NURSING PROGRAMS (NU, NUE, NUP, AND PN)

MWCC offers four Nursing program options: the Nursing Degree (day and evening), the LPN to ADN Bridge program (for current licensed LPNs), and the Practical Nursing Certificate. The college may return completed applications received after the posted application deadline without review. Prior to the start of classes, nursing students will be required to pay approximately $300 for uniforms and equipment and attend a mandatory orientation/welcome session.

NURSING DEGREE-DAY (NU) AND EVENING (NUE)

(Selective)

Applicants must be 18 years of age prior to the start of classes. Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be notified of the admissions decision by mail approximately 60 days after the application deadline.

Requirements for Consideration to NU or NUE

ATI TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (ATI TEAS)

Successful passage of the ATI TEAS examination is a requirement for admission to the Associate Degree in Nursing and the Practical Nursing Certificate programs. MWCC has set the following standards on ATI TEAS scores for admission to improve the success of students in completing the program and obtaining licensure and certification.

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MWCC strongly recommends that applicants complete program prerequisite courses, especially ENG 101 College Writing I, math, and a four-credit lab science before taking the ATI TEAS Test to enhance their knowledge base. ATI TEAS results are only valid if completed within three years of the program's application deadline. There is a test fee that must be paid to ATI Testing. The fee is non-refundable and not transferable. Students are allowed to take the ATI TEAS test three times within 365 days. Students must re-take the entire exam as part of a retest. No exceptions will be allowed. Students who want to retest must register for a test date and pay the test fee at ATI (http://www.atitesting.com).

Students must register for the ATI TEAS online at ATI (http://www.atitesting.com). Policies regarding canceling and rescheduling are determined by ATI. A student must cancel or reschedule 48 hours prior to the testing session.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING REQUIREMENTS

CPT required results are subject to change. Please contact the Advising Center 978-630-9109 or you may contact the Admissions Office 978-630-9110 to attend an information session.

ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

Students are strongly urged to have completed ENG 101 College Writing I, with a grade of C+ or better, at the time of application.

MATH PROFICIENCY

Competency for admission may be met with completion of a math course equal to MAT 126 Topics In Mathematics or higher (not MAT 140 Elements Of Mathematics I) with a grade of C+ or better, completed no more than ten years prior to the program's application deadline; or through college placement testing. If math competency for admission to the program is met through placement testing, a math course will still be required to graduate from the program. Consult the specific program requirements or attend an information session for additional information.

SCIENCE REQUIREMENT

Completion of a four-credit lab science (BIO 152 Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology or BIO 199 Anatomy and Physiology I (formerly BIO203) and BIO 204 Anatomy and Physiology II are preferred) with a grade of C+ or better, completed no more than ten years prior to the program's application deadline. High school courses may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THE MWCC ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

- A completed ADN (NU, NUE, NUP) admissions application (available through the Admissions Office (http://mwcc.edu/admissions/apply-to-mwcc)).
- Satisfaction of high school diploma or equivalency requirement as described in the college's general admissions requirements.
- Official transcripts of all college-level courses completed at colleges other than MWCC. Transfer credits for education completed outside of the U.S. must be evaluated and translated for equivalency by an approved agency. Agencies can be found at the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES (http://www.naces.org)).
- Documentation demonstrating that all minimum requirements for consideration have been met.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores, if applicable.

LPN BRIDGE OPTION (NUP)
(selective)
Applicants must have a current license as a practical nurse in good standing, with one year of work experience, and must meet all the same requirements as those of the Nursing Degree. In addition, applicants must have completed BIO 199 Anatomy and Physiology I (formerly BIO203) with a C+ or better, ENG 101 College Writing I, and PSY 105 Introduction To Psychology.

Students are strongly urged also to have completed BIO 204 Anatomy and Physiology II, BIO 205 Microbiology (with grades of C+ or better), ENG 102 College Writing II, PSY 110 Human Growth And Development, and SOC 103 Introduction To Sociology at the time of application. Further details are outlined in the program application, which is available through the Admissions Office (http://mwcc.edu/admissions).

Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be notified of the admissions decision by mail approximately 60 days after the deadline. The college may return completed applications received after the posted deadline without review.

PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE (PN)
(Selective)
Applicants must be 18 years of age prior to the start of classes. Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be notified of the admissions decision by mail approximately 60 days after the deadline. The college may return completed applications received after the posted deadline without review.

Requirements for Consideration to PN

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING REQUIREMENTS
CPT required results are subject to change. Please contact the Advising Center at 978-630-9109 or you may contact the Admissions Office at 978-630-9110 to attend an information session.

ENGLISH REQUIREMENT
Students are strongly urged to have completed ENG 101 College Writing I, with a grade of C+ or better, at the time of application.

MATH PROFICIENCY
Competency may be met with completion of a math course equal to MAT 126 Topics In Mathematics or higher (not MAT 140 Elements Of Mathematics I) with a grade of C+ or better or through college placement testing.

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THE MWCC ADMISSIONS OFFICE

- A completed PN admissions application (available through the Admissions Office (http://mwcc.edu/admissions/apply-to-mwcc)).
- Satisfaction of high school diploma or equivalency requirement as described in the college's general admissions requirements.
- Official transcripts of all college-level courses completed at colleges other than MWCC. Transfer credits for education completed outside of the U.S. must be evaluated for equivalency by an approved agency. Agencies can be found at the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES (http://www.naces.org)).
- Documentation demonstrating that all minimum requirements for consideration have been met.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores, if applicable.

**Special Program Requirements for NU, NUE, and PN**

Please note that the following information must be received before courses begin:

- Health examination conducted within the past two years by a licensed health care provider.
- Proof of current immunizations (Annual PPD or chest x-ray within 1 year, Measles, Mumps and Rubella: series of 2 or a positive antibody titre, Hepatitis B: series of 3 and a positive antibody titre for Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) within 10 years, Chicken Pox: 2 vaccines or a positive antibody titre, Influenza vaccine (in season), or if required by the clinical facility) must be provided to the Health Services Office. Contact the Health Services Office at 978-630-9136, for more information.
- Liability Insurance of $1,000,000/$3,000,000 coverage is required. Students will be covered under the college’s liability insurance policy, which will be billed through student fees.
- CPR Certification (Healthcare Provider) is required. A certificate of completion must be presented to the nursing department prior to entry into nursing courses.
- All nursing students must participate in the Massachusetts Community College Health Insurance Plan or provide accurate information regarding comparable coverage.
- Clinical sites may require the student obtain certain background checks (state/federal criminal or sexual offender), finger printing and/or drug testing before participating in the clinical experience. Costs for these reviews will be the responsibility of the student.

**Readmission Policy for NU, NUE, LPN, and PN**

Mount Wachusett Community College reserves the right to limit the number of readmissions each academic year. Readmission to the nursing program is not guaranteed and is on a space available basis. Readmission to the programs will require a one-time successful attempt at a readmission examination with a grade of 77 percent or higher. A student seeking readmission to the nursing programs must follow the application procedure for new students. Students are limited to two admissions to a nursing program, (ADN and the LPN to ADN Bridge is considered one program). Emergency medical conditions will be considered on an individual basis and will require documentation from a physician. Admission to the nursing programs is selective and the admissions committee reserves the right to deny readmission to any applicant. The respective programs reserve the right to refuse readmission based on, but not limited to, unprofessional behavior, unethical conduct, and client safety issues.

**CORI/SORI Policy for Nursing Programs**

*(See the Nursing application packet for more information)*

Compliance with licensure laws in the state of Massachusetts requires all NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN applicants to furnish satisfactory proof of “good moral character” (M.G.L. Chapter 112, Sections 74 and 74A). Nursing students will be required to complete a CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) check. It must be understood that a conviction in a court of law may prevent them from being placed in a clinical agency. This then will not allow successful completion of the Nursing program. In addition, it will delay and may prohibit their eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN.

Individuals requiring CORI checks must also have Sexual Offender Records Information (SORI) checks completed as well, consistent with current Commonwealth of Massachusetts law MGLC 178-C-178P. Record storage and usage will be in compliance with college procedures depending on the result of a CORI or SORI check, as a person’s eligibility in the nursing programs may be affected.

Applicants for initial Massachusetts nurses licensure must report felonies and misdemeanor convictions and disciplinary action to the Board of Registration in Nursing for its evaluation of the applicant’s compliance with the Good Moral Character requirement at GL, c.112, 22.74 and 74A. For details, refer to the Good Moral Character Information Sheet (http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/quality/boards/good-moral-info.pdf).

Please contact the MWCC Office of Admissions at 978-630-9110 or at admissions@mwcc.edu for more information, to obtain an application, or to attend an information session for any MWCC nursing program.