

Associate Degree Nursing



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Admission Requirements

Progression: A grade of "C" for each nursing course listed in the nursing curriculum (NUR courses plus general education courses) and a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 ("C" average) or higher on all college courses are necessary to progress and to graduate from the Associate Degree Nursing Program. In addition, students must demonstrate a satisfactory pattern of behavior according to the "Criteria for Responsible Behavior," published in the Associate Degree Nursing Student Handbook.

Minimum admission requirements (in addition to general admission requirements):

Attain an 18 composite score on the national ACT (if taken prior to October 1989, a composite of 15 is acceptable); complete the prerequisites of Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs with a "C" or higher; have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 ("C" average) or higher on all previous college coursework and a grade of "C" or higher on all ADN curriculum courses;

Or

Attain a 17 composite score on the national ACT; complete Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs with a "C" or higher and 16 additional hours of general education courses as listed in the ADN curriculum; have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on all previous college coursework and a grade of "C" or higher on all ADN curriculum courses;

And

Participate in a mandatory ADN information session and take the HESI Admission Assessment Exam. The mandatory information session will be scheduled for the prospective student only after all other requirements have been met. Students will receive notice from the Registrar's Office about scheduling their information session and HESI Admission Assessment Exam.

The ADN Admissions Committee will select each semester's class from the pool of applicants who meet minimum admission requirements. Any application with incomplete records will not be considered for admission. The admission process is competitive, and completion of minimum requirements is not a guarantee of admission. Priority consideration for admission will be given as follows: 1) In-district students who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework at MCC; 2) Out-of-district students who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework at MCC; 3) Mississippi residents who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework elsewhere; 4) Out-of-state students. In addition to residency points, an applicant's competitiveness is determined by national ACT score, GPA, HESI score, and grades in courses completed. See the ADN website or nursing advisor for additional details. Please be aware that there is no minimal HESI A2 score that must be earned for admission consideration; these scores are converted to points and used in the competitive process. Students scoring less than 70 on the HESI A2 will be required to enroll in Nursing Enhancement courses.

After program admission and prior to the first day of class, students must obtain CPR certification. Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR. A Mantoux Two-Step TB Skin Test is required prior to the first day of class. Drug screening will be scheduled after enrollment. Electronic textbooks are used for the nursing program. Software requirements and other information will be provided in the admissions notification.

All students admitted into the program will be required to pay for fingerprinting and background checks, which will be performed after admission and prior to clinical laboratories. These fees will be attached as registration fees. There are certain convictions that will prevent an individual from being eligible to participate in clinical experiences. If a student is unable to participate in clinical experiences, he/she will be dismissed from the program. For additional information, please contact the program coordinator.

Deadline for application is March 1st for Fall admission and October 1st for Spring admission. The application information which must be submitted by the deadline includes submission of all official transcripts, national ACT score, and MCC admission application. There is not a separate application for the nursing program. On the MCC admission application, applicants should mark Associate Degree Nursing as the program of interest. The admission application should also be marked for the term admission is being sought.

Admission requirements, curriculum, and other program information are subject to change. See your program advisor/counselor for additional information.

Students in the Associate Degree Nursing Program must attend MCC full-time (12 or more semester credit hours) unless admitted into the part-time program.

Course of Study Full-time

FULL TIME STUDENT

Prior to enrollment in NUR 1110:		Hours
BIO 2513	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIO 2511	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BIO 2523	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO 2521	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
Semester Hours		8

FIRST YEAR

First Semester

EPY 2533	Human Growth and Development	3
NUR 1110	Nursing I	10
BIO 2923	Microbiology	3
BIO 2921	Microbiology Lab	1
Semester Hours		17

Second Semester

ENG 1113	English Composition I	3
NUR 1210	Nursing II	10
PSY 1513	General Psychology	3
Semester Hours		16

SECOND YEAR

First Semester

ENG 1123	English Composition II	3
NUR 2110	Nursing III	10
SPT 1113	Public Speaking	3
Semester Hours		16

Second Semester

NUR 2210	Nursing IV	10
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
NUR 2201	Nursing IV Seminar	1
Semester Hours		14
Total Semester Hours		71

All courses must be completed in, or prior to, the semester listed.

There is no expiration date for general education coursework, including sciences.

Please be aware that in the preceptor rotation in the 4th semester, student schedules may vary.

Course of Study

Part -time

PART TIME STUDENT

Prior to enrollment in NUR 1107:		Hours
BIO 2513	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIO 2511	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BIO 2523	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO 2521	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
Semester Hours		8

FIRST YEAR

First Semester

EPY 2533	Human Growth and Development	3
NUR 1107	Nursing I, PART 1	7
BIO 2923	Microbiology	3
BIO 2921	Microbiology Lab	1
Semester Hours		14

Second Semester

ENG 1113	English Composition I	3
NUR 1103	Nursing I, PART 2	3
NUR 1204	Nursing II, PART 1	4
PSY 1513	General Psychology	3
Semester Hours		13

Third Semester

NUR 1206	Nursing II, PART 2	6
Semester Hours		6

SECOND YEAR

First Semester

SPT 1113	Public Speaking	3
ENG 1123	English Composition II	3
NUR 2107	Nursing III, PART 1	7
Semester Hours		13

Second Semester

NUR 2103	Nursing III, PART 2	3
NUR 2204	Nursing IV, PART 1	4
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
Semester Hours		10

Third Semester

NUR 2206	Nursing IV, PART 2	6
NUR 2201	Nursing IV Seminar	1
Semester Hours		7
Total Semester Hours		71

All courses must be completed in, or prior to, the semester listed.

There is no expiration date for general education coursework, including sciences.

Please be aware that in one of the Nursing IV courses, during the Preceptor rotation, student schedules may vary.

Associate Degree Nursing Accelerated Program for Licensed Practical Nurses and Paramedics

The Associate Degree Nursing Accelerated Program for Licensed Practical Nurses and Paramedics is designed to move LPNs and Paramedics through four semesters of nursing in three semesters of study. A student's success is based upon two factors: completion of some of the required general education courses before admission and faculty of the College effectively measuring the student's beginning abilities and knowledge. The transition semester is designed to assist students in mastering first-year nursing objectives that have not been previously achieved. Successful completion of the transition semester allows students to begin the second year of the ADN program.

MCC's program prepares graduates for beginning staff level positions as registered nurses. A graduate receives an Associate of Applied Science Degree and is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for licensure as a registered nurse. This program is accredited by the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning with Full Accreditation and by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA, 30326, 1-404-975-5000, www.acenursing.org (continuing accreditation with a revisit in eight years, scheduled for 2018).

The program includes a balance of general education and nursing courses along with planned experiences in patient care. Students learn basic nursing techniques in the College laboratory and care for patients in affiliated hospitals and other clinical agencies.

In addition to regular College tuition and fees, students will have additional expenses for clinical apparel, standardized tests, background checks, drug screening, organizational dues, books and insurance. A detailed cost sheet is available from the program coordinator. Students are responsible for their own transportation between the College and clinical agencies.

Legal limitations for licensure as a registered nurse:

Information related to applying for licensure to practice as a registered nurse, upon completion of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, is contained in the Mississippi Nursing Practice Law and Rules and Regulations. Graduates must apply to the Mississippi Board of Nursing to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®). Applicants to the Associate Degree Nursing Program should be aware of the following restriction regarding who may qualify to write the NCLEX-RN®:

"The Board may, in its discretion, refuse to accept the application of any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense under any provision of Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as now or hereafter amended, or any provision of this chapter."* *Mississippi Nursing Practice Law

Mississippi Law now requires health care professionals or Workforce Education students enrolled in programs whose primary purpose is to prepare professionals to render patient care services to submit to criminal background checks and fingerprinting prior to beginning any clinical rotation in a licensed health care entity. If such fingerprinting or criminal background check of the student discloses a felony conviction, guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (g), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust, aggravated assault or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult which has not been reversed on appeal or for which a pardon has not been granted, the student shall not be eligible to be admitted to such health program of study, nor will he/she be eligible to participate in clinical training in a licensed entity. In addition, clinical affiliates have identified "other exclusions" or other criminal offenses that will preclude a student from participating in the clinical practicum. The student's eligibility to participate in the clinical training phase of his/her health care program shall be voided if the student receives a disqualifying criminal record check; therefore, the student will be dismissed from the nursing program.

If a student currently enrolled in nursing is prohibited from participating in clinical experiences by any clinical affiliate of Meridian Community College (e.g., positive drug screen, gregarious behavior, violation of patient safety, non-compliance with the College's "Student Behavior Code," etc.), then the student will be dismissed from the program of study. The student is not eligible for program readmission until the clinical restriction is removed.

Admission Requirements

Accelerated Program for Licensed Practical Nurses and Paramedics

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Minimum admission requirements (in addition to general admission requirements):

Attain an 18 composite score on the national ACT (if taken prior to October 1989, a composite score of 15 is acceptable); complete all prerequisite courses listed in the course of study; have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 ("C" average) or higher on all previous college coursework and a grade of "C" or higher on all ADN curriculum courses;

Or

Attain a 17 composite score on the national ACT; complete 3 additional hours as listed in the ADN curriculum plus all prerequisite courses listed in the course of study; have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on all previous college coursework and a grade of "C" or higher on all ADN curriculum courses;

And

Have an unencumbered MS or Interstate Compact License as an LPN or a "Paramedic Registry" with no history of disciplinary actions.

And

Have one year of experience or 1040 documented hours as a Licensed Practical Nurse or Paramedic. This requirement must be validated with a form that will be mailed to the student by the Registrar's Office;

And

Have a written recommendation from a current or former immediate supervisor;

And

Participate in a mandatory ADN Accelerated information session and take the HESI Admission Assessment Exam. The mandatory information session will be scheduled for the prospective student only after all other requirements have been met. Students will receive notice from the Registrar's Office about scheduling their information session and their HESI Admission Assessment Exam.

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After program admission and prior to the first day of class, students must obtain CPR certification. Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR. A Mantoux Two-Step TB Skin Test is required prior to the first day of class. Drug screening will be scheduled after enrollment. Electronic textbooks are used for the nursing program. Software requirements and other information will be provided in the admissions notification.

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Deadline for application is October 1st for Spring admission. The ADN Accelerated Program will admit students in the Spring of each year. The application information which must be submitted by the deadline includes submission of all official transcripts, national ACT score, and MCC admission application. There is not a separate application for the Nursing Program. On the MCC admission application, applicants should mark ADN Accelerated as the program of interest. The admission application should also be marked for the term admission is being sought.

Admission requirements, curriculum, and other program information are subject to change. See your program advisor/counselor for additional information.

Students in the Associate Degree Nursing Accelerated Program must attend MCC full-time (12 or more semester credit hours).

Course of Study

Accelerated Program for Licensed Practical Nurses and Paramedics

Prior to enrollment in NUR 1320:		Hours
BIO 2513	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIO 2511	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
ENG 1113	English Composition I	3
BIO 2923	Microbiology	3
BIO 2921	Microbiology Lab	1
BIO 2523	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO 2521	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
EPY 2533	Human Growth & Development	3
PSY 1513	General Psychology	3
Semester Hours		21

Transition Semester		
NUR 1320	Nursing I and II	20
Semester Hours		20

Second Semester		
ENG 1123	English Composition II	3
NUR 2110	Nursing III	10
SPT 1113	Public Speaking	3
Semester Hours		16

Third Semester		
NUR 2210	Nursing IV	10
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
NUR 2201	Nursing IV Seminar	1
Semester Hours		14
Total Semester Hours		71

All courses must be completed in, or prior to, the semester listed.

There is no expiration date for general education course work, including sciences.

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Point System for the Associate Degree Nursing Programs

Implemented: February 21, 2003 (Revised: 2013)

Applicants receive residency points for one of the following:

Residency Status	Points Awarded
Out of State	1
Mississippi Resident (In-state)	2
Lauderdale Co. Resident (In-district)	4
Current MCC Student	4

Applicants receive points based on their national ACT composite score. The residual ACT is not accepted by MCC.

ACT Composite Score	Points Awarded
17	1
18-20	2
21-24	3
25-28	4
29 or above	5

Applicants receive points for cumulative GPA, which is based on all college coursework.

Cumulative GPA	Points Awarded
2.0-2.5	1
2.6-3.0	2
3.1-3.5	3
3.6 or above	4

Applicants receive points for coursework based on the grade earned in each individual course.

Points for science courses are based on the lecture grade if lab is taken as a separate course.

A&P I, A&P II, and Microbiology	Points Awarded
D or F (must be retaken)	0
Class in progress at MCC	1 (if not previously taken)
C	2 (if taken at another college) 3 (if taken at MCC)
B	3 (if taken at another college) 4 (if taken at MCC)
A	4 (if taken at another college) 5 (if taken at MCC)

English Comp. I & II, Psychology, Human Growth, Public Speaking, and Humanities/Fine Arts	Points Awarded
D or F (must be retaken)	0
Class in progress at MCC	1 (if not previously taken)
C	2
B	3
A	4

**Applicants receive points based on the HESI
Admission Assessment Exam cumulative score.**

HESI Cumulative Score	Points Awarded
79 or below (ex. – 79)	10% of total score (ex. – 7.9 points)
80 or above	10

NCLEX RN® 1st Time Testers	Completion Rate in 150% of Allotted Time	Placement Rate (# of respondents working 1 year post graduation as an RN)
2018 MCC: 78.2% (n=162/207) National average: 85.11%	73%	pending
2017 MCC: 66.67% (n=120/180) National average: 87.11%	72.04%	92.7%
2016 MCC: 75% (n=141/188) National average: 84.56%	63.9%	96.7%