Practical Nurse

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 MCC’s 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.

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.

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 and MATH 1315, see page 2 for MATH 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 MCC’s Records Office prior to the application deadline. Transcript evaluations can take 4-6 weeks upon receipt.

- 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). Applicant’s must score a 50 percent or higher in each of the four subcategories and overall individual score. Please read the TEAS information sheet found within this packet for further explanation of the scoring process.

- 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 healthcare organizations partnered with the nursing program. Details regarding types of tests and approved vendors will be provided upon admission acceptance.

Application timeline

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<th>Application deadline</th>
<th>June 1</th>
<th>Dec. 1</th>
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<td>Applicants notified</td>
<td>End of June</td>
<td>Early January</td>
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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.

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.

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<th>General education requirements</th>
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<td>ENGL 1010</td>
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*MATH 1315 is the current general education math requirement for nursing; however, MATH 1310 will be accepted for students who apply by the June 1, 2021 PN application deadline. Anyone applying after the June 2021 application cycle will be required to take MATH 1315.

Please note, financial aid may not cover multiple math courses within the same course level. Example, if 1310 has been taken, 1315 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 MCC’s Records Office and the evaluation must be completed by the application deadline.

If planning to transfer to a BSN program, most schools will not accept the MATH 1310 level.

All students interested in transferring to a BSN program after successfully completing the nursing program 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 program, such as statistics. Just note, not all BSN programs have the same requirements.

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<td>Concepts of Health Assessment and Therapeutic Interventions I</td>
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<td>BIOS 2310**</td>
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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 with 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.
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 1315 College Algebra (substitutions: MATH 1310 (until 6/1/2021); 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

- Completion of Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with all four subcategories and adjusted individual score of 50% or higher. The test must be taken within three years of the application deadline. MCC policy allows the TEAS test to be taken only twice in a three-year period. Note: There is a 30-day waiting period before retake is allowed

- 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—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:
  - Healthcare provider or Professional Rescuer CPR certification (contact Jenny Hank at jhank@mccneb.edu with any questions concerning this certification)
  - Copies of immunizations: Varicella; Tetanus (within 10 years); MMR, Hepatitis B; TB and current flu shot (if applicable)
  - 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.
PRACTICAL NURSE APPLICATION FORM

Personal (print or type)

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

Social Security ____________________________________________

MCC student ID ____________________________________________

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

Employer _________________________________________________  
(name)       (address)

Telephone _________________________________________________  
(home)                                       (work)   (cell, circle one: iPhone or Android)

Email _____________________________________________________

Gender:   male  female  Birth date ____________________________  
(month)   (day)   (year)

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?   □ no  □ yes  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.)

1. ___________________________________________________________

2. ___________________________________________________________

3. ___________________________________________________________

4. ___________________________________________________________
PRACTICAL NURSE APPLICATION FORM

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.

Applicant signature _________________________________ Date __________________
Printed name ______________________________________

Submit completed application and checklist to any academic advisor at MCC.

Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Statement

Metropolitan Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, genetic information, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, marital status, age, pregnancy, disability, current or prior military service, protected veteran status or membership in any other class that is protected under local, state or federal law or regulation in admission or access to its programs and activities or in its treatment or hiring of employees. The College complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1990, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and related Executive Orders 11246 and 11375, and all amendments to the above.

Contacts: Concerning Title VI (race), Title IX (gender equity), Section 504 (disability), Americans with Disabilities Act/Program and Services Accessibility and age, contact:

- Julie Langholdt – Dean of Student Advocacy and Accountability: 531-622-2202, jlongholdt@mccneb.edu (students);
- Missy Beber – Associate Vice President of Human Resources: 531-622-2236, mibeber@mccneb.edu (employees);
- Bernie Sedlacek – Director of Facilities Management, Planning, and Construction: 531-622-2529, bsedlacek@mccneb.edu (accessibility); or
- United States Department of Education Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights – Office for Civil Rights (OCR):1-800-421-3481, ocr@ed.gov.

Concerning hiring and employment-related complaints of discrimination or harassment based on race, color, national origin, genetic information, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, marital status, age, pregnancy, disability, current or prior military service, protected veteran status or membership in any other class that is protected under local, state or federal law or regulation, or affirmative action or diversity issues, contact:

Metropolitan Community College
30th and Fort streets
P.O. Box 3777
Omaha, NE 68103-0777

Revised: Sept. 2020
Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) Nursing Program Admission Requirement

The TEAS® was developed to measure basic essential skills in the academic content areas of reading, mathematics, science and english. These entry level skills are important for nursing program applicants. MCC requires applicants to the LPN and the RN programs to complete the ATI TEAS. The test must be taken within three years of the application deadline.

**What it is**
The ATI TEAS is a 170-item multiple-choice test (20 questions are pre-test items, leaving 150 scored items).

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<td>Science</td>
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<td>English</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>170</strong></td>
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**Minimum score requirements**
The minimum acceptable score for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), is 50 percent or higher in each of the four subcategories and overall individual score. No exceptions.

**How to prepare**
A study manual for the ATI TEAS is available. All applicants should review the study manual to prepare for the test. Study manuals are available for use at the Library and the Learning and Tutoring Centers as well as for purchase from the MCC Bookstores and from the publisher, ATI Testing. An online practice assessment is also available from ATI Testing, for a fee.

**When the test should be taken**
Students must complete the test prior to the application deadline. Students are permitted one retake, but must wait 30 days. Applicants are recommended to schedule the test 45 days prior to the application deadline so that adequate time is available for a retake if it’s needed. Students should take the test after completing general education courses related to the TEAS® content areas.
Schedule the test
Schedule your test by calling a Testing Center at:

- Fort Omaha Campus Testing Center ..........531–MCC–2204
- Elkhorn Valley Campus Testing Center ........531–MCC–1278
- South Omaha Campus Testing Center ..........531–MCC–4613
- Sarpy Center Testing Center .......................531–MCC–3803

Allow 3.5 hours for the test.

Before test day, you must create an account with the ATI testing company to set up your Username and Password. If you have questions after following the steps below, feel free to call one of the Testing Centers listed above.

To do this:

2. Click create an account located below the Sign On box.
3. As you complete the user information page, be sure to select METROPOLITAN CC ADN NE from the institution information drop down box.
4. Once you’ve finished entering your information, click register.

You will need your ATI username and password to begin the test.

Retake policy
Applicants must wait 30 days before retaking the TEAS® and the test can only be taken twice within three years of the application date. Retakes are scheduled in the same manner as the first test. Note: The most recent score is used for selection purposes.
All healthcare 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.

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 number or student ID

____________________
Date
Note: All applications must be 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.)

☐ Copy of MCC Academic Progress Report (unofficial transcript)

☐ Copy of high school diploma/transcripts or GED on file at MCC Records office

☐ Copies of official transcripts from other colleges attended (if applicable) sent to MCC’s Records office

☐ General education course requirements (must be completed before application deadline)
  - CHEM 1010 – College Chemistry - Grade _____
  - ENGL 1010 – English Composition I - Grade _____
  - MATH 1315 – College 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 are 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 for any applicant is accepted into the program.

__________________________________________  ______________________________________
Advisor signature  Applicant signature

__________________________________________  ______________________________________
Date  Date