Before Applying to the Health Sciences Programs

1. **Attend a Health Sciences Information Session**
   Attend an Information Session for your area of interest to understand the nature of the program, the admission process, and the rigor and time commitments needed to be successful. Times and dates can be found at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/healthsciences](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/healthsciences). *(At the website, be sure to click the individual program links for program specific information.)*

2. **Apply to Montgomery College**
   If you haven’t already applied to Montgomery College, submit a Montgomery College Admissions Application online at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/apply](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/apply). If applicable, submit official copies of prior learning: college, military, and Excelsior College Exam transcripts; results from international transcript evaluation services; and AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, or DANTES test scores to the Office of Enrollment Services for review. **NOTE:** If you attended Montgomery College, DO NOT include a transcript from Montgomery College. One will be generated when you submit your Health Sciences Application. A transcript evaluation will help you to ensure that you do not duplicate coursework. Review the requirements for each program online: [www.montgomerycollege.edu/healthsciences](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/healthsciences).

3. **Prepare for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**
   Students applying to Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant programs are strongly encouraged to prepare for TEAS. Plan to attend a TEAS Information Session to understand how TEAS is used in the application process, to connect with available resources, and to learn how to best prepare for the exam. For more information about TEAS, visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/teas](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/teas).

4. **See a Counselor**
   If you need help creating an academic plan, meet with a Montgomery College counselor in the Office of Counseling and Advising. **Be sure to complete steps 1–3 first!**

5. **Register to take the TEAS**
   After studying for the TEAS, register to take the exam at the Assessment Technologies Institute website: [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). For more information about registering for the TEAS and MC’s Assessment Centers’ testing policies and procedures, visit [http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu/plain.aspx?id=20981](http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu/plain.aspx?id=20981).

6. **Questions?**
   Visit our website at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/healthsciences](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/healthsciences) or contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 240-567-1501.

   **Checklist for a Complete Health Sciences Programs Application**
   Applications submitted without the required documentation will be returned

   - [ ] Montgomery College Admissions Application (If not previously admitted)
   - [ ] Health Sciences Application
   - [ ] Copy of TEAS scores (DMS, Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Polysomnography applicants only)
   - [ ] Official copies of prior learning credentials, including transcripts from all colleges previously attended

   **LPN-RN Applicants must also submit:**

   - [ ] Current LPN License
   - [ ] Letter of recommendation from supervisor
Admission Requirements

Montgomery College health sciences programs requiring this application are available ONLY at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

(Note: There are two applications: one for admission to the College and a second application for the health sciences programs.)

- Must have the minimum requirement and a minimum GPA of 2.5 for consideration. This GPA is based on your most recent 24 college credits earned. If you are a recent high school graduate with fewer than 24 college level credits, high school records will be included in this calculation. Official transcripts are required.

- **For Programs Requiring the TEAS Test** - GPA will be used for eligibility purposes only. You must complete the TEAS test and attach scores to this application. You must meet the minimum Total Scores or above in the subjects listed below. Students may only take the TEAS test twice during a 12-month period and must wait at least 30 days before their second attempt. The highest score will be used. The Total Score will be used to rank eligible students.

- Health Sciences admissions will be based on courses completed and grades earned through the prior semester. For example, for a program with a March 1st application deadline all prerequisite coursework would need to have been completed no later than the prior Fall Semester to be considered with the application. In progress courses will not be considered. This means that for any application deadline any required course must be completed and graded before the deadline.

### The following list contains the minimum requirements, priority courses, and TEAS test requirements for each program. Applicants who have completed all or some of the priority courses for their program of choice will be given first consideration. You may apply without completing any of the priority courses; however, this will make your application less competitive. **The requirements for the Nursing Program are:** Nursing

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<td>BIOL213</td>
<td>All minimum requirements and priority courses must be completed with a grade of C or better to be considered for admissions.</td>
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<td>Students who successfully completed MATH110/115/116 prior to fall 2018, can use this course to meet the MATH117 or higher requirement.</td>
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<td>In the event of a point tie, GPA will be used as the tiebreaker.</td>
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<td>TEAS Score (minimum Reading-70%, AITS-66%)</td>
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<td>TEAS score cannot be older than 2 years.</td>
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<td>Minimum GPA of 2.5 (based on last 24 credits)</td>
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<td>Students should register for TEAS for Nursing.</td>
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### Selection for admissions is based on a Point system. Students who completed the priority course(s) and have the highest total points will be admitted first until all seats are filled.

- TEAS (Reading-70%, AITS-66%)
  - Exemplary – 4 pts
  - Advance – 3 pts
  - Proficient – 2 pts

- GPA (based on science courses)
  - 4.00 – 4 pts
  - 3.50 to 3.99 – 3 pts
  - 3.00 to 3.49 – 2 pts
  - 2.50 to 2.99 – 1 pts

- Priority Courses Completed
  - All – 4 pts
  - None – 0 pts

- Number of attempts to pass minimum requirements and priority courses
  - 1st attempt – 4 pts
  - 2nd attempt – 3 pts
  - 3rd attempt – 2 pts
  - 4th attempt – 1 pts

- Prior Educational Experience
  - Prior degree – 3 pts
  - 6 – 8 credit hours/semester – 2 pts
  - 3 – 5 credit hours/semester – 1 pts (credit hours are based on last 24 credits)
*BIOL 212 and 213 older than five years of the application date may only be accepted upon permission of the program coordinator. Nursing applicants with BIOL 212 & 213 older than five years of the application date must take BIOL 228. Students who transfer to Montgomery College with BIOL 212 and/or BIOL 213 do not need to complete BIOL 150.

**BIOL 150 IS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR BIOL 212
Montgomery College Nursing Program Plan

The nursing curriculum is dependent upon proper sequencing of courses. The general education courses (non-nursing) in the nursing curriculum are to be completed prior to or during the semester in which they are listed in the College Catalog. Nursing courses must be completed in the sequence described in the catalog.

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* May be taken in any sequence

Total credit hours 70
Montgomery College Nursing Program
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the admissions requirements for the Nursing Program?
To apply to the Nursing Program, a student must: a) be enrolled at Montgomery College; b) have completed course work in ENGL 101: Introduction to College Writing, MATH 117: and BIOL 212: Human Anatomy and Physiology I; c) have met the minimum required scores on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Preference will be given to students who have completed the priority courses Biology 213, English 102. For more comprehensive information on admissions requirements, please visit the admissions page on our website: http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/nursing/

2. How many years of study does the Nursing Program require?
The Nursing Program requires two academic years to complete. Students often need additional time to complete the prerequisite courses listed in question one.

3. How many students are accepted into the program each semester?
Currently, the Nursing Program accepts up to 132 students each semester.

4. What is the application submission deadline for the Nursing Program?
The upcoming application deadlines for the Nursing Program are:

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<td>Thursday April 1, 2021</td>
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<td>Monday August 2, 2021*</td>
<td>Spring Semester of 2022</td>
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*Please note that when April 1 falls on a weekend the following Monday is considered the application deadline.*

We recommend that you always check the Nursing Program Admissions web page, or call the program directly if there are any questions about the deadlines.

5. What is the minimum grade point average (GPA) required to apply to the Nursing Program?
A minimum grade point average of 2.5 is required. No student with a GPA below 2.5 is admitted into the program.

6. Is there an evening or weekend option/alternative for the Nursing Program?
No, nursing classes and clinical work are offered during the weekdays only.
7. What time commitment should I expect to give the program?
Students should plan on a minimum of three to four days a week to be in lectures, clinical, and in labs. Additional time will be needed to read and study for the courses. Please remember that your schedule will need to be flexible.

8. How much does the Nursing Program cost?
There are costs associated with starting the Nursing Program upon acceptance and enrollment. The program’s overall tuition is determined by the Tuition Rates for Credit Courses by Residency Classification. The Nursing Program is 70 total credits.

9. Can a student who is not enrolled in the Nursing Program take a Nursing course?
No, students who are not enrolled in the program cannot take Nursing courses.

10. If I have a degree from another college, can I complete the program in less than two years?
No, the Nursing Curriculum is dependent on proper sequencing of courses and requires two academic years to complete. A college degree may exempt students from the general education requirements in the Nursing Curriculum but it will not exempt students from the science requirements. There is no accelerated program.

11. If I have already earned a degree, do I still have to take the TEAS exam for application?
The TEAS exam is required for all application submissions to the Nursing Program. Applicants cannot be exempted from the requirement regardless of factors like educational background, prior course work, grade point average, or existing degrees. For more information on the TEAS, students should visit the website and review the page: TEAS Resources and Study Materials page.

12. If I have credits or a degree from another country, will they apply to my degree?
Courses from other countries may be transferred into Montgomery College, but they must first be evaluated by an approved, international credentials evaluation service. Contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 240-567-1501 for an information packet on course evaluation.

13. Can I transfer into the Montgomery College Nursing Program from a different Nursing Program?
Yes, it is possible to transfer into the program from a different Nursing Program. For more detailed information, please review the page “How to Transfer to MC Nursing”. Please note that the Director of the Nursing Program must evaluate all requests for transfer.

14. Can I take Nursing Program courses at the Rockville or Germantown campuses?
No, the Nursing Program is based on Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. There are no classes available at the other campuses.

15. Are there Distance Learning/Online courses in the Nursing Program?
Currently, distance learning options are very limited.

16. Are the LPN to ADN and Military Medic/Corpsman to ADN programs the same as the regular Nursing Program?
No, the LPN and Military Medic/Corpsman programs differ from the regular Nursing Program. They are bridge programs, designed to give credit for prior certification and work experience. For additional information on these programs you can visit their respective web pages.
17. Can I transfer to a Baccalaureate Degree program after completing the Associate Degree in the Nursing Program at Montgomery College?
Most major colleges and universities accept all or most of the general education credits taken at the Associate Degree level. Placement testing may be required to validate previous nursing courses. Students are Registered Nurses upon successful completion of the licensing examination following their Associate Degree education. A student who continues on for a Baccalaureate Degree does not take an additional licensing examination. Montgomery College participates in the Maryland Articulation Model. In addition, agreements with most of the private colleges and universities in the area allow direct transferability of courses in the Nursing Program.

18. Where can I get an application to the Nursing Program?
A student can call the Office of Admissions and Records at 240-567-1501 or the College Recruiter at 240-567-1583. Applications are also available by downloading and printing, from the Admissions and Records website’s “Forms” page under the heading “Applications” The application should be mailed or hand-delivered to the Office of Admissions on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. The address is listed on the application.

The Nursing Program office does not accept or process applications.

19. What is the employment outlook for Registered Nurses?
Job opportunities for RNs are expected to be very good well into the future. Employment of Registered Nurses is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations, and because the occupation is very large, many new jobs will be available. Thousands of job openings will also result from the need to replace retiring, experienced nurses.

20. If I would like to have a one-on-one counseling session about applying to and entering the Nursing Program should I drop by the program’s office or attend an Information Session?
No, if you would like a one-on-one counseling session to discuss applying to the program, creating a plan for your education, learning more about prerequisite course work, determining which general education courses will transfer directly to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree, etc., then it is best to make an appointment with the Health Sciences Counselor, Maureen Mirowski.
## Approximate Costs of Starting the Nursing Program

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<td>TDap</td>
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<td>MMR (2 injections are required)</td>
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<td>Hepatitis B series (3 injections are required)</td>
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<td>Blood Titers</td>
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<td>**$2600 and up *</td>
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1. To register for the test, go to ATI online (http://www.atitesting.com). Each of the campuses has available testing days and times identified. Allow 3 hours and 30 minutes to sign onto the online testing site and take the test. **You must be on time to take the test.** Since the test is 3 ½ hours long, extended time is only available for students having a documented disability.

2. For documented disability: to obtain authorized testing accommodations, you must contact your Disability Support Services (DSS) counselor to submit the request.

   Disability Coordinator: http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/dispsvc/

   Director of Nursing, Monique Davis, PhD, RN: Monique.Davis@montgomerycollege.edu

   You will then need to register on the ATI website (www.atitesting.com) prior to your testing date to allow proper authorization of your extended time accommodation.

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<td>Rockville</td>
<td>Campus Center (CC014) (lower level)</td>
<td>240-567-7459</td>
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<td>Takoma Park/Silver</td>
<td>Spring Student Services Building (ST323)</td>
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Please refer to http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/AssessCtr/ for additional information regarding assessment center hours.

3. The cost of the test is at least $75* (non-refundable) and will be paid online on the ATI website at the time of registration.

4. Students may only take the test twice during a twelve-month period. If the student has taken the TEAS more than once, **the best scores can be used for application to the program.**

5. The results of the test will be available at the conclusion of the exam.

6. In order to be eligible for admission to the nursing program, you must have a minimum scores of (attach TEAS results to application):
   - Reading = 70% or higher
   - Total = 66% or higher

* Please note that the cost of the TEAS exam is determined by ATI Testing and subject to change
The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), Version VI

IMPORTANT: On August 31, 2016, a new version of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) was introduced: **ATI TEAS, Version 6.**

The previous version, **TEAS, Version V** is no longer be available. Additional information can be obtained by emailing the Learning Skills Support Specialists, at lsss@montgomerycollege.edu.

TEAS Admission Requirements for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nursing, Physical Therapy Assistant, and the Radiologic Technology Programs

What is the TEAS?

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) assesses the academic preparedness of entry-level nursing students in Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage. The total testing time is 209 minutes (approximately 3.5 hours).

TEAS, version VI consists of:

- **Reading**: students will demonstrate reading skills in key ideas and details, craft and structure, and integration of knowledge and ideas, paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences and conclusions.
  - 64 minutes 53 questions

- **Math**: will measure their knowledge of numbers and algebra and measurement and data.
  - 54 minutes 36 questions

- **Science**: Human anatomy and physiology, life and physical sciences, and scientific reasoning
  - 63 minutes 53 questions

- **English and Language Usage**: conventions of standard English, knowledge of language, and vocabulary acquisition.
  - 28 minutes 28 questions

What study materials are available for the test?

- Check MC's libraries for TEAS resources

- Check the TEAS test prep courses with the Workforce Development and Continuing Education at https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/workforce-development-continuing-education/health-sciences/teas-prep.html

- You may purchase a TEAS VI study manual at the Montgomery College bookstore, or by going to the test publisher's web site at www.atitesting.com.

  **Note-** There is a fee associated with the online practice tests and for obtaining study guide materials from ATI. The online practice tests provide an example of the questions; however, the test has too few questions to be predictive of how you will do on the actual TEAS.

- A free online practice questions for the TEAS exam is available at: http://www.testprepreview.com/teas_practice.htm
The minimum recommended score requirements for **ALL** programs that require the TEAS are:

- **Reading 70%**
- **Total Score: 66%**

**Applicants who exceed minimum requirements are more competitive.**

If you do not meet the minimum scores listed, you will not be considered for admission to the program. The purpose of the TEAS VI is to ensure that you are academically prepared to be successful in a health science program. Required scores are determined by each program based on predictors of success for that program.

Resources are available if you do not achieve the minimum required scores so that you can develop your skills, pass the TEAS and enter the program. Students who retake the test without remediation generally receive lower scores on the second test. Montgomery College has many resources to help you be successful. Please contact the Learning Skills Support Specialists for additional resources and test preparation strategies at lsss@montgomerycollege.edu.

**Taking the TEAS**

Purchase and register for the TEAS exam on the ATI website: [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). The cost for the exam is at least $75*. Please read the specific information and requirements provided by the assessment center for each of campuses.

To obtain additional testing time, you must contact your Disability Support Services (DSS) counselor to submit the request. If you are approved for extended time, the DSS counselor will then contact the Pre-Admission Retention Coordinator to authorize the extended time. All other authorized accommodations must be submitted by the DSS counselor directly to the Assessment Center Director.

You will then need to register on the ATI website ([www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)) prior to your testing date to allow the Director of Nursing give you extended time. Students may only take the test twice during a twelve-month period. Students can retake the TEAS more than twice during a twelve-month period if skills development is documented and approved by the Director of Nursing.

*Please contact the Learning Skills Support Specialists at lsss@montgomerycollege.edu.*

*Please note that the cost of the TEAS exam is determined by ATI Testing and subject to change*
The college has many resources that you can use to improve your scores on the TEAS.

**Reading, Writing, and Language Centers**

Germantown
https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/support/learning-centers/writing-reading-language-center-germantown/index.html
HS150 240-567-1802

Rockville Campus
HU002 240-567-7402
MT020 240-567-4160

Takoma Park/Silver Spring
RC 105 240-567-1556

**Math**

Germantown
https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/support/learning-centers/mapel-center-germantown/index.html
HT 229 240-567-1947

Rockville Campus
https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/support/learning-centers/ackerman-learning-center-rockville/index.html
SW 109 240-567-5200

Takoma Park/Silver Spring
https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/support/learning-centers/mathematics-learning-center-tpss/index.html
P1-101D 240-567-1675

**Science**

Germantown
BE 244 240-567-1987

Rockville Campus
https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/support/learning-centers/ackerman-learning-center-rockville/index.html
SW 109 240-567-5200

Takoma Park/Silver Spring
P1 101A 240-567-1594/240-567-1429
A Career in Nursing

Career Field

Registered Nurses (RNs) work to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients cope with illness. They are advocates and health educators for patients, families, and communities. When providing direct patient care they observe, assess, and record symptoms, reactions and progress. They assist physicians during treatments and examinations, administer medications, and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation. RNs also develop and manage nursing care plans, instruct patients and their families in the proper care, and help individuals and groups take steps to improve or maintain their health. While state laws govern the tasks that RNs may perform, it is usually the work setting that determines their daily job duties.*

Academic Programs Leading to a Career as an RN

Registered Nurses may be prepared in Associate Degree and Baccalaureate Programs. An Associate Degree Program (ADN) is designed to be completed in two academic years. The Baccalaureate Program requires at least four academic years. Graduates of all programs are eligible to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX) to become a Registered Nurse. All AND graduates are strongly encouraged to obtain the BSN upon successful licensure as an RN.

College and Universities

Most major colleges and universities accept all or most of the general education credits taken at the Associate Degree level. Placement testing may be required to validate previous Nursing Courses. Students who graduate our program with an ADN and successfully take the NCLEX will become licensed, Registered Nurses. A student who continues on to achieve a Baccalaureate degree does not require an additional licensing examination.

Montgomery College participates in the Maryland Articulation Model. Nursing Program credits are directly transferable to all state colleges and universities. In addition, agreements with many of the private colleges and universities in the area allow direct transferability of courses in the Nursing Program.

Here is a list of colleges and universities in the area at which many students pursue Baccalaureate and higher degrees in Nursing:

University of Maryland at Shady Grove
Catholic University of America
George Mason
Washington Adventist University
Frostburgh University

Georgetown University
Marymount University of Virginia
Bowie State University
Howard University
Entry Level Nursing Positions

New graduates who have successfully passed the NCLEX are prepared for entry level Staff Nursing Positions. Salaries of entry level Staff Nurses in the acute care (hospital) settings are very competitive in this area. Tuition assistance for furthering education may be available at many hospitals.

Employment Outlook for Registered Nurses

Job opportunities for Registered Nurses will continue to be very good. The employment rate of RNs is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations through the year 2020. Because the occupation is very large it is likely that new jobs will continue to be created. Thousands of job openings will also be created from the need to replace experienced nurses retiring from the occupation; especially as the median age of the RN population continues to rise.

The following is a summary form the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

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This data, and more information about employment and the Nursing profession can be found here: https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291141.htm

Accreditation

The Montgomery College Nursing Program is approved by the:

Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON)

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