

## REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM CLASS SELECTION CRITERIA

### **\*Criteria effective beginning June 2018\***

The registered nursing program is a selective admissions program. Nursing program applicants must meet established minimum criteria to be considered for the nursing program. Applications will be accepted two times per year, in June and October. Only applicants who meet established minimum criteria and submit a completed application to the Admissions office by the first Monday in June or the first Monday in October will be considered for the nursing program. The potential nursing applicant needs to be aware that meeting minimum standards does not ensure admission to the nursing program. Applicants for the nursing program tend to be well qualified and will be accepted until each class is fully enrolled. Returning students in good standing with the program will be considered for reenrollment/readmission first. New applicants will be accepted according to the selection criteria outlined below until a class is fully enrolled; up to 30 students per class.

#### ***MINIMUM CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM:***

- Graduation from high school or successful completion of the G.E.D. (General Education Development) test. High school students may apply, but acceptance in the program is contingent upon successful completion of high school and nursing program prerequisites.
- Completion of MATH 092 or MATH 150 or qualifying score on accepted placement tests or waived by transfer coursework.
- Completion of ENGL 090 and RDG 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests or waived by transfer coursework.
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 (4.0 system) from the most recent academic institution attended (high school, college, university) deemed appropriate by MCCC. The cumulative grade point average is computed based on the cumulative grade point average at the end of the winter semester for June/summer semester for October for college students or the most recent grading period for high school students.
- Minimum Overall Score of 60 on the ATI TEAS nursing entrance exam.
- Official transcripts are required from the applicant's high school, college, or universities attended (including LPN and RN programs attended, if applicable). College transcripts must be sent directly to the MCCC Registrar's Office from the college or university in order to be considered official.
- MELAB (80 percentile) or IBN TOEFL (79-80) tests may be required to show proof of English language proficiency for individuals whose native language is not English.
- Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the nursing program and are subject to change. For the most current requirements, students should contact the Admissions Department or visit the program's website at [http://www.monroecc.edu/health\\_sciences/nursing/index.htm](http://www.monroecc.edu/health_sciences/nursing/index.htm)

## II. **NURSING PROGRAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

Nursing applicants will be awarded points based upon the following criteria:

- Earned grade point average (GPA) from high school **OR most recent** college or university attended
- College credits completed at the most recent academic institution attended
- Credits completed at MCCC
- Highest earned ATI TEAS Overall Score
- Highest earned ATI TEAS Science Score
- Monroe County residency
- Prior alternate status for the nursing program

These point values and criteria were developed by the MCCC nursing faculty. The points will be totaled only for applicants who meet the established minimum criteria by the application deadline. A rank ordered list of nursing applicants by point total will be developed. Points are calculated according to the following criteria:

### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)**

The cumulative grade point average from the most recent academic institution attended is calculated. The cumulative grade point average is computed based on the cumulative average at the end of the winter for June or summer for October term for college students or the end of the most recent term for high school students.

<b>GPA</b>	<b>POINTS AWARDED</b>
2.7 – 2.79	0
2.8 – 2.89	2
2.9 – 3.09	4
3.1 – 3.29	6
3.3 – 3.49	8
3.5 – 3.69	10
3.7 – 3.89	12
3.9 – 4.0	14

### **COLLEGE CREDITS COMPLETED**

These points are calculated based upon the number of college credits completed at the **most recent college** attended. A high school student who earns college credit through dual enrollment will be awarded points for courses successfully completed with a grade of “C” or better.

<b>SEMESTER HOURS</b>	<b>POINTS AWARDED</b>
Less than 3	0
3 - 6	1
7 - 9	2
10 - 12	3
Greater than 12	4

### **ATI TEAS SCORE**

The points are calculated from your highest ATI TEAS Overall Score (only 3 attempts permitted)

60 – 67.9	0
68 – 77.9	3
78 – 89.9	7
90 or greater	11

**ATI TEAS SCIENCE SCORE**

45 – 55.9	2
56 – 65.9	4
66 – 73.9	6
74 – 80.9	9
81 or greater	12

**COLLEGE CREDITS COMPLETED AT MCCC**

	<b>POINTS AWARDED</b>
Non-MCCC student	0
MCCC student (1-11 credits)	1
MCCC student (12 or more credits)	2

**CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSURE/DEGREES\*** (may only utilize 1 category from list)

State-tested CNA (current certification)	1
EMT, Paramedic license (current)	1
Licensed LPN (current)	2
Associate degree (any major) from accredited school	2
Bachelor degree (any major) from accredited school	3
Licensed LPN, graduated from MCCC PN program	4

\*Must be listed on verification form to receive points. Other healthcare related credentials/certifications/licenses may qualify for points in this category. Please check with the Health Sciences Office for additional information

**MONROE COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Applicants must meet eligibility requirements for in-county tuition as of the June or October deadline to earn points in this category.

Out of County Resident	0
Monroe County Resident	3

**PRIOR ALTERNATE**

Prior alternates for the MCCC nursing program are awarded a one-time bonus of three (3) points.

In the event of two or more students receiving the same number of points at the time of selection, the following criteria will be used:

- A. Highest GPA
- B. Highest ATI TEAS Composite score
- C. Highest ATI TEAS Science score
- D. Lottery if more than one candidate still qualifies

### III. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. The class will be selected from the pool of applicants by use of the numerical process.
2. A physical examination is required of students selected for the program at the student's expense that verify capabilities and general health status.
3. Applicants should be aware that any previous or current conviction of a crime and/or treatment for substance abuse may result in ineligibility to be licensed as a registered nurse. The determination of eligibility to take NCLEX-RN is made by the Michigan State Board of Nursing. Any questions or concerns about licensing should be directed to the State Board of Nursing at [www.michigan.gov/healthlicense](http://www.michigan.gov/healthlicense).
4. Students admitted to the nursing program must consent to security checks that consist of criminal background checks and drug screening. In order to comply with Michigan Compiled Laws, no student will be admitted to the program if convicted of a felony or attempt/conspiracy to commit a felony within 15 years preceding the date of admission; or a misdemeanor conviction involving abuse, neglect, assault, battery, or criminal sexual conduct or fraud or theft (or similar misdemeanor in state or federal law) against a vulnerable adult within 10 years of the date of admission. No student will be admitted with a positive drug screen for illegal substances. Other positive background checks, either criminal or drug screening, may also be grounds for prohibiting admission, but will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Positive security checks that typically prohibit clinical placement for students are usually enough to prohibit admission to the program. Any cost incurred with the security checks is the student's responsibility.
5. Registered nursing at the associate degree level involves the provision of direct care for individuals and families and is characterized by the application of verified knowledge in the skillful performance of nursing functions. Therefore, in order to be considered for admission or to continue in the program, all applicants should possess:
  - a. sufficient visual acuity, such as needed in the accurate preparation and administration of medications and for observation necessary for patient assessment and nursing care;
  - b. sufficient auditory perception to receive verbal communication from patients and members of the health team and to assess health needs of people through the use of monitoring devices such as a cardiac monitor, stethoscope, I.V. infusion pumps, doppler, fire alarms, etc.;
  - c. sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly and to implement the skills, including the manipulation of equipment, required in meeting health needs;
  - d. sufficient communication skills (speech, reading, writing) to interact with individuals and to communicate their needs promptly and effectively as may be necessary in the individual's interest;
  - e. sufficient intellectual and emotional functions to plan and implement care for individuals;
  - f. psychological stability, allowing the student to perform at the required levels in the clinical portions of the program;
  - g. the capability to concentrate for long periods of time in selecting correct techniques, equipment and safety measures to assure maximum care and safety of the patient. Therefore, the applicant must be able to exercise independent judgments under both routine and emergency conditions. A person under the influence of alcohol or consciousness-altering drugs could not meet the above criteria; and
  - h. the ability to tolerate and function safely in environmental conditions, such as exposure to a variety of substances (such as latex products) and conditions within the laboratory and clinical environment, including, but not limited to: temperature fluctuations; electromagnetic radiation; hazardous waste, chemicals, poisonous substances, blood, body tissue or fluids; loud or unpleasant noises; high humidity and inhalants, such as dust or latex particles.

6. Applicants with documented disabilities must be able to meet course and program outcomes. Said applicants may be entitled to classroom and instructional accommodations, as well as access to all college facilities and programs. Access is provided while maintaining high academic standards. Questions should be directed to the Special Populations Coordinator in the Learning Assistance Laboratory (LAL).
7. Students must complete the nursing portion of the program within three years of the start of the first nursing course. Failure to meet the time framework necessitates program dismissal and re-application to the nursing program.
8. Nursing courses utilize Internet services and resources to supplement instruction. It is recommended that students have access to a reliable computer with Internet connection. MCCC offers open access computer laboratories, but students should also be familiar with community resources for computer access, such as public libraries, as needed. A personal computer is helpful.
9. Nursing education offered at MCCC is provided in collaboration with multiple clinical partners located in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. As a part of these partnerships, MCCC students and faculty are required to meet and follow the policies and procedures of these clinical partners. Given the number of students in the program, faculty must be able to place students at any of the clinical agencies for clinical and observational experiences during the course of the program. Students need to be in good standing with all clinical agencies, both as a student and as a member of the community. Therefore, any condition (i.e. criminal history, positive drug screening, unprofessional/unethical behavior, negative employment history) that prevents a student from being placed in any clinical agency during a semester may jeopardize the student's ability to meet the course objectives and may lead to course failure and program dismissal.
10. Students will be expected to maintain a flexible schedule for the nursing program. Clinical assignments vary and are subject to change. This may include any day of the week and any shift, including weekends. On days that are not scheduled for class or clinical, students may be expected to view audiovisual material, study in the skills laboratory, or participate in other on-campus activities. Usually, these activities are self-scheduled. There may be added classes on other days, but students will receive notice of these in advance.
11. In addition to the general college rules, nursing students are required to adhere to policies and procedures outlined in the Nursing Program Student Information Handbook. A copy of the Student Information Handbook can be accessed through the College's website, [www.monroeccc.edu](http://www.monroeccc.edu), or by contacting the Health Sciences Division office (734-384-4102).
12. In conjunction with requirements outlined by the Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Agency (LARA), the following information/links have been made available to students interested in nursing programs at MCCC:
  - a. Student Compliant Process: <http://www.monroeccc.edu/consumer/programintegrity.htm>
  - b. Career opportunities by state: <https://www.bls.gov/>
  - c. Licensure requirements by state: <https://www.ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm>

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