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REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM CLASS SELECTION CRITERIA

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:

1. 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.
2. Completion of MATH 092 or MATH 150 or qualifying score on accepted placement tests or satisfied by transfer coursework.
3. Completion of ENGL 090 and RDG 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests or satisfied by transfer coursework.
4. 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.
5. Minimum Overall Score of 60 on the ATI TEAS nursing entrance exam.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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

II. **NURSING PROGRAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

1. Earned grade point average (GPA) from high school OR most recent college or university attended
2. College credits completed at the most recent academic institution attended
3. Credits completed at MCCC
4. Highest earned ATI TEAS Overall Score
5. Highest earned ATI TEAS Science Score
6. Monroe County residency
7. 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.

GPA	POINTS AWARDED
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.

SEMESTER HOURS	POINTS AWARDED
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

	POINTS AWARDED
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 (CPR/BLS Certifications do not qualify for points). 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.
4. Students admitted to health science programs must consent to background/security checks including a criminal background check and drug screening. The student is responsible for any cost associated with the background/security/drug screening checks. Certain criminal convictions may render a student ineligible to train at clinical sites which are necessary in order to successfully complete the program. Additionally, certain criminal convictions may render an individual ineligible to take the licensing/certification exam or to be licensed/certified in the State of Michigan or other states. The college will review the results and determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to deny admission to any individual based on the results of the background check, criminal background check, and drug screening. Despite the passage of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act in November 2018, the possession of marijuana remains prohibited under United States Federal Law and MCCC policy (6.21). The College and Health Sciences Division prohibits employees, students, and members of the public from possessing or using marijuana (legal or medicinal) on College property or during any College activity. Health occupation students must consent to random drug screening with negative results for marijuana or any illicit substance. Failure to provide a negative drug screen will prevent participation in the program and/or result in program dismissal.
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. Critical thinking and cognitive competencies: Sufficient critical thinking and cognitive abilities in classroom and clinical settings.
 - b. Professionalism: Interpersonal skills sufficient for professional interaction with a diverse population of individuals, families, and groups.
 - c. Communication: Communication sufficient for professional interactions.
 - d. Mobility: Physical abilities sufficient for movement from room to room and in small spaces.
 - e. Motor Skills: Gross and fine motor abilities which are sufficiently effective and safe for providing allied health care.
 - f. Sensory: Auditory and visual ability sufficient for observing, monitoring, and assessing health needs.
 - g. Observation: Ability to sufficiently make observations in a health care environment, consistent with program competencies.
 - h. Tactile sense: Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.

Examples of tasks associated with each technical standard are available for review by visiting <https://www.monroecc.edu/divisions/healthsciences> and selecting the Technical Standards for Health Occupational Programs link. Prospective students are encouraged to review the Technical Standards for Health Occupational Programs document in its entirety prior to enrolling in or applying to any health occupation course or program.

6. Applicants with documented disabilities must be able to meet course and program outcomes. 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 a disability services counselor in the Learning Assistance Laboratory (LAL). To make an appointment, students may call 734-384-4167.
7. Once accepted, student must complete non-nursing courses outlined in the program's plan of study prior to entry into the first nursing course. Failure to complete this coursework will result in loss of seat in the program and necessitate re-application to the program. 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. A student must receive a "C" or better grade in all nursing courses and a "C-" or better grade in all non-nursing courses in the program plan of study. Failure to meet this requirement may result in the inability to progress to the next semester of the program.
9. Nursing courses utilize Internet services and resources to supplement instruction. Students must have reliable internet access. Beginning January 2020, students enrolled in the nursing program will be required to take assessments (ie: exams, quizzes, etc) electronically using an online assessment program called ExamSoft Exemplify. Students enrolled in these courses will be required to provide their own computer (with webcam and microphone) that will support the assessment software. The software can be used on most modern Microsoft Windows-based computers and Mac OS X devices. Information related to minimum system requirements can be located by visiting the following links:
Windows: <https://examsoft.force.com/emcommunity/s/article/Exemplify-Minimum-System-Requirements-for-Windows>
Mac OS X: <https://examsoft.force.com/emcommunity/s/article/Exemplify-Minimum-System-Requirements-for-Mac-OS-X>
Students are encouraged to check with the Health Sciences Division for a complete list of minimum system requirements.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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. Students are encouraged to review the handbook prior to applying to the program. A copy of the Student Information Handbook can be accessed through the College's website, www.monroecc.edu, or by contacting the Health Sciences Division office (734-384-4102).

13. In conjunction with requirements outlined by the Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Agency (LARA) and the United States Department of Education, the following information/links have been made available to students interested in nursing programs at MCCC:

- a. Student Compliant Process: <https://www.monroeccc.edu/student-consumer-information>
- b. Career opportunities by state: <https://www.bls.gov/>
- c. Licensure requirements by state: The AAS-Nursing program at MCCC meets the state education requirements for a registered nursing license in the state of Michigan and Ohio. MCCC has not determined if the AAS-Nursing program at MCCC meets the state education requirements in any other state or any U.S. Territory. Students are encouraged to contact the state regulatory agency for nursing in any other state for which this information is needed. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has resources that may be helpful including:
 - A link to every [Nursing Practice Act](https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm). (<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>)
 - Link to [FAQs](https://www.ncsbn.org/ProfessionalLicensureReq-FAQs.pdf) regarding the impact of 34 CFR 668.43 on nursing programs. (<https://www.ncsbn.org/ProfessionalLicensureReq-FAQs.pdf>)
 - Link to the webpage for every State Regulatory Agency for Nursing.

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