

MCC Nursing Program Information

Our nursing program is a two year program. The first year is the LPN (PN) certification program and the second year is the ASN (RN) degree program. Each program runs approximately three quarters in length. In order to enter the LPN (PN) program you must be an active CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant). In order to enter the ASN (RN) program you must be a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). All applications should be submitted through an MCC Advisor. Applications received without the MCC Advisor cover sheet may be returned to the student without processing. To schedule an appointment with an MCC Advisor or to speak with an advisor please call 402-457-2400. Listed below is basic information for each area to help you in your decision to pursue a nursing degree. **Please note that beginning with the June 1, 2011 application deadline, all math and science classes to be considered for application for the PN program must be within five years of the application deadline. Any math and science classes older than five years will need to be retaken to count toward application. Another option would be to take the assessment testing. If an applicant tests at the required math/science level, we can use their original grade. However, proof of testing level must be provided when applying for the PN program. This applies to LPN (PN) applicants only. RN applicants are covered under their LPN Certification.**

LPN (PN) Program:

There are two entry deadlines.

(1) December 1 application deadline date is for students that will begin classes in MCC's Spring quarter. These classes are primarily evening and weekend classes. Lectures will be on Saturdays and clinical will require a commitment of two evenings per week.

(2) June 1 application deadline date is for students that will begin classes in MCC's Fall quarter. These classes are primarily daytime classes. Lectures will be one day a week and clinical will require a commitment of two days per week.

In order to be considered for the LPN (PN) program, the following courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher by the application deadline date:

ENGL 1010 – English Composition I
PSYC 1120 – Human Growth and Development
CHEM 1010 – College Chemistry
MATH 1310 – Intermediate Algebra

In addition, if the following two courses are completed by the deadline, with a grade of "C" or higher the student will be given extra points. These two courses are not required to apply for the LPN (PN) program, but they will earn the student two extra points each.

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

Every applicant to our nursing program must complete a TEAS test (Test of Essential Academic Skills). This test can only be taken twice in a three year period and must be scheduled through MCC's Testing Centers. I encourage all program applicants to study for this test as it is an important piece of your Total Admission Points. Study guides for the TEAS test are available from the Testing Centers, the Academic Resource Centers and for purchase in any MCC Bookstore. Students are accepted into MCC's Nursing programs based on their Total Admission Points. The Total Admission Points are made up of the points earned for the grades from the required general education courses, plus any applicable extra credit taken, plus the TEAS Test score. Note, in addition to the individual percentage score, the student's score for the English and Reading sub-sections must equal the national norm.

Official transcripts must be sent to MCC's Records Department.

Each student must also provide proof of their credentials. In the case of the LPN program, students must provide proof of a current CNA certification. And each application packet must contain a copy of the student's Academic Progress Report.

ASN (RN) Program:

There are two entry deadlines.

(1) March 1 is the application deadline date for students that will begin classes in MCC's Summer quarter. Lectures for the Summer quarter students will require a time commitment of one weekend day for class plus one clinical day/night.

(2) June 1 is the application deadline date for students that will begin classes in MCC's Fall quarter. Lectures for the Fall quarter students will require a commitment of one weekday for class plus one clinical day.

In order to be considered for the ASN (RN) program, the following courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher by the application deadline date:

ENGL 1010 – English Composition I

CHEM 1010 – College Chemistry

BIOS 2310 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I

PSYC 1120 – Human Growth and Development

MATH 1310 – Intermediate Algebra

BIOS 2320 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II

In addition, students who have taken the following two courses, with a grade of "C" or higher, by the application deadline, will receive extra points. Although these two courses are not required to apply for the RN program, they do have to be completed by the start of the actual ASN (RN) nursing courses.

BIOS 2150 – Microbiology (2 points)

INFO 1001 – Information Systems and Literacy (1 point)

The following two courses will also allow the student to earn extra points, if taken by the application deadline with a grade of "C" or higher; however, are not required to apply for the ASN (RN) program.

HMRL 1010 – Human Relations (1 point)

ENGL 1010 – English Comp II (1 point)

Also, if an LPN (PN) has taken the LPN-C course they will also receive one (1) extra point in their admission numbers.

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Official transcripts must be sent to MCC's Records Department.

Beginning with the June 1, 2011 application deadline, if an ASN (RN) program applicant has been an LPN for more than five (5) years or has received their PN certification from somewhere other than Metro, they must also take the LPN STEP Assessment test in order to apply. This test replaces the previous ATI NLN ACE exams. The passing score for this test is 70%.

Each student must also provide proof of their credentials. And each application packet must contain a copy of the student's Academic Progress Report.

CNA Certification

There are several sections of HLTH 1200 – Long Term Nursing Care/CNA available each quarter. These sections fill very quickly so submitting a completed application is very important. The application can be found on our website (www.mccneb.edu/cna) or at any of MCC's Student Services offices. The following pieces must be submitted in order to be registered into a class or placed on a wait list:

1. Application (signed and dated) – if it is not completed in full with signature and date, the application may be sent back to the student
2. A copy of a current TB test including results of negative or positive from the student's doctor. Students cannot be registered into their chosen section without these test results. If a test returns as positive, the student must also include a note from the doctor that states that the disease is not active at this time.
3. Proof of English Competency. This can either be a transcript showing the student has taken the equivalent of English Composition I or Assessment Testing (ASSET, COMPASS, ACT) showing they have passed the reading and writing requirements. Assessment testing can be completed at any of MCC's Testing Centers (EVC 402-289-1278, FOC 402-457-2204, SOC 402-738-4613, or Fremont 402-721-2507)
4. **Beginning with the 2011 Winter Quarter registration, students will also be required to fill out a Background Check Form. All students will be charged \$45 for this check and the fee will be added to the student's course invoice. Students who do not pass the background check will not be able to continue with the CNA course.**
5. The first three choices for CNA classes and the quarter(s) you are interested in. This is an area on the application that the student can fill out. Since courses fill quickly, it is good to have three choices available – we will always strive to give you the first choice if possible. The choices must include section number (example: HLTH 1200-4A or HLTH 1200-9B – the 4A and 9B are the section numbers.) If these are not included, you may lose a spot in your choice because of the time it takes to contact you for the information

Once the completed CNA application has been received by the Health and Public Services office (application, TB test results, completed and signed background check form, and proof of English proficiency), your information will be entered into the College database and you will be registered for your class or placed on a wait list. We will send you a postcard letting you know you've been registered or wait listed.

Your first CNA class session will cover all the information you will need for uniforms, books, etc. The only thing you need to bring with you the first night is a watch with a second hand. The cost of CNA courses are approximately \$459 (includes tuition -- \$344.50, insurance fee -- \$14.50, background check -- \$45, and the cost of books -- \$55.)

Contact an advisor for CNA information, 402-457-2400 or the Health and Public Services office, 402-738-4791 to register. The Health and Public Services Office is located at the South Omaha Campus, Mahoney Building, Room 519.