

Nursing

Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree

This program prepares students for entry-level positions in nursing and for taking the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). It has been approved by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing, the New Jersey Council of Presidents, and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

What is the pass rate for the NCLEX?

The pass rate for the NCLEX is as follows:

Class of 2009 – 97.44% Class of 2010 - *Pending*

What is the role of Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC)?

Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC) is the primary clinical site for the Nursing program.

Are there any special requirements that must be satisfied before taking courses in the major?

- An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who has been permanently domiciled in the state of New Jersey for at least one year prior to the application process.
- Students must have a “B” or better in high school laboratory biology and laboratory chemistry or an equivalent college course.
- Algebra 1 is a pre-requisite for all majors. Algebra 1 competency may be verified with a passing score on the College’s placement test of completion of the appropriate course. As a result of the student’s performance on the College’s placement test, he or she may need developmental coursework. All developmental coursework must be completed before they will be considered for admission to the program.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75. High school GPA will be used if the student has less than 12 college credits at the time of application.
- When students apply, they must take a Health Technologies entrance examination. A minimum overall score of 75% is required to be eligible for admission.

How long will it take to complete this degree?

The standard duration of this Associate Degree program is four semesters (two years). Many students elect to take the science and general education courses required in the program before entry into the program. However, the four nursing courses **must be taken in sequence** and still require four semesters before graduation. Each nursing course may require Monday through Friday attendance.

Are there any special requirements once the student is admitted to this major?

The student must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher and meet the academic standards of progress to stay in the nursing program.

Are there additional requirements after graduation to be eligible for licensure?

The New Jersey State Board of Nursing requires that an applicant for licensure as a registered nurse must submit to the Board evidence, in such form as the Board may prescribe, that the applicant is of good moral character, is not a habitual user of drugs and never been convicted or has not pleaded nolo contendere, non vult contendere or non vult to an indictment, information or complaint alleging a violation of any Federal or State law relating to narcotic drugs. Application for licensure may be denied by the Board if violations exist. All licensure candidates must undergo a criminal history record background check, including fingerprinting prior to the issuance of the license.

Can students who major in Nursing transfer to a four-year college or university?

The courses students take may be applied to the Bachelor of Science (BSN) Degree. Any final decision regarding transfer courses will be made by the receiving college. MCC develops articulation agreements that make the transfer process as seamless as possible.

Questions?

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*Below are required courses and recommended course groupings and sequences for program completion.
 Courses may have prerequisite and corequisite requirements. Check course descriptions for details.*

Courses	Credits	Requisites / Comments
<i>Semester I</i>		
BIO 111 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	Prerequisite(s): One year of high school laboratory biology or BIO 010 and one year of high school laboratory chemistry or CHM 010 and appropriate score on the College's placement test or MAT 013.
ENG 121 English Composition I	3	Prerequisite(s): A passing score on the College's placement test or a grade of "C" or better in ENG 010.
PSY 123 Introduction to Psychology	3	
CSC 107 Computers in Health Technologies	1	Students may take other CSC courses with department chairperson's permission.
NRB 121 Nursing Concepts in Health and Wellness	7	Corequisite(s): BIO 111, ENG 121, PSY 123 Prerequisite(s): American Heart Association BLS Certification for the Healthcare provider
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<i>Semester II</i>		
BIO 112 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	Prerequisite(s): BIO 111
PSY 232 Life-Span Development	3	Prerequisite(s): PSY 123
ENG 122 English Composition II	3	Prerequisite(s): A grade of "C" or better in ENG 121
NRB 122 Nursing Concepts in Health Alterations I	9	Prerequisite(s): NRB 121; BIO 111; PSY 123 Corequisite(s): BIO 112; PSY 232
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<i>Semester III</i>		
BIO 211 Principles of Microbiology	4	Prerequisite(s): One year of high school laboratory biology or BIO 010 and one year of high school laboratory chemistry or CHM 010. Also appropriate score on the College's placement test or MAT 013.
HRI 214 Nutrition Fundamentals for Nursing	3	Prerequisite(s): NRB 122, BIO 112
NRB 221 Nursing Concepts Applied to Families	9	Prerequisite(s): NRB 122, PSY 232, BIO 112 Corequisite(s): BIO 211, HRI 214
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<i>Semester IV</i>		
___ ___ General Education Humanities Elective (GE HUM)	3	
___ ___ General Education Elective (GE COM, GE DIV, GE HUM, GE MST or GE SS)	3	
PED/HED Physical/Health Education Elective	1-3	
NRB 222 Nursing Concepts in Health Alterations II	10	Prerequisite(s): NRB 221; BIO 112 and BIO 211; HRI 214
Total Credits: 70-72		

Standards of Progress:

1. Prior to matriculation, a nursing student must undergo a complete history and physical examination and be in compliance with the MCC and Nursing Department policy on immunizations.
2. A student is required to have a criminal background check and drug test performed with satisfactory results acceptable by MCC and the Nursing Department and/or participating clinical facility as a condition of admission, initial enrollment and/or continued enrollment. An offer of admission will not be final and enrollment not permitted until the completion of a satisfactory criminal background check. Admission may be denied or rescinded or enrollment terminated based on the results of the criminal background check and drug test.
3. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.
4. Achieve a "C" grade or better in all nursing courses in order to progress in the curriculum. A "C" in nursing is 77-84.
5. Achieve a "C" grade or better for all science courses in the nursing program. If a student receives a grade less than "C" in any science course of the nursing program, the student is allowed to repeat one science course only once. Any other unsatisfactory science grades will result in program dismissal.
6. **An unsatisfactory grade (i.e. a grade less than "C") in NRB 121 results in dismissal from the Nursing Program. The student has the option to reapply to the program once.**
7. If a student earns a grade less than "C" in any nursing course other than NRB 121, the student may retake the course once and must achieve a grade of "C" or better; any subsequent failure(s) in a nursing course will result in a dismissal from the Nursing Program.
8. **Attendance and participation in all scheduled learning activities of the program are expected.**
9. Students must adhere to the policies of MCC and affiliated health care agencies.
10. A student should complete the nursing program within three years of beginning enrollment in the first nursing course, unless written allowance by the nursing director or dean is provided.
11. A student who does not successfully complete the major nursing sequence under the above conditions may not continue in the program.
12. Prior to graduation, the student must achieve a passing score on a NCLEX predictor test.

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