



# **MONTGOMERY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION PACKET**

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# Montgomery College Nursing Program

A rewarding career as a registered nurse can be yours, and the path to that career begins by earning an associate's degree in nursing (ADN) here, at Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

Nursing is a dynamic combination of art and science applied to meeting the needs of individuals and their significant others throughout the life cycle and along the health-illness continuum. Using the nursing process, in combination with knowledge from the humanities and the biological, physical and behavioral sciences, the nurse promotes wellness, assists with the restoration and maintenance of health or adaptation to chronic illness, and provides comfort to the dying.

With the country more health conscious than ever, the demand for registered nurses continues to increase. Our Nursing Program can start you on the path to a successful career as a registered nurse.

Graduates of our two-year associate's degree program are qualified to take the NCLEX examination to become licensed, registered nurses who are prepared to give competent nursing care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care settings.

**Admission to Montgomery College is open to all; however, the nursing program is a selective application-based program limited to 128 students each semester. Visit the [Health Sciences Admissions page](#) for complete details, including special admissions requirements and the health sciences application.**

Students who plan to major in nursing will be assigned the temporary major of pre-nursing, with POS code 570, until they are officially admitted to the nursing program. Students may take preparatory courses and courses that fulfill general education requirements during the waiting period. As an alternative to being assigned a temporary major, students waiting for admission to the nursing program may choose to major in general studies or any other open-admission program. The Admissions and Records Office at Takoma Park/Silver Spring will assign a matriculated code once students are admitted to the nursing program.

The basic nursing curriculum covers two academic years, is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing, and is accredited by the Accreditation Committee for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Upon successful completion of the curriculum, the graduate is granted the AS in nursing and is eligible to take the state board examination for registered nurse licensure.

Graduates will be prepared to give competent nursing care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and other comparable health agencies under the supervision of more experienced practitioners and, with appropriate experience and further preparation, should be able to assume increasing responsibility in nursing. Hospitals, nursing homes, and other health agencies within the metropolitan area will provide the settings for a variety of clinical experiences, which are planned as a vital part of each nursing course.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION (Please Read) Before Applying to the Nursing Program

## 1. Attend a Nursing Program Information Session (Strongly recommended)

Attend an Information Session for your area of interest in Health Sciences 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 <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/nursing/resources.html>

## 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). 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: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/nursing/nursing-as-degree.html>

## 3. Prepare for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Students applying to the Nursing program, are strongly encouraged to prepare for TEAS. **Students should register for TEAS for Nursing.** 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).

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 [https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/\\_documents/admissions-registration/admn-comm-teas-flyer-ada-pg.pdf](https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/_documents/admissions-registration/admn-comm-teas-flyer-ada-pg.pdf). Students should register for TEAS for Nursing.

## 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!** [www.montgomerycollege.edu/can](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/can)

## 5. Register to take the TEAS

## 6. Questions?

Visit our website at <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/nursing/index.html> or contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 240-567-1501.

## Admission Requirements

**NEW: Effective fall 2019 students will be admitted to the Health Sciences programs based on a Point system. See admissions selection criteria on the requirements chart for details.**

You must have the minimum requirements and a minimum GPA of 2.5 for consideration. See admissions criteria on the requirements chart to determine how admissions GPA will be calculated. 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.

You must complete the TEAS test and attach scores to your application. Please print out a copy of your individual performance profile and submit it with the Health Sciences application. **You must meet the minimum requirements or above in the areas listed for the nursing program. Your TEAS scores cannot be older than 2 years. Students may only take the test twice during a 12-month period. The most recent scores will be used.**

**Nursing admissions will be based on courses completed and grades earned prior to the application deadline.** (Example: If applying for fall 2021 (April 1 deadline) courses completed prior to April 1, will be used; if applying for spring 2022 (August 1 deadline), courses completed by the end of spring 2021/summer I 2021 will be used).

Eligible students who are selected for admissions into the Nursing program will be notified by email. Complete program acceptance will be dependent upon satisfactory criminal background checks and drug test results for clinical rotation placements.

If you are transferring credits to MC, it is highly recommended that you review your transcript evaluations before the application deadline to ensure that you have the courses that are needed for admissions. Transcript evaluations can be viewed by logging into your MyMc account.

It is your responsibility to ensure that all the required documents are submitted to the Office of Records and Registration by the application deadline.

### Timelines for Notification of Admissions, Non-Admissions or Alternate Status

All students who submit application will receive written notification advising them whether or not they have been admitted into their program of choice. **Students who are selected for admissions into the Health Sciences programs will be notified by email.**

Students who applied for the programs that start during the summer (Transition to Nursing), March 1 deadline, should receive notification by the end of April.

Students who applied for the programs that start in the fall (April 1 deadline), should receive notification by the end of June.

# Montgomery College Nursing Program Admissions Requirements

Students who applied for the Nursing program (April 1 deadline) should receive notification by the end of June. If you apply for spring admissions into the nursing program (August 1 deadline) you should receive notification by the end of September.

<p><b>Nursing</b></p>	<p><b>Minimum Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ENGL102/ENGL103</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> BIOL212**</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> BIOL213</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> MATH117 or higher</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> TEAS Score (minimum Reading-70%, AITS-66%)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.5 (based on last 24credits)</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Information:</b></p> <p>All minimum requirements courses must be completed with a grade of C or better to be considered for admissions.          Students who successfully completed MATH110/115/116 prior to fall 2018, can use this course to meet the MATH117 or higher requirement.          In the event of a point tie, GPA will be used as the tiebreaker.          TEAS scores for Nursing cannot be older than 2 years.          Applicants with BIOL212 &amp; 213 older than 5 years of the application deadline date must take BIOL228.          Maximum points that can be awarded=27</p> <p><b>**BIOL 150 is a prerequisite for BIOL 212</b></p>	<p>Selection for admissions is based on a Point system. Students with the highest total points will be admitted first until all seats are filled.</p> <p><b>TEAS (Reading-70%, AITS-66%)</b>          Exemplary – 4 pts          Advance – 3 pts          Proficient – 2 pts</p> <p><b>GPA (based on science courses)</b>          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</p> <p><b>Number of attempts to pass minimum requirements.</b>          1<sup>st</sup> attempt – 4 pts          2<sup>nd</sup> attempt – 3 pts          3<sup>rd</sup> attempt – 2 pts          4<sup>th</sup> attempt – 1 pts</p> <p><b>Prior Educational Experience</b>          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)</p>
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## 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.

<b>First Semester (18 Credits)</b>	
BIOL 150	Principles of Biology I (4 Credits)
ENGL 102 <b>OR</b> ENGL 103	Techniques of Reading and Writing II (3 Credits) <b>OR</b> Critical Reading/ Writing/ Research at Work (3 Credits)
NURS 113	Fundamentals of Nursing (7 credits)
NURS 114	Professionalism and Communication in Nursing (1 Credit)
NURS 121	Basic Health Assessment (1 Credit)
NURS 129	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Nursing (2 Credits) <b>MUST</b> be completed prior to third semester of nursing program
<b>Second Semester (18 Credits)</b>	
BIOL 212	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 Credits)
MATH 117 <b>OR</b> Higher	Mathematic Foundations Course <b>OR</b> Survey of College Mathematics (3 Credits)
NURS 125	Nursing in Health and Illness I (4 Credits)
NURS 126	Nursing Care of Special Populations I: Geriatric and Psychiatric Nursing (4 Credits)
PSYC 102 <b>OR</b> PSYC 203	General Psychology (3 Credits) <b>OR</b> Human Growth and Development During the Life Span (3 Credits)
<b>Third Semester (16 Credits)</b>	
	Arts Distribution (3 Credits)
BIOL 213	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 Credits)
NURS 225	Nursing in Health and Illness II (4 Credits)
NURS 226	Nursing Care of Special Populations II: Maternal/Child Nursing (5 Credits)
<b>Fourth Semester (18 credits)</b>	
BIOL 210	Microbiology (4 Credits)
	<i>Global</i> Humanities Distribution (3 Credits)
NURS 205	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (1 Credit)
NURS 240	Nursing in Health and Illness III (7 Credits)
SOCY	Sociology Course either: SOCY 100, 105, <b>OR</b> 240 will meet the Behavior and Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD) requirement (3 Credits) *
<b>Total credit hours 70</b>	

# Montgomery College Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions

[Nursing.Program@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:Nursing.Program@montgomerycollege.edu)

## 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 102: Critical Reading, Writing, and Research or ENGL 103: Critical Reading, Writing, and Research in the Workplace, MATH 117 or higher, BIOL 212: Human Anatomy and Physiology I, BIOL 213: Human Anatomy and Physiology II; c) have met the minimum required scores on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS); 70% in reading and 66% as an adjusted total score d) have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. For more comprehensive information on admissions requirements, please visit the [health sciences admissions page](#)

## 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 128 students each semester.

## 4. What is the application submission deadline for the Nursing Program?

The upcoming application deadlines for the Nursing Program are:

Application Submission Deadline	Semester of Entry into the Program
Thursday, April 1, 2021	Fall Semester of 2021
Monday, August 2, 2021*	Spring Semester of 2022
Friday, April 1, 2022	Fall Semester of 2022
Monday August 1, 2022*	Spring Semester of 2022

***\*Please note that when April or August 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. Is there an evening or weekend option/alternative for the Nursing Program?

No, nursing classes and clinical work are offered during the weekdays only.

## 6. 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.

**7. How much does the Nursing Program cost?**

There are costs associated with starting the Nursing Program upon acceptance and enrollment. (see page 10) The program's overall tuition is determined by the Tuition Rates for Credit Courses by Residency Classification. The Nursing Program is 70 total credits.

**8. 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.

**9. 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.

**10. 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.

**11. 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.

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. Are there Distance Learning/Online courses in the Nursing Program?**

Currently, distance learning options are very limited.

**15. 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.



**16. 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. Most colleges and universities have articulation agreements in place that allow direct transferability into their nursing programs.

**17. Where can I get an application to the Nursing Program?**

Applications are available by downloading the PDF directly from the [Health Sciences web pages](#), completing it, and submitting via email to [healthsciencesapplications@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:healthsciencesapplications@montgomerycollege.edu).

**[The Nursing Program office does not accept or process applications.](#)**

**18. 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 of 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.

**19. 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](#). Other counselors can also be helpful and can be contacted through [www.montgomerycollege.edu/can](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/can)



## NURSING PROGRAM TAKOMA PARK/SILVER SPRING

### Approximate Costs of Starting the Nursing Program

Item	Fee
Physical Exam	\$100 and up
Immunizations or positive blood titers for:	\$300 and up for all
Tdap	
MMR (2 injections or positive titer are required)	
Varicella (2 injections or positive titer are required)	
Hepatitis B series (3 injections or positive titer are required)	
Seasonal Flu Shot	\$25 and up
PPD	\$25 and up
Uniforms	\$130 and up
Equipment	\$30 - \$90
CPR Certification	\$70 and up
Textbooks	\$800 - \$1200
Screenings by Castle Branch for Drug & Alcohol and Background Check	\$98.50
TEAS Entrance Exam/Testing Fee	\$75 (subject to change)
Study Guide Book	\$60
Online Practice Assessment	\$42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2600 and up *</b>

# TEAS Resources

## Test of Essential Academic Skills

### 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](http://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.

- Free online practice questions for the TEAS exam are available at: <https://www.test-guide.com/free-teas-practice-tests.html>

## **TEAS VI Score Requirements**

### **WHAT ARE THE SCORE REQUIREMENTS FOR MY PROGRAM?**

The minimum 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](mailto:lsss@montgomerycollege.edu).

#### **Spring 2021 TEAS information sessions**

##### **[Registration Link](#)**

Registrants would receive their zoom access information 24 hours prior to the information session date.

#### **Information sessions dates**

- Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 2:00 p.m.–3:30p.m.
- Friday, January 29, 2021, 1:00 p.m.–2:30p.m.
- Thursday, February 4, 2021, 2:00 p.m.–3:30p.m.
- Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m.–2:30p.m.
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 2:00 p.m.–3:30p.m.
- Friday, March 26, 2021, 1:00 p.m.–2:30p.m.
- Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m.–3:30p.m.
- Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 1:00 p.m.–2:30p.m.
- Thursday, May 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m.–3:30p.m.
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 1:00 p.m.–2:30p.m.

Applicants may also contact the **Learning Skills Support Specialists** via email at [lsss@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:lsss@montgomerycollege.edu) for all your TEAS-related questions