Nursing Program
FAQs

*What degree will I earn when I complete the Nursing program?*

Graduates of the Nursing program earn an Associate degree in Applied Sciences – Nursing. This degree may also be referred to as an Associate degree in Nursing, or ADN.

*What kind of career in nursing does this degree prepare graduates to enter?*

The Nursing program at Mott prepares graduates to assume positions as registered nurses, following completion of state licensure requirements.

*What are the state licensure requirements?*

Each state has its own requirements regarding licensure to practice as a registered nurse (RN). Licensure requires completion of a nationally standardized test. The National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) is the exam that must be completed as part of the requirements for licensure in Michigan and other states. In addition, the graduate must submit an application for licensure to the State Board of Nursing and complete a criminal background investigation, prior to state approval to take the licensure exam. There may be additional requirements, depending on the specific state regulations.

*What is the cost of licensure?*

Currently, in Michigan, initial licensure costs approximately $395.00-$410.00 ($135.00 License Application Fee, $60.00-75.00 Criminal Background Investigation, $200.00 testing fee). *Note: These fees are subject to change at any time.*

Following initial licensure, relicensure is required every two years. At the present time, there is a $135.00 relicensure fee (subject to change).

*Are there any other requirements for licensure or re-licensure?*

All nurses registered in Michigan must complete 25 contact hours of continuing education (including 1 contact hour related to Pain Management) over the course of the two-year licensure period. All nurses are required to complete education in Human Trafficking as well. Specific rules related to continuing education are available from the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs website (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/LARA_Nursing_CE_Brochure_5-11_376431_7.pdf).

*Does Mott have an LPN (licensed practical nurse) program?*

At the present time, Mott does not offer a program preparing licensed practical nurses.
**Does Mott offer an option for LPNs who wish to complete their associate degree (RN program)?**

Yes, Mott has a pathway for entry into the associate degree program for graduates from Michigan-approved LPN programs. LPNs wishing to pursue this pathway should meet with a Nursing Program Coordinator for information and evaluation of their prior academic records.

**Where do ‘clinicals’ take place?**

Mott student nurses will be assigned to a variety of health care settings for the clinical portion of the program. Clinical agencies include acute care, long-term care, out-patient, and community settings. In addition, individual patient care settings inside the agency vary from adult to pediatric, basic care to skilled care to intensive care, surgery, mental health, geriatrics, obstetrics, and other specialty areas. Some of the clinical agencies utilized today include:

- Genesys Regional Medical Center
- Hurley Medical Center
- McLaren – Flint Campus
- McLaren – Lapeer Campus
- Genesys Convalescent Center
- Heartland Health Care – Fostrian
- Lapeer Medical Care Facility
- Community Mental Health
- Many other sites

**What is a competitive admissions process?**

A competitive admissions process is based on an established set of minimum eligibility requirements. Then, student credentials are evaluated and a weighted formula is applied to each requirement. The student who exceeds the minimal requirements, and whose weighted score is higher will receive preference over students with a lower weighted score. The criteria used to evaluate the student’s ranking will be an objective process, based on predetermined criteria. Points will be awarded to students only at the time they are being considered for admission.

**How does the competitive admissions process at Mott work?**

All students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements and submit an application portfolio by the deadline date will be considered for potential program admission. A weighted formula will be applied to the eligibility requirements and the scores totaled to give the student’s final competitive score. Scores will be placed in ranked order, from highest score to the lowest. Admission into the program will be made from this ranking. Only students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements will be evaluated through this ranking process.
Give me an example of how the ranking works?

For example, the minimum MCC GPA is 3.0. Suppose a multiplier of 10 is applied to the student’s GPA: a student with a 3.0 GPA would receive 30 points (GPA x 10). Another student, with a 4.0 GPA, would receive 40 points (same formula: grade x 10). So, the student with the 4.0 GPA receives a higher score for his overall GPA.

Similarly, a student’s grade in the six eligibility courses are also given a multiplier weight of 10. For example: one student receives a 3.0 grade in Bio 151 and receives 30 points (grade x 10); another student earns a 3.5 grade in the same course and is awarded 35 points (grade x 10). Again, the student with the higher grade in A&P I will receive a higher score for his grade. The remaining criteria will be evaluated in a similar manner.

All weighted criteria scores will be added to calculate the student’s ranking value.

What is the Application Portfolio?

The application portfolio is a collection of all documentation that shows a student has met the minimum program eligibility requirements, or criteria. The portfolio must include:

- Copy of high school diploma or GED
- Supplemental application for admission to the Nursing program, by the deadline date for the semester the student is seeking admission
- Checklist that summarizes completion of all requirements
- Copy of ATI TEAS results
- Student copy of transcripts for all transfer coursework (an official transcript must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office in order for course equivalencies to be applied to the MCC transcript)
- Receipt for completed criminal background investigation (CBI)

When and where to I submit my application portfolio?

The completed portfolio must be submitted to the Health Sciences Division Office by the established deadline dates. Prior to submission, students must meet with an Academic Advisor to have the portfolio reviewed.

- By January 31 for admission in the September (Fall) class
- By June 30 for admission in the January (Winter) class
- Only complete portfolios will be considered in the admissions process
- All eligibility coursework and other requirements must have been completed prior to the application deadline; consideration will not be given for coursework or other requirements that are in-progress at the time of application
- Applications will be considered for one admission cycle only; students not accepted into an entering class must submit a new application portfolio for the next admission cycle
Will I receive extra consideration during the admissions process if I have a CNA, EMT, or other health-related credential?

No, these credentials are not required for the program and do not carry any weight during the admissions process.

What if I don’t have enough points to be admitted in a semester?

Fulfillment of the minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission into the Nursing program at Mott Community College. Qualified application portfolios will be reviewed by the Nursing program coordinators. Final determination of program entry will be made by a competitive process. Students who are not ranked high enough to qualify for admission for the semester must submit a new application portfolio for the next application cycle. The student’s application will be considered, using the process described above.

I have a misdemeanor on my record. Does this mean that I can’t get into the program?

That is a hard question to answer, since the Michigan statute is very complex. For the most accurate determination, the student must submit a background check (information on the website) and have it reported to the Nursing program through the CastleBranch system. The dean will review it and submit it to the College attorney for determination. His determination will be made after a thorough research of the individual’s actual criminal record and comparison to the various terms of the law. No evaluation can be made without this review of the actual record.

What expenses should I expect while I’m in the program?

In addition to regular tuition and course fees, books, and other registration costs, students will need to submit a criminal background check within six months of program entry, complete a physical exam and required immunizations, and provide documentation of current BLS certification prior to entry into the clinical sequence. In addition, all students will need to purchase approved uniforms, shoes, a stethoscope, and other routine supplies.

Will I have to undergo drug testing?

Drug testing currently is not part of the regular admissions process, however it may be required at any time. Nurses, including student nurses, may not be under the influence of any mind-altering substance. This includes legal and illegal, prescribed and non-prescribed (or over-the-counter) substances. Any student who exhibits behavior that indicates he/she may be under the influence of a drug, alcohol, or other substance will be dismissed from the clinical area and required to submit to drug screening (at the student’s expense). In addition, individual clinical sites may require drug testing of students at any point during the program. Finally, each employer requires drug screening as part of the employment process.
What about medical marijuana?

The use of medical marijuana is prohibited on all Mott campuses, including in the clinical area, or any clinical site campus. The position of a current prescription for medical marijuana does not exempt the student from this policy.

Is it true that I can’t smoke at most hospitals?

Yes, this is true. Each of the clinical agencies (including in-patient, out-patient, clinic, other settings) have policies that prohibit smoking on the premises. Some agencies will allow smoking in individual cars, but others have strict policies making their campus properties totally smoke-free (individuals cannot smoke until they have exited the premises).

Each of the agencies provide some type of smoking cessation assistance for its employees. In addition, some health care facilities have taken their no-smoking policies a step further and do not hire any individual who tests positive for nicotine on routine drug testing. Check with the specific employer for their exact policies and practices.

While we do not require students to quit smoking to participate in the program, we do require that they adhere to the agency policies and practice hygiene procedures to remove all traces of smoke from their hair, bodies, and uniforms.

What about e-cigarettes?

Use of e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or any similar device is not allowed in the clinical area or in any of the rooms or facilities at the clinical site (patient rooms, public areas, lounges, break rooms, cafeteria, etc.).

What if I still have questions?

Contact an academic advisor in the Advising Center (PCC 2040) or a Nursing Program Coordinator (CM 2313).

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