MVCC Nursing

How to Apply for Nursing

Admission to the Nursing AAS Degree Program at MVCC is a competitive and time-sensitive process. The following are the requirements to apply for the nursing program. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the Essential Functions (see section 5) prior to applying.

SECTION 1

PREREQUISITES:

- **Minimum** high school average of 85 OR a current overall college grade point average (GPA) of 2.85.
- **Math:** An SAT math score of 500 or higher OR an ACT math score of 19 or higher OR an appropriate math placement test score OR a letter grade of "C" or better in an MVCC MA045, MA050, MA089, MA090, MA091, MA108, MA115, or a comparable mathematics course taken within five years at another college.
- **Chemistry:** High school chemistry with a lab and a final numerical grade of 70 or higher taken within seven years OR a grade of "C" or better in CH091, CH092, CH111, CH112 or CH131 taken within seven years.

Prerequisites can be taken at other colleges. Consult the Associate Dean of Nursing Office to find out if those classes meet the minimum criteria.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Applicants may have no more than one repeat, as a result of an F- failure, W- withdrawal or "D" grade in any of the above prerequisite courses within five years of applying to the nursing program.
- Applicants may have no more than one repeat, as a result of an F- failure, W- withdrawal or "D" grade in Human Anatomy & Physiology 1, Human Anatomy & Physiology 2, **and/or** Microbiology at MVCC or any other college. Applicants or students unsuccessful in any combination of the above science courses twice within five years are ineligible to apply to the MVCC nursing program.
- Applicants who have been unsuccessful in two nursing courses or the same nursing course twice at MVCC or another college/nursing program are ineligible to apply to the MVCC nursing program.
- The College will consider the higher of the two prerequisites: a high school grade of 85 or an overall college grade point average of 2.85, provided the applicant has graduated from high school within five years of applying to the nursing program.

STEPS TO APPLY

All prospective students must complete the following steps to officially apply for admission to the nursing program:

Step 1a: Students who are new to MVCC must submit a completed MVCC college admission application to the college Admission Office by March 1, including all official college or high school transcripts, and a separate Nursing Program Application.

OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES: Request a professional education credential evaluation report from an evaluation service [such as World Education Services (www.wes.org)]. Please request that an official copy of the report be sent to Mohawk Valley Community College, Office of Admissions.

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Step 1b: Students who are new to MVCC must complete the MVCC Placement Test prior to March 1st. In order to be considered for admission into the nursing program, candidates must complete the MVCC Placement Test and receive an eligible score on the math portion that will allow the student to enroll in MA108 or MA110. Students may be exempt from taking certain portions of the placement test based on the college's "Placement Testing Exemption Policy" which can be found at: www.mvcc.edu/placement-testing-exemption-policy.

Step 2: The appropriate ATI TEAS V and/or STEP test scores are required by the application deadlines. Applicants must register and pay for the ATI TEAS V test. See the following link on the MVCC How to Apply for Nursing webpage for information and testing dates: http://www.mvcc.edu/placement-testing1/teas-exam-information

LPN applicants are required to take the LPN ATI STEP test before submitting their application. See the following link on the MVCC How to Apply for Nursing webpage for STEP test dates:
http://www.atitesting.com/ati_next_gen/customecom/BrowseSessions.aspx?stf=10&ssf=34&stype=6&city=Utica

Applicants must take the indicated ATI TEAS V and /or STEP within two years of the application date, 2 times only. We require a minimum adjusted individualized total score on the TEAS V test of 58.7 to be considered for the program.

Step 3: After taking the TEAS V and/or STEP test, contact the Advisement Center at (315)731-5710 to schedule an appointment with an assigned Healthcare Career Advisor to continue the nursing program application process.

Applicants must submit a completed Nursing Program Application to the Advisement Office before the appropriate deadline. Include any additional significant information that you would like the Application Review Committee to consider.

***Note to international candidates**:* See the webpage link http://www.mvcc.edu/international-admissions/admissions-requirements for information.

If you require disability accommodations during any part of the application process, please contact the Disability Services Office at (315)792-5644 or email tmariotti@mvcc.edu to discuss your needs.

ADMISSIONS DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

The MVCC Application Review Committee reviews applicants.

Applicants who have met all application requirements, and who have taken the required ATI TEAS V and/or ATI STEP test within 2 years of the application due date, will be considered for admission.

- Admission to the MVCC nursing program will require a completed college application for admission to be submitted to the Admissions Office no later than March 1.
- The nursing program application deadline for new applicants is March1. Applications must be submitted to the Advisement Office by appointment no later than March 1.
- Any applications received after March 1 will be considered on a space-available basis.

We require a minimum adjusted individualized total score on the TEAS V test of 58.7 to be considered for the program. TEAS scores will determine the applicant's ranking for admission. The MVCC Application Review Committee will meet after March 1st. At that time, on a space-available basis, the committee may review and accept applicants with the required TEAS V score whose cumulative GPA is below 2.85, or a high school average of 85, until the program is full.

Letters of acceptance or refusal for the nursing program will be mailed to candidates no later than April15 (for fall applicants). Those applicants who have been accepted into the program will be eligible to register for nursing classes. Acceptance will be provisional pending successful completion of prerequisite coursework.

All decisions of the Application Review Committee are final. Students not accepted initially may reapply to the MVCC nursing program one time only.

Length of Program

Federal and state regulations mandate maximum time frames with regard to the availability of financial aid grants and student loans. Please check with the Financial Aid Office if you are nearing the two year time frame.

SECTION 2) LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN) TO REGISTERED NURSE (RN) APPLICANTS

The nursing program application deadline for LPN applicants is March 1.

LPN-RN applicants are applicants with a current NYS license. LPN-RN applicants must apply meeting all prerequisite criteria and MUST choose one of the options below in Section 2 of the nursing program application.

Option 1: LPN-RN candidates who are applying to the required LPN to RN NU050 transition course must submit an ATI STEP test score taken within 2 years of application due date.

Option 2: LPN-RN candidates who choose to apply for NU101 Fundamentals of Nursing in lieu of NU050 must submit an ATI TEAS V test score taken within 2 years of the application due date.

Option 3: LPN-RN candidates who would like to apply to both programs may indicate it on their admission application and must submit an ATI administered TEAS V and the ATI STEP test scores.

Option 4: LPN-RN candidates may opt to take Excelsior College Course #559 Maternity Nursing for NU102 transfer credit and Excelsior College Course #503 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing for NU103 credit in lieu of the LPN-RN transition course NU050. Excelsior grades must be a "C" or higher in order to receive transfer credit. Students choosing this option would then apply as transfer students. Completion of any Excelsior course(s) does not guarantee placement into MVCC nursing courses. Placement is pending availability. Applicants must submit an ATI STEP test score taken within 2 years of the application due date.

SECTION 3) TRANSFER APPLICANTS FOR NURSING COURSE(S)

The transfer application deadline is March 1 for fall term nursing courses and October 1 for spring term nursing courses.

Transfer applicants are applicants with transfer credit for nursing course(s) from another college and must apply meeting all program and prerequisite criteria.

Admission testing, required developmental course work, and indicated skill testing must be completed before applicants are eligible to apply to the MVCC nursing program. Applicants must have transfer credit for nursing courses and may not have been unsuccessful in a nursing course more than once, with no more than a break in sequence of 2 years at any college.

1. Science credits earned more than five years prior to the start of the student's first nursing semester will not satisfy program or prerequisite course requirements.
2. Applicants may have no more than one repeat (F, D or W) F- failure, W- withdrawal or "D" grade in Human Anatomy & Physiology 1, Human Anatomy & Physiology 2, and Microbiology at MVCC or any other college. Students with a second unsuccessful (F, W or D) F- failure, W- withdrawal or "D" grade are ineligible to apply to the MVCC Nursing Program.
3. Completion of any nursing course(s) does not guarantee placement into MVCC nursing course(s). Placement is pending availability.

4. Second year Medical Surgical Nursing Courses NU201 (Nursing 3) and NU202 (Nursing 4) must be taken at MVCC. Any student who has been unsuccessful in two nursing courses or the same nursing course twice at MVCC or another college/nursing program will not be eligible for admission to the nursing program.

SECTION 4) READMISSION APPLICANTS TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

The readmission application deadlines are March 1st for fall term nursing courses and October 1st for spring term nursing courses.

- **Readmission applicants are applicants that have previously attended any MVCC nursing course(s).**

- Readmission applicants must have successfully completed all prerequisite course work. Applicants may have no more than one repeat as a result of an F- failure, W- withdrawal or "D" grade in any nursing course. Students who have been unsuccessful in two nursing courses or the same nursing course twice at MVCC, or another college/nursing program, are ineligible to reapply to the MVCC nursing program.

- Applicants may have no more than one repeat, as a result of an F- failure, W- withdrawal or "D" grade in Human Anatomy & Physiology 1, Human Anatomy & Physiology 2, and/or Microbiology at MVCC or any other college. Applicants or students with a second unsuccessful F- failure, W- withdrawal or "D" grade are ineligible to reapply to the Nursing Program.

An ATI TEAS V test score is required within 2 years. TEAS scores will determine the ranking for readmission into the nursing program. Readmission is on a space-available basis.

SECTION 4A) READMISSION APPLICANTS WITHIN ONE YEAR

Application requirements for applicants seeking readmission into a nursing course within one year of: an unsuccessful nursing course (F, D, or W), or a break in sequence.

1. Notify the Associate Dean of Nursing in writing requesting readmission and indicate the course and semester for which readmission is sought.

   Send letters to: Pamela Fess, MSN, RN, CCRN, Payne Hall 348, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501

2. Nursing students who were unsuccessful (F, D, OR W or a break in sequence) in any nursing course must reapply using the Nursing Program Application. An ATI TEAS V and/ or an ATI STEP test score is required within 2 years.

SECTION 4B) READMISSION APPLICANTS AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Application requirements for students seeking readmission after more than one year of an unsuccessful nursing course (F, D, or W) or a break in sequence of nursing course(s), the break in sequence may not be more than 2 years at any college.

1. Notify the Associate Dean of Nursing in writing requesting readmission and indicate the course and semester for which readmission is sought.

   Send letters to: Pamela Fess, MSN, RN, CCRN, Payne Hall 348, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501

2. Satisfactorily complete the Skill Proficiency Exam if required by completed nursing course(s).
3. Achieve a grade of 90% or greater on the dosage calculation exam if required by completed nursing course(s).

4. Nursing students who were unsuccessful (F, D, or W) in any nursing course must reapply using the Nursing Program Application. An ATI TEAS V and/ or an ATI STEP test score is required within 2 years.
5. Science credits earned more than five years prior to the start of the student's first nursing semester will not satisfy program or prerequisite course requirements.

SECTION 5) MVCC NURSING Essential Functions

The essential skills and relevant activities are listed for your review so that potential students can decide whether or not they may be able to complete the requirements for the nursing program. Applicants must sign their application to indicate their review in section 5 of the Nursing Program Admission Application.

MVCC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The college will endeavor to make reasonable accommodations for an applicant with a disability, who is otherwise qualified. Applicants who are unsure if they can meet these essential skills or know they will need help in meeting them should contact the College's Disability Services Office at (315)792-5644 to discuss accommodations and/or auxiliary aids.

A student in the associate degree nursing program must have the abilities and skills necessary for use in the nursing process. The following is a representative list of the essential skills, with or without accommodation, expected of students enrolled in the nursing program.

1. Demonstrate the ability to perform essential functions for a maximum of a 10 hour shift.
2. Demonstrate the ability to protect a client when the client is standing and ambulating on all surfaces with or without the use of assistive devices, including canes, crutches and walkers.
3. Demonstrate the ability to safely move a client of over 100 pounds from one surface to another using the appropriate level of help.
4. Demonstrate safe body mechanics in the process of all client treatments, including lifting and carrying small equipment (under 50 pounds) and moving large equipment (over 50 pounds).
5. Demonstrate the ability to manipulate dials on equipment.
6. Demonstrate the ability to coordinate simultaneous motions.
7. Demonstrate the ability to perform occasional overhead extension.
8. Demonstrate the ability to hear blood pressure, heart, and lung sounds with or without corrective devices.
9. Demonstrate the ability to palpate soft tissue including pulse, muscle and bones.
10. Demonstrate the ability to perform nursing interventions such as sterile procedures, dressing changes, and following infection control procedures.
11. Demonstrate the ability to administer medications (IM, Sub Q, IV, suppositories, etc., including dosage calculations) when necessary.
12. Display adaptability to change.
13. Establish effective relationships with others.
14. Communicate effectively, safely, and efficiently in English (both written and spoken) by:
    a. Explaining procedures
    b. Receiving information from others
    c. Receiving information from written documents
    d. Exhibiting appropriate interpersonal skill (refer to ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses)
    e. Analyzing and documenting assessment findings and interventions.
15. Distinguish color changes.
16. Detect an unsafe environment and carry out appropriate emergency procedures including:
    a. Detecting subtle environment changes and odors including, but not limited to, the smell of burning electrical equipment, smoke, and spills.
    b. Detect high and low frequency sounds, including but not limited to, alarms, bells, and emergency signals.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS:

THE LAW REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF NURSING STATES THAT THE BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MAY DENY A CONVICTED FELON A LICENSE OR THE PRIVILEGE OF SITTING FOR THE EXAMINATION (SECTION 4712.28) OF THE REVISED CODE.