated as a Health Science-Nursing major. The following general principles are applied to ensure fairness and objectivity in the acceptance process:

MCCC's Nursing Education Program uses a rubric for admission to the nursing program. Point values will be assigned to petitioning students based on:

- GPA (transfer or MCCC) of 2.5 or higher in semester 1 courses only (ENG101, Math elective, CHE107, BIO103)
- HESI Admission exam score (English language composite and math only)

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Successful completion of all semester 1 curriculum courses (ENG101, CHE107, BIO103, Math elective).
- All general education and science coursework required for the nursing program must be completed in three (3) or fewer attempts.
- All general education and science coursework required for admission to the nursing program requires a grade of “C” or better, with the exception of BIO103 which requires a “C+” or better. (In the professional phase of the program, a “C+” or higher is also required for BIO104, BIO201 and all nursing courses).
- All students must have a GPA (transfer or MCCC) of 2.5 or higher in semester 1 courses only. **GPA's are not rounded.**
- All students must achieve an 80% or higher on the English Language Composite and Math portions of the HESI Admission Assessment exam in three (3) or fewer attempts. **HESI scores are not rounded.**
- Attendance at a 1-hour information session.

Transfer Credits

Applicants are responsible to ensure that all applicable transfer credits have been evaluated and that any transfer credits have been entered on your Mercer transcript prior to petitioning.

Program-Specific Information

Once an applicant is selected for admission to the professional phase of the Nursing Program, there will be additional health and other requirements that must be completed prior to beginning the nursing program. Please refer to the Nursing Program Admission Information Packet for the specific requirements.

Nursing courses may be attempted only twice. Students who wish to repeat a course must meet the same admissions requirements as all other students. **Readmission is on a space-available basis after all newly qualified and continuing students are registered.**

Notification of Students

All students petitioning for the Fall 2015 daytime nursing program will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance, in writing, within 2 weeks of the completion of the spring 2015 semester (May 10, 2015). 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 the Nursing Office (MS127) x3391 or via email at nursing@mccc.edu.

