

Practical Nursing

This one-year certificate program combines classroom instruction, laboratory experience and clinical practice to prepare students to care for patients in a variety of settings. Students who successfully complete the MCC first-year Practical Nursing program can matriculate into the Associate Degree Nursing program to complete the two-year cycle.

At the completion of the Practical Nursing program all graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN examination, often referred to as the state boards. To practice as an entry-level practical nurse (LPN), licensure is required to practice in the U.S. and the state of Nebraska.



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Admission process

Within 30 days of the application deadline, all applications will be reviewed. Applicants determined to be eligible for admission will be ranked according to the factors below. Applicants are notified of admission status by U.S. mail to the address provided on the application.

Selection criteria is based on the following weighted factors. Applicants are admitted in order of the highest points earned.

- Applicant's GPA as of the application deadline for the required general education courses and additional admissions requirement will be multiplied by 10 to arrive at the GPA value points (e.g., GPA of 2.9 multiplied by 10 equals 29 GPA value points). Required courses include CHEM 1010-College Chemistry, ENGL 1010-English Composition I, MATH 1312-Intermediate Algebra (see page 2 for details) and PSYC 1120-Human Growth and Development.
- In order to utilize credits transferred from other institutions, official transcripts MUST be submitted and fully evaluated by the MCC records office prior to the application deadline. Transcript evaluations can take four to six weeks upon receipt.
- The applicant's TEAS score will be converted to a scale of 10 to arrive at the TEAS value points (e.g., score of 82 converted to 8.2 value points). Applicants must score 50% or higher in each of the four subcategories and overall total score. Please read the TEAS information found on the Testing Services website for further explanation of the scoring process at mccneb.edu/Prospective-Students/Student-Tools-Resources/Testing-Services/Tests-Assessments-Available-By-Location.
- The applicant will be assigned two value points based on each science course listed below. Only courses completed with a grade of C or higher are counted (most recent grade used). Courses must be completed by the application deadline to be included in the ranking calculation.
 - BIOS 2310-Human Anatomy and Physiology I (2 points)
 - BIOS 2320-Human Anatomy and Physiology II (2 points)
- Final admission will be based on receipt of completed background check and drug screening results and eligibility to attend clinical at all health care organizations partnered with the nursing program. Details regarding types of tests and approved vendors will be provided upon admission acceptance.

Application timeline

Application deadline	June 1	Dec. 1
Applicants notified	End of June	Early January
Program begins	Fall quarter	Spring quarter
Format	Daytime/ weekday	Evening/ weekend
Accepted	64	36

Admission information and requirements subject to change without notice.

Applications are held for one application period only. Applicants who are not admitted but wish to be considered for future admission must submit a new application packet.

Any class that is completed by CLEP test, high school AP credit or transferred to MCC from a prior bachelor's or master's degree will receive a grade of "C" when being evaluated for nursing program acceptance, unless the specific course is on the transcript with a letter grade.

International students may be required to fulfill additional state requirements to be board eligible.

Note: If a student's background check result reveals a felony and/or open misdemeanors — or if the abuse registry check shows a student as placed on a registry — the student will not be accepted into the nursing program.

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The Practical Nursing program is approved by the Nebraska State Board of Nursing.

Requirements for Certificate of Achievement in Practical Nursing:

Prerequisites may exist for general courses. Refer to the College catalog.

General education requirements

13.5 credit hrs.

ENGL 1010	English Composition I	4.5
MATH 1312*	Intermediate Algebra	4.5
PSYC 1120	Human Growth and Development	4.5

*MATH 1312 is the current general education math requirement for nursing.

Please note, financial aid may not cover multiple math courses within the same course level. Example, if 1310 has been taken, 1312 may not be covered. The most recent required course grade will be used in the calculation of points for admission into the program.

Remember that official transcripts must be on file at the MCC records office and the evaluation must be completed by the application deadline.

All students interested in transferring to a BSN program after successfully completing the PN and ADN programs at Metropolitan Community College should work with a Health Careers embedded advisor. They can help advise you as to what other courses may be transferable into a bachelor's program, such as statistics. Note, not all BSN programs have the same requirements.

Additional admissions requirement

6.0 credit hrs.

CHEM 1010	College Chemistry	6.0
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Major requirements

30.5 credit hrs.

NURS 1110	Adult Nursing I	6.0
NURS 1120	Adult Nursing II	6.0
NURS 1130	Adult Nursing III	6.0
NURS 1200	Professional Role of the Nurse I	1.0
NURS 1300	Mental Health Nursing I	1.0
NURS 1400	Family Nursing I	3.0
NURS 1510	Concepts of Health Assessment and Therapeutic Interventions I	3.5
NURS 1950	Pharmacology	4.0

Additional value points courses

12.0 credit hrs.

BIOS 2310**	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	6.0
BIOS 2320	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	6.0

For a complete description of courses, visit mycatalog.mccneb.edu.

**BIOS 1010 or equivalent is a prerequisite for BIOS 2310-Human Anatomy and Physiology I. You must complete this course before taking BIOS 2310 in the first quarter of nursing classes. Work with an academic advisor to determine prerequisite equivalencies.

It is recommended students keep a copy of all required paperwork. Copies of paperwork will not be available after the end of the quarter.

Admission requirements

Contacts:

Student services
at any campus
531-MCC-2400 or
800-228-9553

The following requirements must be met by the application deadline to be considered for admission:

- Successful completion of the following pre-entrance/admission courses (with a minimum grade of C; the most recent grade will be used in selection/ranking):
 - CHEM 1010-College Chemistry (substitutions: CHEM 1210 and 1211; CHEM 1212; or CHEM 1220)
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition I (substitutions: none)
 - MATH 1312-Intermediate Algebra (substitutions: MATH 1310; MATH 1315; MATH 1420; MATH 1425; MATH 1430; MATH 2410 or MATH 2411; MATH 2412; or MATH 2510)
 - PSYC 1120 Human Growth and Development (substitutions: none)
- Submission of all official transcripts from other colleges attended and on file and evaluated by records at MCC
- Submission of high school diploma/transcripts or GED
- Complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with all four subcategories and an adjusted total score of 50% or higher. The test must be taken within three years of the application deadline. MCC policy allows the TEAS to be taken only twice in a three-year period. Note: There is a 30-day waiting period before a retake is allowed. Please read the TEAS information found on the Testing Services website for further explanation of the scoring process at mccneb.edu/Prospective-Students/Student-Tools-Resources/Testing-Services/Tests-Assessments-Available-By-Location.
- Submission of official verification from the state of active status as a nurse aide (nebraska.gov/LISSearch/search.cgi)
- Submission of a completed application packet by the application deadline — requires meeting with an academic advisor for checklist verification and signature
- If previous coursework has been completed at MCC, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- If accepted, applicants must have the following by orientation:
 - American Heart Association OR American Red Cross BLS (basic life support) CPR cards are accepted (Contact Jenny Hank at jhank@mccneb.edu with any question concerning this certification.).
 - Copy of all immunizations: varicella; tetanus (within 10 years); MMR; hepatitis B; TB; annual flu shot and *COVID-19 vaccine
 - COVID-19 vaccine or waiver (medical or religious) **if required by clinical affiliated partner agreements*
 - Dose 1 Date _____
 - Dose 2 Date _____
 - Medical exam form (obtained upon acceptance)

All of the above minimum requirements, including CNA, pre-entrance courses, additional value points courses and admissions courses, must be successfully completed by the application deadline to be considered for admission.

Admission criteria subject to change based on current legislation, state licensure requirements and professional accrediting bodies.



All health care students are required to meet definite standards for the profession and for practical performance. Upon acceptance into one of the aforementioned courses/programs, students will be expected to sign the following document validating their ability to meet the stated requirements.

The following are specific requirements of all students:

- Ability to stand, sit, walk, push and squat
- Ability to lift and/or carry 25 pounds
- Ability to reach in forward, lateral and overhead motions
- Ability to climb stairs
- Ability to distinguish distance, colors, objects and persons
- Ability to demonstrate depth perception
- Ability to hear conversation, monitor equipment, perform auscultation, use telephone and distinguish background noise
- Ability to distinguish sharp/dull and hot/cold
- Ability to perform fine and gross motor skills with both hands
- Ability to think clearly and calmly in stressful situations
- Ability to communicate effectively, verbally and in writing, using appropriate grammar, spelling and vocabulary
- Ability to work cooperatively with others

I have read the above technical standards and acknowledge that I can comply with each of them.

Applicant signature

Social Security or student ID number

Printed name

Date



Application deadline: June 1 for fall quarter start; Dec. 1 for spring quarter start

Personal (print or type)

Full legal name _____
(last) (first) (full middle) (maiden)

Social Security _____

MCC student ID _____

Home address _____
(street) (city) (state) (ZIP)

Telephone (required) _____
(home) (work) (cell)

Email _____
(MCC email account) (personal email account)

Gender: male female prefer not to answer Birth date _____
(month) (day) (year)

Employer _____
(name) (address)

Marital status: single married widowed divorced

U.S. citizen: yes no

If no, type of visa: student permanent other _____

Have you previously enrolled at MCC? yes no dates _____

Do you have a high school diploma or GED year received _____

Name of granting institution _____

Address of granting institution _____
(street) (city) (state) (ZIP)

Colleges previously attended other than MCC (if applicable):
(In order to complete the application process, all colleges/universities you have attended must send an official academic transcript to Metropolitan Community College, Records, P.O. Box 3777, Omaha, NE 68103-0777 or transcripts@mccneb.edu.)

College	Address	Dates attended
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____



Furnishing the following information is not a requirement for admission and will not be used in admission discussions. The data will be used for statistical purposes only.

Are you:

- Hispanic/Latino
- Non-Hispanic/Latino

For those individuals who are non-Hispanic/Latino, select one or more of the following:

- American/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information furnished in this application is true and complete. I agree that if such information or any other information upon which my admission is based is not true or complete, the College may rescind my acceptance. I further agree that I will abide by the rules and regulations of the College including but not limited to those rules contained in the current College catalog.

I acknowledge that all official transcripts that I forward to the College become the property of the College and will not be forwarded to another institution or returned to me.

Submit your completed application, technical standards form and checklist to any MCC academic advisor, or place it in the drop-box outside of the Health Careers office on the MCC South Omaha Campus (Mahoney, room 519).

Final admission will be based on receipt of a completed background check, drug screening results and eligibility to attend clinical at all health care organizations partnered with the program. Please review the admission process information on the program webpage for full details.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

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ACCREDITATION: The MCC Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing program are eligible to take the national examination required for certification as a registered nurse (RN).

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000
acenursing.org

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**Note: All applications must be reviewed and submitted through an academic advisor.
An appointment can be made by calling 531-MCC-2400.**

Application period: _____ fall entry (days) _____ spring entry (evenings/weekends)
June 1 application deadline **Dec. 1 application deadline**

Student name: _____ Student ID: _____

- Completed and signed application form
- Official verification from the state of active status as a: CNA CMA*
Nebraska: nebraska.gov/LISSearch/search.cgi
**If utilizing a certified medical assistant, a copy of the student's current certificate card is required.*
- Copy of TEAS score attached (All applications must have a copy of the TEAS results to be considered for acceptance. An applicant's Total Score and each subcategory score (Reading, Math, Science and English & Language Usage) must be 50% or higher.)
- Copy of MCC Academic Progress Report (unofficial transcript)
- Copy of high school diploma/transcripts or GED on file at MCC records office
- Official transcripts from other colleges attended (if applicable) sent to the MCC records office
- General education course requirements (must be completed before application deadline)
 - CHEM 1010-College Chemistry – Grade _____
 - ENGL 1010-English Composition I – Grade _____
 - MATH 1312-Intermediate Algebra – Grade _____
 - PSYC 1120-Human Growth and Development – Grade _____

BIOS 2310 and BIOS 2320 are not required for the PN program application; however, completion of these two courses gives the applicant extra points and is required to earn the Certificate of Practical Nursing.

- BIOS 2310-Human Anatomy and Physiology I (2 points) – Grade _____
- BIOS 2320-Human Anatomy and Physiology II (2 points) – Grade _____

Advisor note: Current CPR certification, copies of immunizations and medical exam form will need to be completed before orientation before any applicant is accepted into the program.

Advisor signature

Date

Applicant signature

Date