



Two-Semester Option for Currently Employed LPNs

MCC's [Nursing AAS degree program](#) two-semester option for currently employed LPNs (NU03) prepares students who already have an LPN license, as well as at least two years of work experience, for the next step in their career to become a Registered Nurse (RN). Upon successful completion of requirements, students will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensing examination.

- The program is offered in the fall semester only.
- Applicants must meet all admission requirements and apply by the deadline to be eligible for the program (see “How to Apply” at the end of this document).
- Admission is competitive; therefore, meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission. Students who are not admitted to the Nursing program will be admitted to Health Studies and can work towards future admission.
- Students are strongly encouraged to work with an advisor when planning for this program.

Admission Requirements

- **A minimum grade of C is required in all prerequisite and program coursework.** Grading notations that indicate only a passing grade will not count. Equivalent [transfer credit](#) is accepted.
 - MTH 160 Statistics I
 - BIO 144 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
 - BIO 145 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
 - PSY 101 Introduction to Psychological Science
 - PSY 212 Lifespan Developmental Psychology
 - ENG 101 College Composition or ENG 200 Advanced Composition
 - Chemistry: high school chemistry (must be a standard one-credit lab course) or CHE 100, 124, 145, or 151
- All official transcripts, including high school, AP, IB, CLEP, dual credit, and any previously attended institutions, must be on file with the Admissions office.
- **A 2.75 cumulative GPA or a 2.5 cumulative GPA with a 3.0 in any completed quality point classes** (BIO 144/145/202, ENG 101 or 200, PSY 101/212).
 - Cumulative GPA is calculated using credit bearing coursework from ALL institutions attended. MCC GPA must be at least a 2.0, even if other coursework meets the requirement.
- **Completion of Fundamentals of Nursing** (equivalent to MCC's NUR 111) in one of the following ways:
 - Graduated from the Isabella Graham Hart School of Practical Nursing program within the past three years.
 - Earned a score of 70 or higher on the National League for Nursing's Nursing Accelerated Chasing Exam (NLN-NACE) within the past two years. Please see additional information included at the end of this document.

- Completed the Excelsior College exam #NURX-210 with a grade of B or better within the past three years. This exam was last offered in August 2022.
- **Completion of the MCC Nursing Department Exam for NUR 112** (Nursing Care of the Adult and Child – I) with a grade of C or better. This exam is scheduled by the Nursing Department and is administered in April or May.
- **At least two years of recent clinical experience as an LPN** (acute care setting strongly recommended).
- A copy of the student’s New York State LPN license must be on file with the Admissions Office.
- NYS residency or, if international, must have resided in NYS for one year.

Competitive Admission

- When the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of seats available, a quality point system will be used to determine admission
- Applicants are awarded quality points based on the grades earned in the classes listed below and are then ranked from highest to lowest number of quality points. The applicants with the highest number of quality points are admitted. Please refer to the quality point chart at the end of this document.
- Quality point courses must be completed with a **C or better** prior to the application deadline to count.
- Anatomy & Physiology quality points are increased by 25%.

Quality point courses:

- BIO 144 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)
- BIO 145 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)
- BIO 202 Microbiology (4 credits)
- ENG 101 College Composition (3 credits) or ENG 200 Advanced Composition (3 credits)
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychological Science (3 credits)
- PSY 212 Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3 credits)

Additional points are awarded for the following criteria:

- Military Service (current or honorably discharged veteran) – 1 point
- Bachelor’s degree – 4 points
- Master’s degree – 1 point

Important Program Policies & Additional Notes

- Anatomy & Physiology coursework (BIO 144 and BIO 145) and Microbiology (BIO 202) must be no more than seven years old at the time of admission.
- Students are permitted **no more than one unsuccessful attempt in any Anatomy & Physiology coursework within the past seven years** (BIO 144 and BIO 145 or equivalent courses). More than one unsuccessful attempt within seven years will result in a student being ineligible for MCC’s program. Unsuccessful attempts include withdrawals, grades of C- or below, or any other unsatisfactory completion. This policy includes attempts at other institutions. Unsuccessful attempts during 2020 (spring, summer, or fall) will NOT be counted due to the pandemic.

- If admitted to the program, the Nursing Department will contact students to complete the Application of the Nursing Process (NUR 150) immediately prior to beginning the first clinical course. Students will be required to take Foundations of Nursing (NUR 110) concurrently with the first clinical courses.
- If admitted, all nursing program coursework must be completed with a grade of **C or better** to remain in the program.
- The nursing program requires in-person attendance for classes at the Brighton campus and clinical sites, Monday through Friday, during the day. Exact schedules are assigned by the Nursing Department.
- Admission is conditional on medical clearance and the ability to meet the program's essential functions. More information: [Nursing Department Student Related Policy Manual](#) and [Health Services](#).
- Students who have previously been matriculated in the nursing program at MCC, or at another institution, should refer to the readmission policy in the [Nursing Department Student Related Policy Manual](#) and should speak with an advisor or admissions representative to determine eligibility.
- New York State requires associate's level RN graduates to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) within ten years of initial licensure. For more information, see: [BSN in 10](#).

How to Apply

All qualified applicants who apply by the deadline will be considered. Admission is based on quality points and no advantage is given to any particular group of students (current vs new, etc.).

For new, returning, or transfer students:

Please apply via [MCC's online application](#) and select NU03 as the program.

- Fall admission: the application is available mid-September, and the application deadline is **January 31st**.
- Decisions are communicated via the email address used on the application.

For current MCC students:

Please apply by submitting a **major change request** for NU03. The major change request serves as your application. This can be done by signing into your myMCC student portal, selecting the Student Home or Academic Plan tile, then clicking the Change Major link and selecting the term you are applying for.

- Fall admission: the major change request is available mid-September, and the deadline is **January 31st**.
- Decisions are communicated via MCC student email.

NLN-NACE Information

- To qualify for the two-semester nursing program option, this exam is required for LPNs who did not graduate from the Isabella Graham Hart School of Practical Nursing within the past three years. Students must score 70 or higher and may only attempt the exam once.
- MCC students can [register for the exam](#) or visit www.nlnest.org. The NLN recommends using your school email address when registering. The SKU for the exam is **FN1.2** and it must be proctored (select the virtual proctoring option when purchasing the exam). Prior to taking the exam we encourage you to review the [NLN Student Resources](#).
- In addition to the NLN-NACE, students interested in the two-semester option must complete an additional exam administered by MCC's Nursing Department. Please speak with an advisor regarding details.

Quality Points for 4-credit courses (BIO 144, BIO 145, BIO 202)

Grade	Value of Grade	Quality Point Value	Points increased by 25% for BIO 144 & 145
A	4.0	16.0	20.0
A-	3.7	14.8	18.5
B+	3.3	13.2	16.5
B	3.0	12.0	15.0
B-	2.7	10.8	13.5
C+	2.3	9.2	11.5
C	2.0	8.0	10.0

Quality Points for 3-credit courses (ENG 101/200, PSY 101, PSY 212)

Grade	Value of Grade	Quality Point Value
A	4.0	12.0
A-	3.7	11.1
B+	3.3	9.9
B	3.0	9.0
B-	2.7	8.1
C+	2.3	6.9
C	2.0	6.0

The quality point values are determined by multiplying the value of the course grade by the course credits.

Course equivalency information: [Quality Point Classes for Health Related Pathway \(monroec.edu\)](https://www.monroec.edu/quality-point-classes-for-health-related-pathway)

While every effort is made to ensure that information in this guide is accurate, admission requirements and policies are subject to change. This information is a guide and is not meant to take the place of academic advisement. Updated July 2024