

Associate Degree Nursing

The Department of Nursing understands and accepts the concept of the open-door policy for general admission to Mitchell Community College. Admission to the College does not, however, guarantee admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program. Admission into the nursing program is competitive. In addition to the College's requirements for admission, the following are minimum requirements for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program:

- 1. Mitchell Community College Application:** Applicants must complete the College application for admission and submit to Student Services.
- 2. High School or GED transcript:** Graduation from a high school as specified under admission requirements for degree seeking students, complete high school transcript, or equivalent as established by the GED test.
- 3. College Transcripts:** Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges must be received by the College. To be considered official, transcripts must be in a sealed envelope. Grades less than C are not transferable into the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- 4. Required GPA:** Applicants must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average. All course work toward the A.A.S. Nursing degree must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- 5. Biology Course:** Applicants must have completed with a grade of C or better, one year of high school biology and/or BIO 111, General Biology I, or BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I or equivalent or demonstration of competency. A biology course must be current within five years.
- 6. Chemistry Course:** Applicants must have completed with a grade of C or better, one year of high school chemistry and/or CHM 131 and 131A lab, Introduction to Chemistry or equivalent or demonstration of competency.
- 7. TEAS V Testing:** Applicant must achieve a minimum adjusted individual test score of 63 percent on the Test of Essential Academic Skills V (TEAS V). For more information about the TEAS V Exam, see the official website at <http://www.atitesting.com/default.aspx>. TEAS V Review Books may be purchased through the Mitchell Community College Bookstore.
- 8. Associate Degree Nursing Program Application:** Applicant must complete Program Application with assigned nursing advisor.
- 9. Nursing Assistant I:** Applicant must be listed as a Nursing Assistant I on the Nurse Aide I Registry from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Service Regulation: Health Care Personnel Registry by August 1.
- 10. Physical and Emotional Health:** Applicant will provide validation of satisfactory physical and emotional health and current immunizations after receipt of conditional acceptance and prior to final admission into the nursing program.
- 11. CPR Certification:** Applicant must hold current CPR certification by the American Heart Association at the Healthcare Provider level by time of enrollment into the clinical nursing component and maintained throughout the NUR course sequence.
- 12. Background Check and Drug Screen:** Meet requirements as prescribed by clinical agencies.

A limited number of openings exist in the Associate Degree Nursing program. Admissions consideration begins January 1 of each year. Applications will be accepted until February 15 of each year. Qualified applicants will be ranked. Points will be awarded in several categories including: TEAS V score, related courses and grades earned, and previous post-secondary degrees. Students applying for re-admission are required to meet the current admission criteria.

No student is considered to be a nursing student at Mitchell Community College until the student receives official, written notification of admission as given by the Admissions Office and the student enrolls in the nursing courses.