

MVCC Nursing

Admission to the Nursing Program

Admission to the Health Professions at MVCC is a competitive, time-sensitive, and sequential process. The following are the requirements to apply for our programs. Applicants are also encouraged to carefully review the *MVCC HLTP Essential Functions* document.

PREREQUISITES (Please see chart for ALL Health Care Programs)

All applicants must meet or be working towards the completion of the following prerequisites at the time of application:

- High school diploma or its equivalent **AND**
The most recent of the following:

HLTP PROGRAM	Minimum History			Math Score				**Chemistry w/Lab			**Biology w/Lab		*** ATI TEAS Score
	TASC Score	High School Average	College GPA*	SAT	ACT	MVCC Placement	College Math	High School	CH 111/112	CH 131	High School	College	
HIT	≥ 2500	75	2.0	530	19	51	≥ C	RECOMMENDED			RECOMMENDED		N/A
Nursing	≥ 3500	85	2.8	530	19	51	≥ C	≥ 75	≥ C	≥ C	RECOMMENDED		58.7
Radiology	≥ 3500	85	2.8	530	19	51	≥ C	≥ 75	≥ C	≥ C	≥ 70	≥ C	N/A
Respiratory	≥ 3100	80	2.5	530	19	51	≥ C	≥ 70	≥ C	≥ C	RECOMMENDED		N/A
Surgical Technology	≥ 2500	75	2.0	530	19	51	≥ C	RECOMMENDED			RECOMMENDED		N/A

*You must have at least 12 college credits to utilize a College GPA. Consideration will be given for college level classes taken in High School.

**If you have a completed degree, or have successfully completed an approved college level Anatomy and Physiology sequence within the last seven (7) years at MVCC or another college, you may be exempt from the Biology/Chemistry requirement.

^aHigh School Chemistry with a final grade and/or Regents exam score of a 75 or higher required for Nursing and Radiology.

^bHigh School Chemistry with a final grade and/or Regents exam score of a 70 or higher required for Respiratory.

*** The ATI TEAS must be taken within two (2) years of the application date and can only be taken twice within the two (2) year period with a minimum adjusted individualized total score of at least 58.7 to be accepted into the Nursing Program.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- HLTP courses are sequential and begin in the fall semester. Students must complete the application process and have all relevant admission documents submitted and testing completed by **March 1st**. Applications received after **March 1** may be considered on a space-available basis.
- Applicants may have no more than one repeat (F, D or W) in any prerequisite college courses within seven years of applying to the program. Courses include math and/or chemistry courses taken at the college level.
- Applicants who have received a "D", "F", or "W" for any of the following courses at MVCC or at any other college within seven (7) years of application are ineligible to apply to the program. If the unsuccessful grade was received beyond seven years ago, an appeal request may be submitted in writing to the Health Professions Department in order to be considered for the program.
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology 1
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology 2
 - Microbiology
 - Any core program course
- Applicants who have received a grade of "D", "F", or "W" more than once in any of the following courses at MVCC or any other college will be ineligible to apply to the program:
 - English 1
 - English 2
 - Intro to Psychology

If you require any specific accommodations throughout this process please contact the Office of Accessibility Resources at: 315-792-5644 or email tmariotti@mvcc.edu

ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO OFFICIALLY APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM:

STUDENTS NEW TO MVCC:

Step 1: All New MVCC students need to submit a completed MVCC college admission application (www.mvcc.edu/apply) to the college's Admission Office by **March 1**, including all official college and/or high school transcripts. 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, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501. Applications received AFTER March 1st will be reviewed on a space available basis.

Once a complete application, including transcript, is received by the college, the application will be reviewed by the Admissions office and students will be notified in a timely manner of their next steps. Please note: When the student's application is considered complete by the Admissions office, the student will be accepted to the college in our Health Sciences major. Admissions will then notify the School of Health Sciences that the applicant has submitted their application to the college and been accepted to Health Science, and is interested in moving forward with the process to be considered for the Nursing program. At that point, the School of Health Sciences will review the student's application and records to determine if they are eligible to apply for admission in to the Nursing program.

Step 2: If it is determined a student meets the initial eligibility requirements to be considered for the Nursing program, the School of Health Sciences will send the Nursing Program Application to the student who must complete and submit the application directly to the School of Health Sciences no later than March 1st in order for the Selection Committee to review the application. Applications received after March 1st will be considered on a space available basis.

If after review of the college application determines a student is not eligible to be considered for acceptance in to the Nursing program, the student will remain in our Health Science major. A Student Support Advisor will communicate with the student to discuss next steps toward enrollment at the college and discuss a pathway toward future consideration for Nursing.

*** It is recommended that students complete the MVCC Placement Test and receive an eligible score on the math portion that will allow the student to enroll in 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*

CURRENT MVCC STUDENTS:

Step 1: Contact Holistic Support at: (315) 731-5710 to schedule an appointment with a Student Support Advisor to review the Nursing Program application process

Step 2: The Student Support Advisor will notify the School of Health Sciences of the student's interest in be considered for the Nursing program. The School of Health Sciences will review the student record and determine if the student is eligible for consideration to the Nursing program and if so, will be sent the Nursing Program Application. Once the Nursing Program Application is received, the student needs to complete the application and return it directly to the School of Health Sciences. Please *PRINT* legibly in blue or black ink and include any additional significant information that you would like the Selection Review Committee to consider. Applications should be submitted to the School of Health Sciences, Payne Hall 349, Mohawk Valley Community College, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501.

ALL NURSING CANDIDATES WHO MEET INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Step 3: In addition to the Nursing Application, students **must include** a written **Letter of Intent** by **March 1st** to emphasize what they can bring to the nursing program and profession and include a reflection of your personal background and accomplishments. Also, discuss your achievements, talents, and your long term professional goals.

Step 4: Applicants must register and pay for the ATI TEAS test. The ATI TEAS test must be completed by March 1st. Visit the following link for additional information and testing dates: <https://www.mvcc.edu/placement-testing/teas-exam-info.php>. For any questions regarding the ATI TEAS test or request for accommodations, please contact the MVCC Assessment and Testing Center at (315)731-5802. If you have previously completed the ATI TEAS Test within the past two years, scores must be submitted to MVCC and included with all other required information for consideration.

Step 5: Qualified applicants who meet all qualifications may then be contacted for a personal interview to complete the admission process.

Personal Interview:

Candidates may be invited for a personal interview after the Nursing Program Selection Committee has completed a preliminary review of the applicant's credentials. Invitations for a personal interview are issued only to those applicants whose records and other stated

qualifications appear sufficiently strong to justify such a detailed study. Those applicants not issued an invitation will receive a letter of refused acceptance so that the individual will be able to act accordingly on his future plans without delay.

Only those applicants whose files are complete (completed application, all official transcripts/academic record – high school and college, letter of intent) will be considered for an interview.

READMISSION APPLICANTS

Readmission only includes applicants who had a break in sequence ***longer than one year due to medical or military leave.***

- Readmission into the program and/or Course(s) requires approval of the Dean, and is on a space- available basis.
- Science credits earned over seven years prior to application without a completed degree will not satisfy course requirements.
- All core-program courses completed more than one year prior to application will not be transferrable into the program during readmission.

Notify the Dean in writing requesting readmission indicating course and semester for which readmission is sought.

- Send letters to: Melissa Copperwheat, Payne Hall 349, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501

ADMISSIONS DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

The Admissions decision-making process is conducted by each *MVCC Program Selection Committee* for the respective program.

- Nursing Program Applications should be submitted as soon as possible and sent directly to the School of Health Sciences.
- Applicants who have met all application requirements will be considered for admission. **As these program are highly competitive, meeting initial eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission into your program of choice.* Applications received after March 1 may be considered on a space-available basis.
- The Nursing Program Selection Committee will meet after **on a rolling basis as Nursing Program Applications are received by the college** to select candidates for acceptance into the program. All decisions of each Program Selection Committee are final.
- Academic transcripts; ATI TEAS Score; a completed Application; Letter of Intent; and a personal interview will determine the applicant's standing for admissions into your program of choice.
- Letters of acceptance or denial for the program will be mailed to candidates on or around **April 15**. Applicants **who have not been accepted** will receive a letter of denied acceptance so that the individual will be able to act accordingly on his/her future plans without delay.

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.

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 Office of Accessibility Resources at (315) 792-5644 to discuss accommodations and/or auxiliary aids.

A student in the Nursing associate degree program must have the abilities and skills necessary for use of 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.
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 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 50pounds).
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 lungs 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 following infection control procedures.
11. Demonstrate the ability to administer medications (IM, Subcutaneous, 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.