

Practical Nursing (PN) Program – Admissions FAQs

Montgomery Community College

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These FAQs are intended to provide general guidance for applicants. Admission requirements, deadlines, schedules, and procedures are subject to change. Applicants are responsible for reviewing official college communications and maintaining a complete and accurate admissions file.

Quick Reference – PN Program at a Glance

- **Program Length:** 2 full academic semesters; Fall and Spring
- **Program Format:** In-person(seated), day hours- no evening courses currently offered
- **Phase I Application Deadline: January 31 (annually)**
- **Program Start:** Fall semester (August)
- **Entrance Exam:** TEAS Version 7
- **Minimum TEAS Score: 57% (scores are not rounded)**
- **Nurse Aid Requirement:** Active NC Nurse Aid Registry listings and proof of training required
- **If Not Accepted:** Applicants must reapply for the next cohort year

Program Structure & Schedule

Q: How long is the PN program, and is it online or in-person?

A: The PN program is two-semester program, beginning in the Fall semester annually. Students graduate the program after successful completion of the following Spring semester in May. The PN program is delivered in a seated, in-person format. While some general education courses may be completed online, all nursing courses, labs, and clinical experiences are conducted in person.

Applicants should plan to arrange their schedules to allow for class and lab attendance **3–4 days per week**, typically from **9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**, and **1–2 days per week** of clinicals once

rotations begin, typically from **6:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.** Schedules are subject to change from semester to semester based on clinical availability.

Admissions Phases & Deadlines

Q: When does MCC accept applications for the PN program and what is the deadline to apply? When does the program begin?

A: Applications for the Practical Nursing program will be open **October 1 – January 31 annually**. All applicants interested must complete **both** a college admissions application and the **separate application specifically for the PN program**. Please note: submitting only a college admissions application does not qualify an applicant for consideration into the PN program. Applicants that do not submit the required PN program application between the November 1 – January 31 open application dates will not be considered for Phase 1 of the admissions process. Any applications submitted after 5:00pm on January 31 will not be considered. All students formally accepted will begin the PN program the following **August (fall semester)**.

Q: What does the Phase I deadline mean, and what is required by that date?

A: The PN admissions process is completed in phases. Applicants must meet the requirements of each phase to remain eligible for acceptance consideration.

By the **January 31 Phase I deadline**, applicants must have the following on file with the Admissions Office:

- A current admissions application indicating PN as the intended program of study
- Official copies of high school and college transcripts
- An active NC Nurse Aid Registry listing **with proof of training**
- Direct placement eligibility for **ENG 111 and MAT 143** without a pre or co-requisite

Incomplete files or files that do not meet all of the above listed requirements do not move forward into for Phase II of the admissions process.

Prerequisites & Nurse Aid Requirement

Q: What prerequisite courses are required for admission?

A: The only academic prerequisite that applicants must have completed or meet by the application deadline is direct placement eligibility for ENG 111 and MAT 143 without a pre or co-requisite.

Q: Is the Nurse Aid course required prior to applying?

A: Yes. By the January 31 deadline, applicants must either:

- Be **active on the NC Nurse Aide Registry**, or
- Be **currently enrolled** in a state-approved NA training course and submit a signed NA Enrollment Verification Form to the Admissions Office

All accepted students **must be active on the NC Nurse Aid Registry by July 1** of the cohort year to remain eligible for acceptance.

Q: What qualifies for the proof of training needed along with the active NA Registry listing?

A: Acceptable NA proof of training includes a Certificate of Completion from the applicant's NA training program or an official transcript showing the successful NA course completion. **Proof of training is required to verify that the applicant did not challenge the State NA exam.**

Proof of training is not required only if the applicant's original NA Registry test date is **prior to 2010**. Applicants unable to provide proof must complete an NA refresher course or repeat the full training program. **This is non-negotiable.**

Testing Requirements

Q: Which TEAS exam is required, and what is the minimum score? Is the HESI accepted?

A: Applicants must take **TEAS Version 7**. A minimum score of **57%** is required to move forward in the admissions process. Scores are **not rounded**. The HESI exam is **not accepted** in place of the TEAS.

Q: When is the TEAS due, and must it be taken on campus?

A: TEAS testing is not required by the Phase I deadline. On-campus TEAS testing at MCC is **by invitation only** for applicants who meet all Phase I requirements and typically occurs in February/March. The Admissions Office will notify eligible applicants by email, directions for registering for an on-campus testing session.

Applicants who test independently must ensure that official TEAS scores are sent **directly from ATI** to the Admissions Office. Scores submitted by applicants themselves will not be accepted as official. All official scores must be received by the Admissions Office by the last day of on-campus testing for that cohort in order to be considered.

Acceptance & Ranking

Q: How is final acceptance determined, and when will applicants be notified?

A: Final acceptance is determined using a **points-based ranking system**. Applicants who score 57% or higher on the TEAS will have their files reviewed by the admissions committee.

Points are awarded based on: - Overall TEAS score - Completion and final grades of required general education courses - County of residence (Montgomery County = 5 points; bordering counties = 3 points; all other counties = 1 point)

Applicants are ranked from highest to lowest total points. Those not initially accepted may be placed on an **alternate list**. Acceptance notifications are typically sent in **early to mid-March**.

General Education Courses

Q: What general education courses are required for the PN program?

A: Required general education courses include **ENG 111, BIO 165, BIO 166 and PSY 150**. There are no substitutions accepted for these courses aside from BIO 168 & 169 in place of BIO 165 and 166.

These courses are **not prerequisites** for admission but are required for program completion.

After You Apply

Q: How can applicants check the status of their admissions file?

A: Applicants are responsible for monitoring their application status through their **MCC Self Service** account. Once all Phase I requirements are complete, applicants will receive confirmation via their MCC student email.

The Admissions Office does not assume intent to apply. Maintaining a complete and up-to-date admissions file is the sole responsibility of the applicant.

Contact & Communication Guidance

- Questions related to applications, transcripts, testing documentation, or file status should be directed to the **Success Navigator** for the PN program, not the Nursing Program Director or Nursing Faculty.
 - Program-specific information and next steps will be communicated to applicants who complete Phase I requirements via their MCC student email.
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Important Reminders

- **MCC accepts 20 students into the PN program each year making this a VERY competitive program.**
- **January 31 is a firm Phase I deadline. Late or incomplete files will not be reviewed.**

- The minimum TEAS score is 57%; scores are not rounded. The higher the applicant scores, the better. A 57% does NOT guarantee acceptance.
- Accepted students must be active on the NC Nurse Aid Registry by July 1 of the cohort year.
- Applicants not accepted must reapply for consideration in the next cohort year.
- The most successful applicants are those that read all communications from the institution in their entirety, follow directions and respond to communication outreach in a timely manner and monitor their student accounts frequently.

