



Mayland Community College  
Advanced Placement to the Associate Degree Nursing  
Summer 2012  
Competitive Admission Process

Admission Period: October 17- December 12, 2011

**Application Deadline: December 12, 2011**

*MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR*

Advanced Placement into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide nursing care to clients and groups of clients throughout the lifespan in a variety of settings.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), which is required for practice as a Registered Nurse.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

**It is the nursing applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadline. Nursing deadlines, guidelines, and policies apply equally to all students; thus, there can be no exceptions.**

**Students must:**

- 1. Have and maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher in *all* post-secondary coursework completed.**
2. Complete the MCC General Admissions Application. Can be done online or in person at MCC.
3. Submit application to Admissions Office specifically for Advanced Placement into the Associate Degree Nursing Program during the stated admissions period.
4. Complete the appropriate Placement Test, if required by the Admissions Office, and meet minimum cut-off scores on Placement Test.
5. Request official high school transcript or GED scores to be mailed to the Admissions Office by the application deadline. Official transcripts should be mailed from the institution(s) attended or be hand delivered in an envelope sealed by the school(s) attended.
6. Request official transcripts from **all** colleges or schools attended since high school mailed to the Admissions Office by the application deadline to be reviewed for possible transfer credit by the Registrar.
7. Complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) at Mayland Community College. Scores from other testing facilities **are not accepted**. There is no minimum TEAS score for admission to the nursing programs. (More information on the TEAS, payment and registration for the TEAS, will be listed in a later section.)

8. Complete the Nursing Accelerated Challenge Exam I – Foundations of Nursing (NACE-1) and make the required minimum score of 77. (More information on the NACE 1, payment and registration information, will be listed in a later section.)

9. Applicants are *encouraged* to complete all non-nursing required courses in the curriculum prior to entering the nursing program.

### **MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

**SPECIAL NOTE: ANY REQUIRED COURSE TAKEN IN THE FALL SEMESTER WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

#### **1. PLACEMENT TEST SCORES**

To be considered for admission to the nursing programs at MCC, all applicants must meet the minimum requirements on the appropriate Placement Test\*. Placement Test scores must have been completed within five years of application to the nursing programs.

\*Completion of ENG 111 or its equivalent and MAT 080 or higher with a grade of “C” or better may eliminate taking a Placement Test. All courses must have been completed within seven years of application to the nursing programs.

<b>ACCUPLACER (CPT)</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>ACT</b>
96 Sentence Skills	500 Verbal or Reading	20 English
83 Reading Comprehension	& Writing	20 Reading
55 Arithmetic	500 Math	20 Math
75 Algebra		

A student may meet the placement test requirements with a combination of the above.

If an applicant scores less than the minimum cut-off scores on the Placement Test, he/she will be required to complete the essential sequence of developmental courses. If the student completes all the required remedial courses with a grade of “C” or better and meets the other minimum requirements, he/she may be considered eligible to apply to the AP Program.

If the Placement Test has been taken at another college or institution, it is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the scores are transferred to Mayland Community College.

#### **2. LPN**

Submit proof of licensure in NC to practice as a practical nurse by the application deadline.

### **3. ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY**

All students who wish to apply for Advanced Placement into the Associate Degree Nursing Program must have completed BIO 165, *Anatomy & Physiology 1*, with a grade of "C" or higher, within seven years of application.

Substitutions for BIO 165 include BIO 166, *Anatomy & Physiology II*, or passing the Biology proficiency exam for BIO 165. The proficiency exam is for students who lack but wish to obtain current credit for the BIO 165. All students are not required to take the BIO proficiency exam.

### **4. IV THERAPY CERTIFICATION**

Submit documentation of current IV therapy certification through a continuing education program such as MAHEC or documented IV therapy competency through an employment setting by application deadline.

Graduation from Mayland Community College's PN Program within six (6) months of admission to the program is acceptable in lieu of the certification.

### **5. WORK EXPERIENCE**

Submit documentation of at least 800 hours of work experience as an LPN providing direct patient care in an acute care or long term care setting. This employment must have occurred within one year prior to applying to the nursing program. Verification is due before the student begins the program (summer semester). Work experience may be submitted on company letterhead in a sealed envelope.

### **6. REQUIRED COURSES**

In addition to the requirements listed in Section 1, the following courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better in order to apply for Advanced Placement:

BIO 165, *Anatomy & Physiology I*

CIS 110, *Introduction to Computers*

CHM 092, *Fundamentals of Chemistry*, or a Chemistry course in a North Carolina public high school (see below)

These courses must have been completed within seven years of application.

If no high school course can be used, the student may have taken CHM 092, *Fundamentals of Chemistry*, or an acceptable substitution such as CHM 131 or CHM 151.

A Chemistry proficiency exam may be required if the student lacks credit within five years. The proficiency exam is for students who lack but wish to obtain current credit for CHM 092. All students are not required to take the CHM proficiency exam.

### **7. TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS**

All students who wish to be considered for a nursing program at Mayland Community College must complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) at Mayland Community College. Test scores from

other testing sites are not acceptable. Students will schedule an appointment to take the TEAS during the application period. The TEAS is available in the fall and spring semesters at Mayland Community College. Students who have taken the TEAS more than once will be able to use the highest score of the previous two tests for their ranking points.

A study guide for the TEAS can be purchased at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). Any version is acceptable; however, version V (5) is the most current.

Students who wish to register for the TEAS will pay the required fee of \$30.00.

## **8. NACE I**

All students who wish to be considered for the Advanced Placement Program at Mayland Community College must complete the Nursing Accelerated Challenge Exam I – Foundations of Nursing at Mayland Community College. Test scores from other testing sites are not acceptable. There is a minimum score of 77 required on the NACE.

NACE is an exam with all nursing related questions. Students are recommended to study and prepare as they would for the NCLEX.

More information regarding the NACE I can be found on the National League for Nursing website, [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org).

## **MAYLAND'S SELECTION PROCESS**

Applicants will be ranked for admission into the ADN Program using a point system. Applicants earn points and students with the highest number of points will be selected. The point system is an objective means for evaluating nursing applicants. At the beginning of each summer semester, ten students are selected for Advanced Placement.

### **1. Points for the TEAS**

The Adjusted Individual Total percentage score is used for points. If a student has taken the TEAS more than once in the past year, the highest score of the previous two tests will be used. There is an enclosed TEAS information sheet regarding payment and registration.

### **2. Points for the NACE I**

The Nursing Accelerated Challenge Exam I – Foundations of Nursing score will be used for ranking points. There is a minimum score of 77. If a student does not make the minimum score, they will be ineligible for the program. There is enclosed information regarding the NACE I registration and payment information.

### **2. GPA**

Points will be given for the student's Mayland Community College GPA at the end of the fall semester 2011, or from the most current institution in which the student attended full-time.

### 3. Residency (2 pts.)

A resident of Mitchell, Avery or Yancey County will receive **two points** toward admission. Applicants must provide legal documentation to verify their residency status to the Health Programs Admissions Advisor. Students may verify residency by producing a current copy of one of the following: property tax forms, voter registration, car registration, or any other documentation stating applicant's **county** of residence. **Points will not be given without proper verification by the application deadline.**

### 4. MCC Graduate (3 pts.)

Applicants for Advanced Placement who previously obtained their practical nursing education at Mayland Community College will have **three points** added to their score.

### 5. BIO 165 & BIO 166

Students who complete BIO 165, *Anatomy & Physiology I*, and/or BIO 166, *Anatomy & Physiology II*, within five years of admission will receive points towards admission. The points towards admission will be determined by the grade earned in each course according to the following scale: A = 4 points; B = 3 points; C = 2 points.

### 7. Admissions Workshop. (1 pt.)

**One point** will be awarded for an applicant who attends a nursing admissions workshop (The date, times and directions for the applicant to reserve a space are enclosed). The point will not be awarded for applicants who have attended a nursing admissions workshop in the past because the requirements and policies can change from past admission processes.

A student must be ON TIME and attend the ENTIRE workshop, and a certificate of attendance must be filled out (by student) and collected by counselor immediately after the information session in order for points to be awarded.

**DATE**

**TIME**

**LOCATION**

*Will be announced*

*Students should register for the workshop via email.  
Send email to [mcrump@mayland.edu](mailto:mcrump@mayland.edu) to verify your attendance.*

### **SELECTION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS**

1. Student enrollment in the nursing program is limited. Applicants with completed files, including acceptable test scores and transcripts of previous college work, will be considered for advanced admission to the nursing program that begins **summer** semester 2012.
2. Points for each applicant will be totaled. The totaled scores will be placed in rank order, from highest to lowest, and will determine the applicant's position on the acceptance or alternate lists.

**Formal acceptance is granted only after submission of current infant/child/adult CPR certification, satisfactory medical, immunization, and dental forms. These forms are provided to students when students are notified of acceptance and must be submitted before the deadline stated in the conditional acceptance packet. Any student who does not complete the required forms will be denied admission, and that student's space will be given to the next alternate.**

3. Qualified applicants will be placed on the alternate list based on their scores. Alternates are qualified to enter the program but are not accepted, and are accepted as spaces/resources become available. Alternates who are accepted must complete required medical forms provided upon acceptance. Alternates will be accepted, in order of their positions, if vacancies occur before the end of final summer registration. No alternates will be accepted after the end of final registration for the summer semester. **The alternate list does not carry over to the next year; therefore, alternates who are not accepted must reapply to the nursing program.**
4. Any applicant who has a mental or physical disability or uses any drug to a degree that interferes with his/her fitness to practice nursing may be denied entrance into the nursing program, dismissed from the nursing program, or denied licensure. Any questions or concerns regarding this statement should be directed to the Dean of Health Sciences.
5. The application for registered nurse licensure in North Carolina contains a question as to whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, excluding minor traffic violations. Also, *since most clinical sites require student criminal background checks, students will be required to complete the required criminal background check before summer semester begins. In addition, a drug screen will be required before beginning clinicals. Information regarding the background check process and the required drug screening will be given during orientation. Based on the results of the background check and drug screen, the clinical agency may not allow a student with a criminal history to attend clinical. If a student is refused admission to any clinical agency, he or she will be dismissed from the program.*

#### **6. PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE EXPECTATIONS OF A STUDENT NURSE**

Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. For purposes of nursing program compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disability Act, a qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing programs.

If a student believes that he or she cannot meet nursing program requirements without accommodations or modifications, the nursing faculty will determine on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made. Further information regarding the physical and cognitive expectations of a student nurse and CORE performance standards may be found in the student policy manual for nursing.

## CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

ISSUE	STANDARD	SOME EXAMPLES OF NECESSARY ACTIVITIES (Not all Inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Critical Thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing plans
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and Intellectual backgrounds  Must be able to work successfully in teams with fellow students and peers.	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small places	Moves around in patients rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas, administers cardiopulmonary procedures
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care	Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	Hears monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care	Observes patient/client responses
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g. insertions of a catheter

### ADVISING

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the competitive admissions process, please contact Jennifer Vance, Allied Health Programs Admissions Advisor at 828-765-7351, ext. 235, or email at [mcrump@mayland.edu](mailto:mcrump@mayland.edu)

### FINANCIAL AID

Please visit our Financial Aid (FA) Department in Gwaltney Hall on the main campus or follow the link to the FA webpage: <http://www.mayland.edu/students/financialaid/index.html>

## TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS) INFORMATION SHEET

All students applying for admission into a nursing program at Mayland Community College are required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The student's TEAS scores are current for two academic years.

The TEAS consists of four parts that ask you to answer multiple-choice questions covering the following:

- **Reading** – paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions
- **Math** – whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion
- **Science** – science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, basic physical principles, and general science
- **English and Language Usage** – punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling

A study guide for the TEAS can be purchased at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). Any version is acceptable; however, version V (5) is the most current.

### **RULES FOR TEST ADMISSION**

**It is extremely important that you read, understand and adhere to the following steps! STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE TESTING FACILITY UNLESS THEY COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS.**

1. Students must visit the ATI website and make an account with a user ID and password at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). Write that username and password down, and **bring it with you** when you test. If students have questions regarding the process, they have the option of making an appointment with the Health Programs Admissions Advisor for assistance
2. Arrive 15 minutes before the test to locate the room and for check-in procedures and to log-on to the ATI website using your username and password.
3. The length of the test is approximately three and one-half hours. The test will be proctored in a computer lab.
4. Students **may not have** any of the following items during test administration:
  - Food, drinks, or candy
  - Textbooks or reference books of any kind
  - Sunglasses, hats, or a hooded sweatshirt
  - Music (including CD players, iPods, MP3 players, cell phones, etc.)
  - Communication devices such as cell phones, pagers, PDA or palm pilots, etc.

A student who requires testing accommodations should notify the Health Programs Admissions Advisor at the time of registration in order for proper arrangements to be made.

## TEAS TIMES, DATES, AND LOCATION

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, December 6, 2011	9 am - 1 pm	P218, Sam Phillips Bldg
Thursday, December 8, 2011	5 pm - 9 pm	P218, Sam Phillips Bldg
Wednesday, December 14, 2011	2 pm – 6 pm	P213, Sam Phillips Bldg
Thursday, December 15, 2011	9 am - 1 pm	P218, Sam Phillips Bldg

## NACE I TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION

Friday, December 9, 2011	9 am – 12:30 pm	P219, Sam Phillips Bldg
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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### TEAS

To register for a test, email your choice of test date to [mcrump@mayland.edu](mailto:mcrump@mayland.edu)

Payment of \$30 for the TEAS will be due on test date.

Go to the Cashier's Office in Gwaltney Hall and pay the test fee. Bring the receipt to the test. Students without a receipt will not be admitted to the test session.

### NACE

The NACE I fee is \$55.00 and must be pre-ordered. Your payment is non-refundable and due by Thursday, December 1, 2011. Receipt must be presented to the Health Programs Advisor for students to test. There is one test date for the NACE. Your receipt for payment will serve as your registration for that test date.