



Mayland Community College  
Licensed Practical Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing Program Option  
2024  
Competitive Admission Process

Admission Period: July 1, 2023 – March 1, 2024

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2024**

*MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR*

The Licensed Practical Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing 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.**

**Each applicant is responsible for:**

- \*Completing admissions requirements**
- \*Confirming receipt of letters and documents in the admissions office**
- \*Keeping MCC informed in writing or email of any personal information changes**
- \*Keeping copies of all documentation submitted to MCC (i.e. CPR, physical exam, etc.)**

**Students must:**

- 1. Have Practical Nursing License no later than May 1, 2024.**
- 2. Have and maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher in *all* post-secondary coursework completed. All courses in the nursing program semester by semester are subject to a minimum grade; general education courses must be completed with a "C" or better; nursing courses must be completed with a "B" or better.**
- 3. Complete the online MCC General Admissions Application. *Current Students DO NOT need to complete a new application.***
- 4. Complete online application specifically for the Advanced Placement Associate Degree Nursing program during the stated admissions period.**
- 5. Complete the appropriate Placement Test, if required by the Admissions Office, and meet minimum cut-off scores on Placement Test.**

6. Request official high school transcript or official transcript of state approved high school equivalency 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.
7. 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.
8. Complete the Kaplan Entrance Exam at MCC and receive benchmark score in reading of 60 % and an overall benchmark score of 55%. Scores from other testing facilities are not accepted. (More 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.
10. Within the first week of class beginning in May, students must prove proficiency in fundamental nursing skills by return demonstrations.

## MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

### 1. PLACEMENT TEST SCORES

To be considered for admission to a nursing program at Mayland Community College, all applicants must meet the minimum requirements on the appropriate NCDAP Placement Test. NCDAP Placement Test scores must have been completed within five years of application to the nursing program.

In addition, a student may meet the placement test requirements in the following ways.

NCDAP Placement Test	SAT	ACT	High School GPA Benchmark
Score of 70 on RISE English placement test OR Completion of ENG 002	500 Writing or Reading  <b>(March 2016 and Future)</b> 480 Reading/Writing	22 Reading or 18 English	Unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher and must have graduated within the last 10 years from a US high school

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 "P" and meets the other minimum requirements, he/she may be considered eligible to apply to the AP program.

If the NCDAP 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. Students must have graduated from an accredited program and **obtain licensure no later than May 1, 2024.**

### 3. . KAPLAN ENTRANCE EXAM

All students who wish to be considered for the nursing program at Mayland Community College must complete the Kaplan Admission Exam at Mayland Community College and meet the designated benchmark score. Students will schedule an appointment to take the exam during or following the application period. Scores from other testing facilities are not accepted. There is a \$100 fee for the Kaplan Admission Exam, this fee is paid directly to Kaplan.

*Students are only permitted to take the exam once each semester. **Scores are valid for 2 years from test date.***

**A minimum benchmark score of 60% on the reading section is required.**

**An overall benchmark score of 55% is required.**

### 4. Completion of prerequisite general education courses

Students must complete the following prerequisite general education courses by the end of the spring semester with a minimum grade of C.

- **ENG 111**

- **PSY 150**
- **BIO 168 (no older than 7 years)**
- **BIO 169 (no older than 7 years)**

#### **5. NUR 214**

Students must complete NUR 214 – Nursing Transition Concepts with a minimum grade of B to be considered for full admission to join the second year Associate Degree Nursing students.

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. Advanced Placement students will be selected in the fall semester and begin in the spring semester.

**1. Points for the Kaplan**

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

**2. GPA**

Points will be given for the student’s Mayland Community College GPA for all semesters prior to the application period, or from the most current institution in which the student attended full-time.

**3. BIO 168 & BIO 169 & BIO 275**

Students who complete BIO 168, *Anatomy & Physiology I*, and/or BIO 169, *Anatomy & Physiology II*, and/or BIO 275 *Microbiology*, within seven years of admission will receive points towards admission. The points towards admission will be determined by the grade earned in each course.

**Points Value per Requirement**

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**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 2024.
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 American Heart Association BLS (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 Director of Nursing.
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. 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. Health Sciences students who participate in clinical rotations are required to meet all onboarding requirements of the assigned clinical agency including submission of a satisfactory criminal background check, drug screen, health form, and immunizations against communicable diseases. In order to ensure the safety of their patients and staff, many healthcare facilities are now mandating that employees, school faculty and students who are entering their institutions document proof of vaccination for COVID. While Mayland Community College does not currently require COVID vaccination, Nursing students may be required by the clinical sites to produce documentation of vaccination against COVID 19. Failure to do so may result in a student being declined a clinical spot by the clinical agency. It is the student's responsibility to request any medical or religious exemptions from the clinical agency. Inability to complete clinical requirements will result in failure to progress and dismissal from the program.

## 7. **Physical and Emotional Health**

"Physical health" is defined as being free of disabling or contagious disease, being able to perform fine and gross motor skills, and being able to perform normal weight-bearing activities. "Emotional health" is defined as reacting

appropriately to stressful situations, withstanding everyday environmental stressors with little difficulty, using healthy coping mechanisms, and demonstrating self-awareness of one’s ability to cope with stressful situations.

### 8. Technical & Physical Standards for the Nursing Student

Students must demonstrate the ability to meet certain functional abilities at the time of acceptance into the nursing program and while enrolled in all nursing courses. A nursing student must demonstrate the physical and psychological ability to provide safe, competent client care. To understand the physical and psychological qualifications needed for success in the nursing program, the functional abilities have been listed below.

In the case of a qualified individual with a documented disability or a change in health status, appropriate and reasonable accommodations will be made. Unless to do so would fundamentally alter the essential training elements, cause undue hardship, or produce a direct threat to the safety of the client or student.

Technical Standard	Definition of Standards	Examples
Coping Skills	Possess coping skills sufficient to maintain composure in stressful situations.	Adapt rapidly to changing environment and/or stress.
Mobility/Motor Skills	Physical abilities sufficient to move in one’s environment with ease and without restriction. Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move around in work and treatment areas.</li> <li>• Administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation.</li> <li>• Manually resuscitate clients in emergency situations.</li> <li>• Stand and/or walk up to 12 hours per day with or without breaks.</li> <li>• Calibrate and use equipment.</li> <li>• Reposition immobile clients.</li> <li>• Push/pull 100 pounds or greater.</li> <li>• Lift/move heavy objects up to 50 pounds.</li> </ul>
Auditory Skills	Auditory abilities sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hear internal body sounds with the use of a stethoscope.</li> <li>• Hear auditory alarms (monitors, fire alarms, call bells)</li> <li>• Hear cries for help.</li> </ul>
Visual Skills	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observe client responses, see a change in skin color, and read calibrations on a syringe.</li> <li>• See objects up to 20 feet away.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read electronic medical record and/or associated paper medical records</li> </ul>
Tactile Skills	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform functions of the physical assessment and/or those related to therapeutic intervention (e.g. Insertion of catheter, palpation of pulse, detect temperature changes.</li> </ul>
Environmental	Possess the ability to tolerate environmental stressors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safely work with potentially harmful chemicals used in health care settings.</li> <li>• Practice Standard Precautions in the clinical setting.</li> <li>• Work in areas that are close, crowded, and/or noisy.</li> <li>• Anticipate exposure to communicable diseases, body fluids, and toxic substances.</li> </ul>
Emotional/Behavioral	Possess emotional stability sufficient to assume responsibility / accountability for actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calmly receive feedback.</li> <li>• Demonstrate honesty and integrity beyond reproach.</li> </ul>

**NOTE: IF THE STUDENT HAS A DOCUMENTED DEFICIENCY IN ANY OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES (FOR EXAMPLE VISION OR HEARING), THE PRESCRIBED AID DEVICE (GLASSES OR HEARING AIDE) IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROGRAM.** It is the responsibility of the nursing student, who has a documented disability and needs reasonable accommodations, to notify Doug Dewar, Director of Counseling and Disability Services prior to the beginning of each semester. If accommodations or modifications cannot reasonably be made in order for the student to be able to meet class, lab and/or clinical competencies; objectives; or outcomes, the student may have to withdraw or be dismissed from the nursing program.

*\*Standards developed by the Board of Directors of the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing to assist nursing education programs in compliance with American with Disabilities Act. This document has also been prepared with assistance of the N. C. Conference of Associate Degree Nursing Directors and the N. C. Community College System staff.*



In the case of a qualified individual with a disability, attempts will be made to provide reasonable accommodations. Mayland Community College does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities and will attempt to provide reasonable accommodations as required by law.

**\*Physical and Emotional Standards for Admission and Progression**

Technical Standards For Progression of Nursing Students  
(Clinical is not an observational experience.)

All prospective or current students must be in stable physical or emotional health and meet the following standards: The *Nursing Practice Act State of North Carolina* (July, 2005) defines nursing as:

A dynamic discipline which includes the assessing, caring, counseling, teaching, referring and implementing of prescribed treatment in the maintenance of health, prevention and management of illness, injury, disability or the achievement of a dignified death. It is ministering to, assisting, and sustained, vigilant, and continuous care of those acutely or chronically ill; supervising patients during convalescence and rehabilitation; the supportive and restorative care given to maintain the optimum health level of individuals, groups, and communities; the supervision, teaching, and evaluation of those who perform or are preparing to perform these functions; and the administration of nursing programs and nursing services.

**9. Technology Requirements**

MCC Nursing Program students have computer access in the Health Science classrooms and in the Learning Resource Center. For students who choose to utilize their own personal device, specific technical recommendations are as follows:

- A webcam if the computer does not have this built in. The webcam (internal or external) should have at least a 320x241 VGA resolution.
- A basic microphone if the computer does not have one built in.
- A minimum of 4 GB of RAM.
- A minimum resolution of 1024x600.
- A 12inch screen or larger.
- JavaScript and cookies must be enabled.
- Google Chrome is the required browser and Mozilla Firefox is recommended.
- Access to reliable internet that has a minimum download speed of 3 megabits per second is required and satellite connections are NOT recommended.
- Sufficient battery that will stay charged for at least 3 hours, and a charging cord should be brought to class. Charging outlets are limited in the Health Science classrooms.

**ADVISING**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the competitive admissions process, please contact Jennifer Grindstaff, Admission/Retention Advisor at 828-766-1255 or [jgrindstaff@mayland.edu](mailto:jgrindstaff@mayland.edu).

**FINANCIAL AID**

For information regarding tuition costs and financial aid options available, including scholarships, grants, and special programs to help cover costs, please visit our Financial Aid Department in Gwaltney Hall on the main campus or follow the link to the Financial Aid webpage: <http://www.mayland.edu/financial-aid>.

Students are encouraged to use any financial aid reimbursements to cover the additional costs incurred in the program. This includes, but is not limited to, Kaplan fees, uniforms, drug screens, and background checks.

## Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam INFORMATION SHEET

All students applying for admission into a nursing program at Mayland Community College are required to take the Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam. The student's Kaplan scores are current for two academic years. There is a \$100 testing fee, paid directly to Kaplan. To schedule the Kaplan exam, contact the Testing Center at 828.766.1358.

- Kaplan's Admission Test is a tool to determine if students have the academic skills necessary to perform effectively in a school of nursing. The Admission Test is a 91-question, multiple-choice test that evaluates the basic reading, math, writing and science skills of students seeking entry into a nursing program leading to RN licensure
- The Reading section (22 questions in 45 minutes) includes Reading passages for Comprehension, Extraction of Main Idea, Reading for Details, Vocabulary in Context, Inference.
- The Math section (28 questions in 45 minutes) tests Ratios and Proportions, Fractions and Decimals, the 4 Mathematical Functions, Word Problems. Focus is math skills required for Dosage and Calculation.
- The Writing section (21 questions in 45 minutes) includes writing mechanics such as: Error Correction within the Context of the Sentence; Syntax; Word or Punctuation Misuse; and Logical development of passages.
- The Science section (20 Questions in 30 minutes) tests students' knowledge of Physiology systems. Kaplan said to focus on these systems: Cardiovascular system, electrolytes, gastrointestinal system, immune system, neurology, renal system, hematological system, homeostasis, respiratory system, and sensory system. Study these sections in your A&P book. The science portion of the study guide is not geared toward this test.
- Admission to the nursing program is based on the highest passing scores on the exam. **Minimum passing score of 60% in reading and overall score of 55% is required.**

A study guide for Kaplan Admission Test the can be purchased at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Any version is acceptable; however, the 7<sup>th</sup> edition is the most current.

You may also find the website [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com) helpful; search "Kaplan Nursing Entrance Exam" for study materials

### **RULES FOR TEST ADMISSION**

**Students will not be admitted into the testing facility unless they comply with the following instructions.**

1. Schedule testing date/time in the Testing Center. To schedule, call 828.766.1358.
2. Arrive 15 minutes before the test to locate the room and for check-in procedures.
3. The length of the test is 165 minutes. The test will be proctored in a computer lab. Please be prepared to stay the entire test. It cannot be stopped.
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.
5. A student with a disability may request testing accommodations. He/she must present documentation to the Counseling Center and a counselor will determine if the accommodations are reasonable.



### **Advanced Placement Nursing Admission Checklist**

- Application-** MCC General Application and Advanced Placement Associate Degree Nursing Application must be on file.
- Submission of Transcripts-**Request and confirm receipt of official high school transcript or official transcript of state approved high school equivalency by the MCC Admissions Office. Request and confirm receipt of official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended by the Admissions Office. Official transcripts should be mailed from the institution attended or be hand delivered in a sealed envelope.
- Placement Test-** Complete the appropriate Placement Test, if required by the Admissions Office, and meet minimum cut-off scores on Placement Test.
- Nursing Application-**Submit application for Advanced Placement to the Associate Degree Nursing Program during the stated admissions period.
- Minimum GPA-**Maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher in all post-secondary coursework.
- Completion of ENG 002**
- Completion of ENG 111 (min grade of C)**
- Completion of BIO 168 (min grade of C; no older than 7 years)**
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- Completion of PSY 150 (min grade of C)**
- NUR 214 to be completed summer semester (min grade of B)**
- LPN -** Submit proof of licensure in NC and student must have graduated within five years.
- Entrance Test-**Complete the Kaplan Entrance Exam at MCC and receive benchmark score in reading and an overall benchmark score. Scores from other testing facilities are not accepted.
- Admissions Review**