

Application Packet

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Registered Nursing Associates Degree Program

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Nursing is a profession within the healthcare sector that focuses on the care of individuals, families, and communities to maintain or improve their health and well-being. It is both art and science; heart and mind. Nurses use their judgment to integrate objective data with subjective experience of a patient's biological, physical, and behavioral needs. Nursing is a dynamic and evolving field that plays a crucial role in the overall healthcare system.

Why Montcalm Community College?

Montcalm Community College's RN program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA). Montcalm Community College's RN program is a great place to start your career. It is designed to provide the credits necessary to graduate with an associate of applied science in nursing. Upon completion of MCC's AAS in nursing, the graduate will be prepared to take the NCLEX-RN in Michigan. If students choose to take the NCLEX-RN in a state other than Michigan, they will need to contact that specific board of nursing to ensure requirements are met. We prepare students for employment opportunities as Registered Nurses.

There are different types of nurses with varying levels of education and specialization, including licensed practical nurses (LPNs), registered nurses (RNs), and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN).

What is a Registered Nurse?

A Registered Nurse (RN) is a healthcare professional who has completed the necessary education and training to become licensed and registered to practice nursing. Every state and the District of Columbia has a board of nursing with a mission of protecting the public from harm. RNs play a key role in providing patient care and are an integral part

of the healthcare team. Registered Nurses work in various healthcare settings, including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, schools, community health organizations, and more. They contribute significantly to promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of individuals and communities. Here are some key characteristics and responsibilities of Registered Nurses:

Education: RNs typically have a formal education in nursing, which can be obtained through various educational pathways. This includes completing a diploma program, an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or associate of applied science (AAS), or a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN).

Licensure: After completing their education, individuals must pass a licensing examination to become a registered nurse. Licensing requirements vary by jurisdiction but passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) is a first step.

Patient Care: RNs are involved in direct patient care, including assessing patients' conditions, administering medications, monitoring vital signs, and collaborating with other healthcare professionals to develop and implement care plans.

Critical Thinking: Registered Nurses are skilled in critical thinking and problem-solving. They assess complex situations, make decisions based on their nursing knowledge, and respond to emergencies effectively.

Clinical Judgment: Clinical judgment refers to the process through which registered nurses make decisions about patient care based on their assessment of the situation. It involves analyzing available information, recognizing relevant cues, and drawing conclusions to determine appropriate actions or interventions. Clinical judgment is a critical aspect of healthcare practice, and it relies on a combination of knowledge, experience, critical thinking, and situational awareness. Clinical judgment is not only based on technical knowledge but also incorporates aspects of empathy, cultural competence, and effective communication. It is a dynamic and iterative process that evolves as new information becomes available. The ability to exercise sound clinical judgment is essential for

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providing safe, effective, and patient-centered care in various healthcare settings.

Advocacy: RNs advocate for patients' rights and ensure that patients receive quality and compassionate care. They may also be involved in educating patients about their health conditions and treatment plans.

Specialization: Some RNs choose to specialize in a particular area of nursing, such as maternity, pediatrics, critical care, or mental health. Specialization often involves additional education and training.

Continuing Education: Nursing is a dynamic field, and RNs are encouraged to engage in continuing education to stay updated on the latest healthcare practices and advancements.

To apply for nursing program admission, the following criteria must be met:

1. Overall GPA of 2.0
2. No outstanding financial obligations to MCC
3. Have an activated MCC student email account.
4. Have a completed application for admission.
5. Completed the HESI admission assessment testing – A2 (taken in NADN 108)
6. Completed the following courses with a "C" or better: BIOL 202, MATH (102, 104, 159, or 190), ENGL 100, COMM 220; NADN 108 with a C+ or higher.

Application Cycle

The nursing program admits up to 40 students twice a year. The application cycles are October 1-22 and May 1-15. The October seat acceptance admits students in the spring and the May seat acceptance admits students in the fall. Students are encouraged to meet with a counselor for course selection and application assistance. Admission is competitive. There is no guarantee of admission regardless of completion of minimum course requirement or point rubric total. It is the student's responsibility to understand and adhere to the specific admission criteria. Admission is based on a point system which factors in the GPA of required course, past

educational achievements or certifications, and academic history.

Application Correspondence

Applications will only be accepted during an open application cycle. All application correspondence will be sent to the student's MCC email. If a student is selected to enter the nursing program, a letter of acceptance will be sent via email and the student will have a deadline date to accept their seat offer. If a student is not selected for admission, the student will also be notified by email and will need to re-apply for the next admission application cycle. If an application is received from a non-qualified student or an application is incomplete, students will receive an email with an explanation.

Financial Aid

It is the student's responsibility to discuss eligibility of funding for the complete nursing program with the Financial Aid Office. This includes funding for additional courses beyond the associate degree requirements. MCC's Financial Aid Office may be contacted via (989) 328-1205 or finaid@montcalm.edu. Students should have their financial aid/funding plan in place to be ready for entry.

Immunizations

Please refer to the Health Careers Immunization Worksheet (this can be found on the nursing web page). This is not required as part of the application process but will be needed when accepted into the nursing program. Once accepted into the program, there is a very short window to complete the immunizations and CPR-BLS requirements. It is recommended that students get started on these requirements early. The CPR-BLS must be through the American Heart Association.

BSN Courses

Students who wish to take RN to BSN courses while waiting to enter the nursing program should make an appointment with a counselor or advisor. An appointment may be made by calling **(989) 328-1264**. Contact with the transfer school representative should also be made.

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The Nursing Program

The nursing program is designed to be 5 semesters in length. Once admitted into the nursing program, students must successfully complete all semester courses to progress into the following semesters. Please refer to the recommended sequence of courses below.

Pre-requisites:

MATH 102, 104, 159, or 190 (4 credits)
ENGL 100 English I (3 credits)
COMM 220 Interpersonal Communications (3 credits)
BIOL 202 Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)
NADN 108 College Success for Nursing (1 credit)

Once a student enters the nursing program the remainder of the courses are in the following sequence:

Semester 1:

**BIOL 203 Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)
**PSYC 120 General Psychology (3 credits)
NADN 135 Foundations of Nursing (6 credits)
NADN 145 Pharmacology I (2 credits)

Semester 2:

NADN 175 Pharmacology II (1.5 credits)
NADN 180 Nursing Care of the Adult Patient I (5 credits)
NADN 190 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (3 credits)

Semester 3:

**PHIL 222 Bioethics (3 credits)
NADN 250 Maternity and Pediatric Nursing (5 credits)
NADN 260 Nursing Care of the Adult Patient II (5 credits)
NADN 270 Pharmacology III (1.5 credits)

Semester 4:

**POLI 240 The American Political System (3 credits)
NADN 280 Nursing Care of the Adult III (5 credits)
NADN 290 Leadership Capstone (2 credits)

***** These courses can be taken prior to program entry. If a student chooses to take general education courses ahead of time, out of sequence, this may impact the student's financial aid.***

Please note that a grade of "C" is required for all general education courses and a "C+" is required for all NADN courses to progress in the nursing program.

Notes:



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Nursing Application Information

Section 1: GPA Calculated College Course GPA in these courses: BIOL 202, MATH, ENGL 100, COMM 220, NADN 108.

- ENGL 101 will be acceptable if ENGL 100 is not on MCC transcripts with a C or higher.
- AP/CLEP credit is acceptable if applied to the MCC transcript but will not be calculated in GPA.
- Must have a C or higher in BIOL, MATH, ENGL, COMM and a C+ or higher in NADN 108 to apply.
- NADN 108 must be completed at MCC.
- Official transcripts must be on file with Montcalm Community College.

Section II: HESI admission assessment testing – A2 (3 scored areas).

The HESI admission test will be taken one time during NADN 108. It can also be taken a second time during that class and can be re-taken once every 90 days if needed. Results are good for one year prior to the end of the application cycle. The highest score in each individual section is used from each applicable test. Final points are based on the average of each subject. There is no minimum HESI score to apply, however, points are a factor toward admission.

Section III: Highest degrees from a regionally accredited institution.

You may receive points for the highest degree earned. The degree must be from a regionally accredited institution. Only your highest degree earned will be counted, points will not be awarded for multiple degrees. Official transcripts showing degree completion must be on file with Montcalm Community College.

Section IV: Required nursing general education credits taken at MCC

Two (2) points are allowed for each of the required courses completed with a minimum of a C grade at time of application (see full list on page 8).

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Section V: Healthcare experience

1. Certificate or license in healthcare (copy of current certificate/license must be attached)
Examples include: Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), Certified Nurse Aid (CNA), Emergency Medical Assistant (EMT), Paramedic, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse (LPN/LVN), Phlebotomist, Pharmacy Technician, Laboratory Tech, Personal Trainer, Massage Therapist, Veterinary Tech, Dental Assistant, Medical Records Specialist, Medical Transcriptionist, Optician, Mental Health Worker (MHW), Community Health Worker (CHW), Surgical Assistant/Technician
2. Work experience in healthcare - If you are currently working or have worked within the past two years.
 - Proof of employment on the company letterhead, for each position worked must be submitted with the application.

Section VI: Military veterans

Students must be an active military or veteran as defined by MCC.



Section VII: General education (coursework taken towards BSN)

Two (2) points are allowed, per section up to a maximum of 12 points. All grades must be a C or higher. Classes must appear on the student's MCC transcript.

1. ENGL 101
2. MATH 190 or 102 or 104 or 159 or 180 or 250 (class may not be used in section 1, one of the classes (in section 1 and 7) must be MATH 190
3. Two of the following (only one may be a PHIL prefix):

ARTS 190	ARTS 215	ARTS 216
ARTS 265	ENGL 195	ENGL 200
ENGL 201	ENGL 220	ENGL 221
ENGL 235	ENGL 250	GERM 101
GERM 102	MUSI 101	MUSI 250
PHIL 220	PHIL 221	SPAN 130
SPAN 131		
4. PSYC 221 or PHIL 230 or COMM 210
5. One of the following:

CHEM 105	CHEM 220	ENVR 101
ENVR 102	PHYS 101	PHYS 230

Section VIII: Interview

Points received on your interview in NADN 108 will be transferred to this section.

Tie breaker:

- Residency: list the school district in which you reside. Must match your current address listed with MCC.
- HESI composite score: (list the average score of Anatomy & Biology)



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Student Name _____ MCC ID _____

Address _____

Student Email _____ Telephone _____

- _____ Overall MCC GPA of 2.0
- _____ No outstanding financial obligation to MCC
- _____ All previous official college transcript(s) received by MCC (official means sent directly from one institution to another)
- _____ Completed admission worksheet with supportive documentation included.
- _____ Are you a current MCC Early College student or a graduate of the MCC Early College program?
- _____ I have seen the program cost sheet and understand I should be working on finances now should I get accepted into the program.
- _____ I understand all nursing application correspondence will be sent to my MCC email.
- _____ I have emailed healthcareers@montcalm.edu to be added to the application Canvas course.

To the best of my knowledge, I have completed all of the above items. I understand that program requirements may change at any time, and that application submission is not a guarantee of acceptance to, or entry into, the nursing program. I accept responsibility for completing all program requirements to become eligible for the program. If the submitted application is found to have missing information/documents, I understand I will be notified via MCC email. I understand all missing information must be received within 24 hours of the email notification, or my application will be rejected. I understand all correspondence regarding my application status will be sent to my MCC student email. Failure to follow the instructions given to you in these emails during this process will result in removal of admission consideration.

Applicant's Signature

Date



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is accredited by the National League for
Nursing Commission for Nursing
Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA)
located at 2600 Virginia Ave. NW,
Washington, DC 20037.
(202) 909-2526

Criteria			Maximum Points	Score	
Section I: GPA calculated college course GPA in these courses:					
Please fill in grades for BIOL 202, MATH, ENGL 100, COMM 220, NADN 108					
35 points 3.90+	21 points 3.20 - 3.29	_____BIOL 202	35	----	
33 points 3.80 - 3.89	19 points 3.10 - 3.19	_____COMM 220			
31 points 3.70 - 3.79	17 points 3.00 - 3.09	_____ENGL 100			
29 points 3.60 - 3.69	15 points 2.90 - 2.99	_____MATH			
27 points 3.50 - 3.59	13 points 2.80 - 2.89	_____NADN 108			
25 points 3.40 - 3.49	11 points 2.70 - 2.79				
23 points 3.30 - 3.39	0 points 2.69 - 0	_____GPA			
Section II: 2nd HESI admission assessment testing - A2: (3 scored areas, please insert score)					
___Grammar ___Reading Comprehension ___Vocabulary/Knowledge Average _____ 100 - 90 = 10 points 89.9 - 80 = 7 points 79.9 - 75 = 4 points	_____Math Average _____ 100 - 90 = 10 points 89.9 - 80 = 7 points 79.9 - 75 = 4 points	_____Biology _____Anatomy & Physiology Average _____ 100 - 90 = 10 points 89.9 - 80 = 7 points 79.9 - 75 = 4 points	30	----	
Section III: Highest earned degrees from a regionally accredited college (10 points maximum)					
If applicable, please circle one of the choices below. Baccalaureate degree or higher (School: _____) = 10 points Associate degree from Montcalm Community College = 8 points Associate degree (School: _____) = 5 points			10	----	
Section IV: Required nursing general education credits taken at MCC					
Two (2) points per course (check all that apply)	_____BIOL 202 _____PHIL222 _____ENGL 100	_____MATH _____COMM 220 _____PSYC 120	_____BIOL 203 _____POLI 240	16	----
Section V: Healthcare Experience					
If applicable, please circle choices below. 1. Certificate or license in healthcare = 10 points 2. Work experience (must have been working within the past two years) • 5+ years = 15 points • 1 - 5 years = 10 points • 6 months - 1year = 5 points			25	----	
Section VI: Military Veterans					
Yes = 2 points	No = 0 points		2	----	
Section VII: General Education (coursework taken towards BSN) = 12 points maximum					
Two (2) points per course, 12 points maximum All courses must have a C or higher as identified on MCC transcript. Please see page 6 for a list of qualified courses. _____ _____			12	----	
Section VIII: Interview (1 - 2 minutes)					
Points transferred from interview in NADN 108			20	----	
Tie Breaker:	1. Residency_____	2. HESI composite score (average of Anatomy & Biology) highest will trump _____			
Name of counselor/advisor you met with: _____ Date:_____					