Nursing Track 4 Application Information 2019-2020 (for Summer 2019 admission)

Application Deadline

Applications for the Nursing (RN) program are currently being accepted. The application deadline is February 15 of each year, however late applicants may apply for consideration should there be space available. Click here to apply or to visit the Nursing Track 4: Part-time Evening/Weekend LPN-RN Transition Curriculum Pathway.

General Application Information

Please review the MECC College Catalog and the application process information related to Nursing (RN) Track 4 carefully prior to submitting your application. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all documentation is complete and submitted as directed. The Virginia Appalachian Tricounty Nursing Program (VATNP) is a limited enrollment program that accepts a maximum of 15 students per year in the Nursing Track 4: Part-time Evening/Weekend LPN-RN Transition Curriculum.

To be considered for admission, applicants are responsible for requesting and submitting the following to Enrollment Services:

1. MECC standard application for admission (if you are not an active student or have not applied to MECC)
2. Information Change Form (complete and submit if your name, mailing address or phone number has changed)
3. Nursing (RN) Track 4: Part-time Evening/Weekend LPN-RN Transition curriculum application for admission
4. State recognized High School, Home School or GED Transcript
5. ATI TEAS Individual Performance Profile transcript verifying National Percentile Rank Score of 45 or above
6. Official college transcripts (excluding MECC and other VCCS colleges, if applicable)
7. Current LPN license
8. Transcript documenting graduation from an approved LPN program
9. LPN Work Experience Documentation (required for LPNs who graduated prior to May 15, 2016; must provide written verification of the equivalent of 1 year (2000 hrs.) of full-time LPN work experience in direct patient care during the past three years)

IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO ENSURE THE APPLICATION FILE IS COMPLETE AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN ENROLLMENT SERVICES BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.
Admission Requirements

Admission to the Virginia Appalachian Tricollge Nursing Program is a selective process. The program is open to applicants who are free of any physical or mental condition which might adversely affect performance as a member of the nursing profession. In addition to the requirements for admission to the college, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. State recognized high school, home school, or GED transcript
2. College students must be in good standing with the most recently attended institution with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
3. Demonstrated competency in science as evidenced by completion of high school biology (with laboratory) or high school chemistry (with laboratory) or the college equivalents or completion of BIO 141 and BIO 142 with no grade below a “C” prior to application deadline.
4. Demonstrated competency in mathematics as evidenced by placement out of MTE 1-5 on the Virginia Placement Test (VPT). Placement is determined by means and measures identified in the Multiple Measures Placement Policy. For those who do not meet this requirement, all prescribed developmental work must be completed prior to application deadline.
5. Demonstrated competency in English as evidenced by placement into ENG 111. Placement is determined by means and measures identified in the Multiple Measures Placement Policy. For those who do not meet this requirement, all prescribed developmental work must be completed prior to application deadline.
6. Completion of Nursing Program Application for each academic year interested in being considered for the nursing program.
7. Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a National Percentile Rank score of 45 or above
8. Must be a currently licensed LPN
9. Must have graduated as an LPN AFTER May 15, 2016 OR have at least one year (2000 hrs.) of full time LPN work experience in direct patient care during the past three years
10. Applicants to Nursing (RN) Track 4: Part-time Evening/Weekend LPN-RN Transition Curriculum must complete 22 credits of general education courses prior to admission to the program: BIO 141, BIO 142, BIO 150, ENG 111, SDV 100, PSY 230 and ITE 119.

Note:

Applicants who meet the requirements listed above will be ranked for admission using the TEAS National Percentile Rank.

Any student who does not have evidence on file in Enrollment Services by February 15, 2019 indicating that these requirements will be met by the end of Spring 2019 semester (prior to the beginning of the first Nursing course) will not be considered for the Track 4: Part-time Evening/Weekend LPN-RN Transition program.

A 2.5 curricular grade point average (GPA) for the following five general education courses: BIO 141, ENG 111, SDV 100, PSY 230 and ITE 119 is required for the nursing program. These courses must be completed prior to enrollment in any nursing (NSG) courses.
Students must not have been enrolled in the first semester of the nursing program (NUR courses) more than one time. After two attempts in NUR courses, students are ineligible for admission consideration unless permission is obtained from the VATNP Coordinator of Nursing.

Selection of the Cohort

Applicants who meet the ten admission requirements listed above will be ranked for admission according to their TEAS National Percentile Rank. A cohort of up to 15 students and a numbered alternate list will be determined. Individuals may be moved from the alternate list into the nursing program, as space allows. If the college is unable to contact the next qualified student on the alternate list by phone, or if the student is unable to immediately commit to accept, the student will be removed from the alternate list and the next qualified student on the list will be contacted with the offer. A student declining an offer to move from the alternate list into the nursing program will no longer retain alternate list status. The alternate list will be maintained through the 2nd week of May for the summer semester.

Students who have not completed the required 22 credits of general education courses (including the five courses used to calculate the curricular GPA) may be awarded conditional acceptance pending completion of all academic requirements. Confirmed acceptance into the program will not be considered until the courses are completed and grades have been posted.

All applicants should receive written and electronic notification of acceptance status after April 1. If the applicant’s acceptance of an admission offer is not returned by the stated deadline, the offer will be withdrawn without notice. Letters will be sent via USPS mail and VCCS email. The College is not responsible for undeliverable mail. Appeals of an Admission Committee decision must be made in writing to the VATNP Coordinator of Nursing and may be referred to the Admission Committee.

Applicants are solely responsible for determining which requirements have not been met and scheduling their classes in a manner that best prepares them for the admission process. Applicants are also responsible for ensuring that the college has their correct address and telephone number. After February 15, the college reserves the right to decline additional applications for the nursing program for the upcoming academic year. The college also reserves the right to extend any deadlines and to selectively include any additional group of students in the admission testing process without further notice.

TEAS Testing Guidelines

TEAS Test scores must be attached to the nursing program application upon electronic submission.

TEAS tests may be taken an unlimited number of times. It is recommended that students wait at least 7 days between each retake in order to adequately review and prepare for the next testing opportunity. Students may choose to submit previous TEAS scores provided that they are within the last 5 years and meet the minimum acceptable score. The MECC Testing Center only administers the TEAS test to students who are applying to a nursing program at Mountain Empire Community College. If you plan to apply to other institutions, please contact them for their testing schedules.
You are encouraged to schedule your test early in the open application period in order to have time to study and retest if you should so choose. According to the policies of the VATNP and the Virginia Community College System, a student must have a minimum curricular grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 and a National Percentile Rank (composite score) of 45 or better on the nursing entrance test to be eligible for admissions into a nursing program in any one of the community college nursing programs in Virginia. Please review this sample ATI TEAS Individual Performance Profile transcript that shows where to find your National Percentile Rank score.  

Click here for sample ATI Transcript

To help you prepare for the TEAS test, study materials are available from:

- ATI at https://www.atitesting.com/solutions/pre-program/teas.aspx
- https://www.testprepreview.com
- www.uniontestprep.com
- The Wampler Library at MECC

We strongly encourage you to use these study resources to prepare for the test.

**TEAS Registration**

TEAS registration is a two-step process.

1. To register and schedule a TEAS testing date and time at MECC, go to https://www.mecc.edu/students/testing/ and click on the TEAS Registration Form link. After completing this form, you will receive an Outlook calendar invitation within 48 hours. Various testing dates and times have been set up throughout the application period. DO NOT MISS OR BE LATE TO YOUR SCHEDULED TESTING APPOINTMENT.

2. Visit the ATI Nursing Education website at www.atitesting.com. Click the “Create an Account” link and fill in the blanks. Record your user name and password in a safe place* and have this login information ready for the test day. When creating your new account at the ATI website please note: from the “Institution” drop down, choose Mountain Empire TEAS RN/LPN.

If the Testing Center or MECC is closed due to unforeseeable circumstances on the date of the scheduled test, the testing session will be rescheduled.

* Make sure to keep your ATI user name and password information. You will continue to use this same account if you are admitted to the nursing program.

**TEAS Administration and Payment**

The cost of the TEAS test is $58.00 (pricing subject to change without notice). You will pay that fee to ATI by credit or debit card when you report to the MECC Testing Center for your scheduled appointment.
To be admitted for testing at the MECC Testing Center, you must present

1. Method of payment (credit or debit card)
2. Your ATI user name and password
3. Your MECC Student ID or driver’s license

The test will be administered by computer in the Testing Center located in Student Services in Holton Hall and will take a maximum of approximately 3 1/2 hours to complete. Please note the following:

DO NOT bring cell phones, pagers, food, drink, children, electronic devices, calculators, or scratch paper to the testing center.

You will be able to view your results as soon as you have completed the test. You may log into your ATI account at any time to access and print your ATI TEAS Individual Performance Profile transcript. Please be aware that you may also review your ATI TEAS Individual Performance Profile and create a Focused Review for ATI TEAS remediation.

**Special Notes**

Background checks for criminal history are required for entrance into clinical agencies and must be completed for confirmed admission/enrollment into the nursing program. Clinical agencies also require drug testing of students for clinical rotations.

The State Board of Nursing has the authority to deny license to any applicant who has violated any of the provisions of 54.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia. Most healthcare organizations are prohibited from hiring persons who have been convicted of certain criminal acts (For a list of crimes under this category refer to BARRIER CRIMES, Code of Virginia 63.2-1726 at [http://hope-tfc.org/FP/Barrier%20Crimes.pdf](http://hope-tfc.org/FP/Barrier%20Crimes.pdf)). Students with convictions or positive drug tests may be prohibited from clinical practice and may not be able to complete the program requirements.

Qualifications for Registered Nurse licensure have been established by the Virginia Department of Health Professions and the Virginia Board of Nursing, and can be found at [http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/nursing_forms.htm](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/nursing_forms.htm). The student should apply to graduate from MECC during their last semester in the curriculum and, upon successful completion of the nursing program, will be awarded the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing.

**Residency Requirements**

Although we welcome applications from residents of other jurisdictions, first priority will be given to all qualified applicants who are domiciled residents of Lee, Wise, Scott, and Dickenson Counties and the City of Norton, and to Virginia domiciled residents not having access to a given program at their local community college, provided such students apply for admission to the program prior to registration or by a deadline established by the college and that they meet the minimum admission requirements. A domiciled resident is one who has been a permanent resident in the locality or state for the twelve
months before the program application deadline. In addition, residents of localities with which the college has clinical-site affiliation may receive equal consideration for admission. If you have a question regarding your jurisdiction status, please contact Enrollment Services immediately upon applying to the program.

Performance Standards for Clinical/Laboratory Assignments

Students must be able to perform all essential job functions or performance standards in clinical settings with reasonable accommodation. The following performance standards are consistent with those identified by the Southern Regional Education Boards and include, but are not limited to:

*Critical thinking*: Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment and delivery of safe patient care.

*Interpersonal abilities*: Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with clients, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.

*Communication*: Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.

*Mobility*: Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.

*Motor skills*: Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.

*Physical demands*: Physical demands in this program include duties that frequently require squatting, bending, kneeling, reaching, and stair climbing; lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds; frequent pushing and pulling up to 200 pounds with assistance; occasional lifting up to 200 pounds with assistance and occasional carrying up to 51-74 pounds.

*Hearing*: Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.


*Tactile*: Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment

These guidelines serve as essential elements basic to eligibility requirements for clinical participation in the VATNP.

Student Accommodations Statement

The VATNP is committed to the policies set forth by the Virginia Community College System regarding disabilities and reasonable accommodations. If you require special services or accommodations, you should contact the Disability Services Counselor on either campus for an appointment at least 2 weeks prior to the beginning of nursing classes. Your success is contingent upon your ability to fulfill the performance competencies of the program with reasonable accommodations.
If, after reviewing the MECC Catalog and this application process, you have further questions regarding admission to the nursing program, you may contact your assigned Nursing (RN) program advisor.

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Nondiscrimination Policy

Mountain Empire Community College (MECC) is an open entry institution. Its mission is to provide quality higher education and workforce training programs and services that are financially and geographically accessible and meet individual, business, and community needs. The following pathways exist:

Allied Health  
Arts & Music

Business  
College Transfer

Construction  
Education

Engineering  
Environmental

Health Sciences  
Manufacturing

Public Safety  
Technology

MECC is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in employment and education opportunity. No person shall be discriminated against in the terms and conditions of employment, personnel practices, or access to and participation in, programs, services, and activities with regard to race, sex, color, creed, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or membership or activity in a local commission as defined by law.

Harassment of an individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, creed, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or membership or activity in a local commission has no place in a learning or work environment and is prohibited. Sexual violence has no place in a learning or work environment. Further, MECC shall work to eliminate violence in all its forms. Physical contact by designated system, college, and university staff members may be appropriate if necessary to avoid physical harm to persons or property.
Lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission or participation. In order to eliminate barriers, we take appropriate measures to assess each student’s ability to participate and benefit through placement testing and counseling. Based on the assessment and counseling, students are then provided with campus services or a referral to community services to be better prepared for successful participation.

Nondiscrimination Coordinators:
Title IX Coordinator – Ron Vicars, Room 136, Godwin Hall, 276.523.7480
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This document is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities. Consumers with hearing or speech disabilities may contact us via their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.