

MCCC PN to RN Program Option FAQ

How many times per year does MCCC accept nursing students into the PN to RN Option?

The PN to RN Option at MCCC accepts students one (1) time per year. The option is approved to accept up to 24 students per year. The number of applicants accepted depends on the number of recent graduates from MCCC's stand-alone PN program. Seats not taken by MCCC PN graduates are filled with community and past-graduate applicants.

When is my application due?

Students interested in applying to the PN to RN option must have their completed application and all requirements (including official transcripts) to the Admission's Office by the application deadline: the first Monday in March each year.

Do PN to RN applicants have to take the ATI TEAS test?

No. Only students applying to the traditional RN program or the stand-alone PN program are required to take the ATI TEAS test.

Is there an expiration date for the required science classes, such as Anatomy & Physiology?

No, however, foundational knowledge of the sciences, especially in the areas of anatomy and physiology, is necessary to be successful in the option. Therefore, students who are not currently using this information and/or need a refresher are encouraged to retake a course(s).

How long does it take the College to process applications? Will all students be notified on the status of their application and how will students be notified?

Applications are processed through the Admission's Office. The process generally takes 3 to 4 weeks for all applications to be processed. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application, including applicant applications that do not meet the minimum criteria. Notifications are sent via postal mail to the address on file with the College, therefore, it is very important that the applicant's contact information/address is current and accurate.

What if I don't get accepted? Does MCCC maintain a waiting list of applicants?

MCCC does not maintain a waiting list of applicants. If a student applies to the program and is not accepted, the student must re-submit an application to be considered for the next application cycle.

How many points on the selection criteria do I need to get accepted?

Students are ranked according to selection criteria published on the program's webpage (<https://www.monroecc.edu/programs/nursing-registered>). As long as the student meets all the requirements for application, including a minimum overall score of 60 on the ATI TEAS, there isn't a minimum number of points required to be considered for admission. The minimum number of points earned by students on their applications is different from deadline to deadline and varies according to the academic achievement of the group that applies at that time. Sometimes the number of points for students accepted into the program is higher; sometimes it is lower. It all depends on who is applying and how the points calculate for that group at that time.

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If accepted, what will my schedule look like?

The PN to RN Option is rigorous and requires a significant time commitment on behalf of its students. Course schedules vary semester-to-semester requiring students to be flexible in their availability. Students in this option take a transition course (PNRN 100) and a mental health course with a clinical (PNRN 110) during the summer semester before transitioning into the traditional program. During the summer semester, class, lab, and clinical times vary by day of the week and time; however, students can anticipate needing to be on campus or in clinical 2 to 3 days per week (schedules vary). Once transitioned into the traditional program, the lecture portion of classes are generally offered on Mondays and Tuesdays (2 to 5 hours per class) with lab or clinical scheduled 1 to 2 days per week, generally 6 to 12 hours per clinical day. Clinical rotations vary and are generally scheduled Wednesday through Sunday, day shift or afternoons. By general rule, students should expect to devote at least 3 or 4 days for theory, lab, and clinical, in addition to ample time for study.

It is notable that some nursing courses are associated with higher credit hours. For example, NURS 208 (Medical Surgical Nursing II) is an 8.5-credit hour class which would otherwise equate to nearly three 3-credit hour college classes. Students should be prepared to schedule their time accordingly to accommodate higher credit hour courses.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Class 8 – 11:30 AM	Class 8 – 10 AM	Skills Lab	Skills Lab	Open Lab/Practice	Open Lab/Practice		
		OR					
		Clinical					
			Clinical				
					Clinical		

If accepted, can I pick where and when I want to attend clinicals?

Students are assigned clinical rotations by the Nursing Program Coordinator (NPC). Clinical dates/times are offered and approved by the clinical partners, taking into consideration all of the nursing schools in the region and their requests. Some clinical assignments are limited to certain days of the week. For example, pediatric clinicals tend to be held on Saturdays and Sundays. For these reasons, students have to be available for any assignment on any shift. The NPC does facilitate a trade opportunity in the event a student has difficulty or a conflict with their clinical assignment. However, there is no guarantee a trade will be approved. Some students may have academic reasons that necessitate a specific assignment with a specific instructor. Given the number of students to be placed, special accommodations cannot be made due to student work or personal schedules.