MONTGOMERY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM

Information Session Packet

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Montgomery College Nursing Program

Nursing is a dynamic combination of art and science applied to meeting the needs of individuals and their significant others throughout the life cycle and along the health-illness continuum. Using the nursing process, in combination with knowledge from the humanities and the biological, physical, and behavioral sciences, the nurse promotes wellness, assists with the restoration and maintenance of health or adaptation to chronic illness, and provides comfort to the dying.

With the country more health conscious than ever, the demand for Registered Nurses continues to increase. Our Nursing Program can start you on the path to a successful career as a Registered Nurse.

Graduates of our two-year Associate Degree program are qualified to take the NCLEX examination to become licensed, Registered Nurses who are prepared to give competent nursing care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care settings.

Admission to Montgomery College is open to all; however, the Nursing Program is a selective application- based program limited to 192 students each semester. Visit the Health Sciences Admissions page for complete details, including special admissions requirements and the health sciences application.

Students who plan to major in nursing will be assigned the temporary major of pre-nursing, with POS code 570, until they are officially admitted to the Nursing Program. Students may take preparatory courses and courses that fulfill general education requirements during the waiting period. As an alternative to being assigned a temporary major, students waiting for admission to the Nursing Program may choose to major in general studies or any other open-admission program. The Records and Registration Office at Takoma Park/Silver Spring will assign a matriculated code once students are admitted to the Nursing Program.

The basic nursing curriculum covers two academic years, is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing, and is accredited by the Accreditation Committee for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Upon successful completion of the curriculum, the graduate is granted the AS in nursing and is eligible to take the state board examination for Registered Nurse licensure.

Graduates will be prepared to give competent nursing care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and other comparable health agencies. Hospitals, nursing homes, and other health agencies within the metropolitan area will provide the settings for a variety of clinical experiences, which are planned as a vital part of each nursing course.

Before Applying to the Nursing Program

1. **Watch the Nursing Program Information Session Video**

   Watch the Nursing Program Information Session video found on the MC website (https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/nursing/resources.html). The purpose of the video is to understand the nature of the Nursing Program including the application process, how to be a competitive applicant, the commitment required to be successful and the nursing curriculum. Answer sessions with be offered prior to application deadlines on the second Monday of February, March, and July at 4 pm on zoom.

2. **Apply to Montgomery College**

   If you haven't already applied to Montgomery College, submit a Montgomery College Admissions Application online at www.montgomerycollege.edu/apply. Submit official copies of prior learning: college, military, and Excelsior College Exam transcripts; results from international transcript evaluation services; and AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, or DANTES test scores to the Office Records and Registration for review. **NOTE:** If you attended Montgomery College, DO NOT include a transcript from Montgomery College. One will be generated when you submit your Health Sciences Application. A transcript evaluation will help you to ensure that you do not duplicate coursework. Program requirements and electives for the Nursing Program can be found online at
   https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/nursing/nursing-as-degree.html

3. **See a Counselor**

   If you need help creating an academic plan, meet with a Montgomery College counselor in the Office of Counseling and Advising. ***Be sure to complete steps 1 & 2 first!***
   www.montgomerycollege.edu/can

4. **Prepare for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**

   Students applying to the Nursing Program are required to take the TEAS assessment for Nursing. Plan to attend a TEAS Information Session to understand how TEAS is used in the application process, to connect with available resources, and to learn how to best prepare for the exam. For more information about TEAS, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/teas.

   After studying for the TEAS, register to take the exam at the Assessment Technologies Institute website: www.atitesting.com. For more information about registering for the TEAS and MC's Assessment Centers' testing policies and procedures go to "How To Register" on the MC website - https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions-registration/health-sciences/teas-resources.html. Students should register for TEAS for Nursing Version 7.

5. **Apply to the MC Nursing Program**

   Apply to the MC Nursing Program using the Health Sciences Application https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions-registration/health-sciences/index.html. Be

sure to read and follow the directions.

Questions?

Visit our website at https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/nursing/index.html or contact the Office of Records and Registration.

Admission Requirements

Due to the competitive nature of the Health Sciences Programs, a point system will be used to rank students who qualify for admission. See the Points System Chart for details.

Nursing admissions will be based on courses completed and grades earned prior to the application deadline.

To be considered for admission into the Nursing Program you must meet the minimum requirements. The minimum requirements include:

- **ENGL 102 or 103 - Reading, Writing and Research**
- **MATH 117 or higher – Elemental Statistics**
- **BIOL 212** – Anatomy and Physiology 1**
- **BIOL 213[++] – Anatomy and Physiology 2**

    ** BIOL 150 (Principles of Biology) is a pre-requisite for BIOL 212
    [++]Applicants with BIOL 213 older than 5 years of the application deadline must take BIOL 228 – Pathophysiology or repeat BIOL 213 if unable to take BIOL 228.

    All courses must be met with a grade of C or better to be considered for admission.

- **Minimum GPA 2.5**

    The GPA is calculated based on the last 24 college credits taken. If you are a recent high school graduate with fewer than 24 college credits, then high school records will be included in this calculation. Official transcript(s) are required it college courses have been taken at another college/university.

    If you are transferring credits to MC, it is highly recommended that you review your transcript evaluations before the application deadline to ensure that you have the courses that are needed for admissions. Transcript evaluations can be viewed by logging into your My MC account.

- **ATI TEAS Version 7** (within 2 years)

    Reading 70%

AITS (Total Score) 66%

You must complete the TEAS test and attach scores to your Health Sciences application. The minimum scores necessary to pass the TEAS assessment is a Reading score of 70% and an AITS (Total score) of 66%. These TEAS score results must be less than 2 years old at the time of the admission deadline. Please see additional information regarding the TEAS assessment at https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions-registration/health-sciences/teas-resources.html.

It is your responsibility to ensure that all the required documents are submitted to the Office of Records and Registration by the application deadline.

Eligible students who are selected for admissions into the Nursing Program will be notified by email. Complete program acceptance will be dependent upon satisfactory criminal background checks and drug test results for clinical rotation placements.

Students who applied for the Traditional Nursing Program by the April 1 deadline (Fall start) should receive notification of acceptance by the end of May and those who applied by the August 1 deadline (Spring start) should receive notification of acceptance by the end of October. Students who applied for the Transition to Nursing (LPN/Medic to RN) by the March 1 deadline should receive notification of acceptance by the end of April.

Points System Chart

Selection for admissions is based on a point system. Students with the highest total points will be admitted first until all seats are filled.

In the event of a point tie, GPA will be used as the tiebreaker.

TEAS (Reading 70%; AITS 66%)	GPA (Based on science courses)	Number of Attempts (to Pass Minimum Requirement Courses)	Prior Educational Experience
Exemplary – 4 pts Advance – 3 pts Proficient – 2 pts	4.00 – 4 pts 3.50 to 3.99 – 3 pts 3.00 to 3.49 – 2 pts 2.50 to 2.99 – 1 pt	1st attempt – 4 pts 2nd attempt – 3 pts 3rd attempt – 2 pts 4th attempt – 1 pt	Prior degree – 3 pts 6-8 credit hours/sem – 2 pts 3-5 credit hours/sem – 1 pt (Based on last 24 credits)

Maximum points that can be awarded - 27

Montgomery College Nursing Program Plan

The nursing curriculum is dependent upon proper sequencing of courses. The general education courses (non-nursing) in the nursing curriculum are to be completed prior to or during the semester in which they are listed in the College Catalog. Nursing courses must be completed in the sequence described in the catalog.

Pre-requisite course to the Nursing Program:

ENGL 102 or 103 - Critical Reading, Writing, and Research (3 credits)

MATH 117 or higher (Math Foundations) – Elementary Statistics (3 credits)

BIOL 212 - Anatomy and Physiology 1 (4 credits)**

BIOL 213 – Anatomy and Physiology 2 (4 credits)

**BIOL 150 (Principles of Biology (4 credits)) is a pre-requisite for BIOL 212

First Semester (11 Credits)	
NURS 113	Fundamentals of Nursing (7 credits)
NURS 114	Professionalism and Communication in Nursing (1 Credit)
NURS 121	Basic Health Assessment (1 Credit)
NURS 129	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Nursing (2 Credits) **MUST** be completed prior to third semester of nursing program
Second Semester (11 Credits)	
NURS 125	Nursing in Health and Illness I (4 Credits)
NURS 126	Nursing Care of Special Populations I: Geriatric and Psychiatric Nursing (4 Credits)
PSYC 100	General Psychology (3 Credits)
Third Semester (12 Credits)	
	Arts Distribution (3 Credits)
NURS 225	Nursing in Health and Illness II (4 Credits)
NURS 226	Nursing Care of Special Populations II: Maternal/Child Nursing (5 Credits)
Fourth Semester (18 credits)	
BIOL 210	Microbiology (4 Credits)
	Global Humanities Distribution (3 Credits)
NURS 205	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (1 Credit)
NURS 240	Nursing in Health and Illness III (7 Credits)
SOCY	Sociology Course either: SOCY 100, 105, **OR** 240 will meet the Behavior and Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD) requirement (3 Credits) *
ASN degree = 70 Total Credits	

NURSING PROGRAM TAKOMA PARK/SILVER SPRING
Approximate Costs of Starting the Nursing Program

(For entry and first semester only)

Prices listed here are approximate.
*Costs can vary depending on insurance information and personal preferences.

Medical Items	Approx. Cost
History & Physical*	$150
Titers/Vaccinations* • MMR • Varicella • Hepatitis B	$320 and up
Covid Vaccination/Boosters*	Free and up
Tdap*	$40 and up
Seasonal Flu Vaccination*	$25 and up
TB Screening* • PPD • Or Chest x-ray • Or QuantiFERON Gold blood test	 $25 and up $200 and up $150 and up
Uniforms, Books, & More	Approx. Cost
Uniforms (including shoes)	$200
Equipment (bp cuff, stethoscope, penlight, hemostats, scissors)	$70
CPR Certification (AHA only)	$100
Textbooks	$250
Tuition (in-county 2023-24)	$1,620
CastleBranch (BG & DT)	$120
TEAS	$107
ATI Mandatory Resources	$280

Montgomery College Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions

What are the admissions requirements for the Nursing Program?

- To apply to the Nursing Program, a student must:

  1. be enrolled at Montgomery College;
  2. have completed course work with a C or better in the following courses:
  a. ENGL 102 (Critical Reading, Writing, and Research) or ENGL 103 (Critical Reading, Writing, and Research in the Workplace)
  b. MATH 117 (Elements of Statistics) or higher
  c. BIOL 212 (Human Anatomy and Physiology I)
  d. BIOL 213 (Human Anatomy and Physiology II)
  3. have met the minimum required scores on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) (70% in reading and 66% as an adjusted total score)
  4. have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

For more comprehensive information on admissions requirements, please visit the **health sciences admissions page**.

How many years of study does the Nursing Program require?

- The Nursing Program requires two academic years to complete. This does not include the courses required to apply to the program.

How many students are accepted into the program each semester?

- Currently, the Nursing Program accepts up to 192 students each semester.

What is the application submission deadline for the Nursing Program?

- The upcoming application deadlines for the Nursing Program are:

  Application Submission Deadline:
  The application deadline for fall entry into the program is April 1.
  The application deadline for spring entry into the program is August 1.
  We recommend that you always check the **Nursing Program Admissions webpage**, or call the program directly if there are any questions about the deadlines.

What is the minimum grade point average (GPA) required to apply to the Nursing Program?

- A minimum grade point average of 2.5 is required. No student with a GPA below 2.5 is admitted into the program.

Is there an evening or weekend option/alternative for the Nursing Program?

- No, nursing classes and clinical work are offered during the weekdays only. As the program grows these options may become available.

What time commitment should I expect to give to the program?

- Students should plan on a minimum of three to four days a week to be in lectures, clinical, and in labs. Additional time will be needed to read and study for the courses. Please remember that your schedule will need to be flexible. Students should perceive the Nursing Program as a full-time job/commitment.

How much does the Nursing Program cost?

- There are **additional costs associated with the Nursing Program** (PDF, 📄) upon acceptance and enrollment. The program's overall tuition is determined by the **current tuition rates for credit courses**. The Nursing Program is 70 total credits.

Can a student who is not enrolled in the Nursing Program take a Nursing course?

- No, students who are not enrolled in the program cannot take Nursing courses.

If I have a degree from another college, can I complete the program in less than two years?

- No, the nursing curriculum is dependent on proper sequencing of courses and requires two academic years to complete. A college degree may exempt students from some of the general education requirements. There is no accelerated program.

If I have already earned a degree, do I still have to take the TEAS exam for application?

- The TEAS exam is required for all application submissions to the Nursing Program. Applicants cannot be exempted from the requirement regardless of factors like educational background, prior course work, grade point average, or existing degrees. See **TEAS resources** for more information.

If I have credits or a degree from another country, will they apply to my degree?

- Courses from other countries may be transferred into Montgomery College, but they must first be evaluated by an approved, international credentials evaluation service. Contact the Office of Records and Registration at 240-567-1501 for an information packet on course evaluation.

Can I transfer into the Montgomery College Nursing Program from a different Nursing Program?

- Yes, it is possible to transfer into the program from a different Nursing Program. For more detailed information, please see **Transferring In to the Nursing Program**. Please note that the Director of the Nursing Program must evaluate all requests for transfer.

Can I take Nursing Program courses at the Rockville or Germantown campuses?

- No, the Nursing Program is based on Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. There are no nursing classes available at the other campuses.

Are there Distance Learning/Online courses in the Nursing Program?

The Nursing Program is NOT an online program. There are very limited course options that are considered online courses.

Is the Transition to Nursing course for LPNs, military medics/corpsmen, and paramedics the same as a regular Nursing Program?

- No, the Transition to Nursing course for LPNs, military medics/corpsmen, and paramedics differs from the regular Nursing Program. It is a bridge program, designed to give credit for prior certification and work experience. For additional information, see the **Transition to Nursing Course** page.

Can I transfer to a Baccalaureate Degree program after completing the Associate Degree in the Nursing Program at Montgomery College?

- Most major colleges and universities accept all or most of the general education credits taken at the Associate Degree level. Placement testing may be required to validate previous nursing courses. Students are Registered Nurses upon successful completion of the licensing examination following their Associate Degree education. A student who continues on for a Baccalaureate Degree does not take an additional licensing examination. Montgomery College participates in the Maryland Articulation Model..

Where can I get an application to the Nursing Program?

- A student can call the Office of Records and Registration at 240-567-1501 or the College Recruiter at 240-567-1583. Applications are also available for download from the **Health Sciences Admissions webpage**. The application form is a downloadable and fillable pdf. Once completed, the application needs to be returned via the email listed on the front of the application.
- The Nursing Program office does not accept or process applications.

What is the employment outlook for Registered Nurses?

- Job opportunities for RNs are expected to be very good well into the future. Employment of Registered Nurses is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations, and because the occupation is very large, many new jobs will be available. Thousands of job openings will also result from the need to replace retiring, experienced nurses.

If I would like to have a one-on-one counseling session about applying to and entering the Nursing Program should I drop by the program's office or attend an Information Session?

- No, if you would like a one-on-one counseling session to discuss applying to the program, creating a plan for your education, learning more about prerequisite course work, determining which general education courses will transfer directly to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree, etc., then it is best to make an appointment with the Health Sciences Counselor, Maureen Mirowski.