



### PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The nursing program is designed to prepare students for work as a registered nurse. The curriculum focuses upon basic human needs of individuals throughout the lifespan. Through the use of the nursing process, students develop necessary knowledge and skills to provide nursing care to individuals with well-defined health problems. Legal, ethical and role responsibilities of the professional nurse are addressed within each nursing course. Guided learning experiences in the practice lab and state of the art simulation center, as well as with clinical affiliates across the state, are correlated with classroom instruction. Graduates will be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination.

Candidates who are graduates from approved practical nursing programs are provided an opportunity for advanced standing in the nursing curriculum.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will find employment opportunities in a variety of health care settings. The nurse will be an integral member of the health care team and will function under direct or indirect supervision of a registered nurse with more experience or education. For graduates who opt to continue in their professional development by pursuing their bachelor of science in nursing degree, transfer agreements between NMCC and other higher education institutions make the process simpler. NMCC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information, please call 768-2791.

Note: Students with successful prior college courses may receive priority, providing all other minimum standards are met. Students may be given only one opportunity to reenter the program after having failed to complete it previously.

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### ADMISSIONS POLICY & STANDARDS

A competitive entrance process helps to ensure that only those students with the highest probability of success are accepted into the program. Applications for the fall 2017 program will be accepted from September 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. All supporting documentation (transcripts, recommendations, etc.) must be received by the Admissions Office before January 15, 2017. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications as soon as practical to ensure sufficient time to complete the admission process. Candidates selected for admission will be notified by March, 2017. To be considered for admission for fall 2017, all prerequisites must be successfully completed prior to January 15th. The prerequisites required for admission to NMCC's Nursing program are:

- College Algebra (Minimum grade of "B" or 3.0)
- English Composition (Minimum grade of "B" or 3.0)
- Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (Minimum grade of "B" or 3.0)

Current high school students seeking admission who have not yet completed College Algebra, English Composition and Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab must meet the following high school equivalent prerequisites:

- Algebra I (Minimum grade of "B" or 3.0)
- English (Minimum grade of "B" or 3.0)
- Biology with Lab (Minimum grade of "B" or 3.0)
- Chemistry with Lab (Minimum grade of "B" or 3.0)

High school candidates must meet all other admission criteria including achieving the appropriate TEAS pre-entrance exam scores.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

*The following procedures constitute the admissions process:*

The following must be submitted to the Admissions Office by **December 31, 2016**:

- Completed **Application for Admission**.

The following must be submitted to the Admissions Office prior to **January 15, 2017**:

1. Non-refundable \$20 application fee along with all required documentation noted below:
  - Official high school transcript or GED (must have completed at least a high school level Biology and Chemistry with labs within the past 10 years; must also have had at least one year of algebra)
  - Official academic transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. Regardless of whether transfer credit is being sought, applicants must disclose all prior colleges attended. Failure to furnish all information on past education may constitute adequate reason for disqualification of your acceptance or subsequent dismissal from the College as well as possible retraction or denial of financial aid funds.
  - Placement testing:
    - o ACCUPLACER – score 50% percentile or higher on all four sub-sections: Sentence Skills, Reading Comprehension, Arithmetic and Elementary Algebra.
    - o Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) – score 430 or above
    - o PLEASE NOTE: Candidates who fail to meet the standard on placement testing will be deferred.
2. Two confidential recommendations on official **NMCC Reference Forms** from professional or academic persons (new recommendations are required each year). Please print and use the required recommendation forms.
3. Supplemental Questions – candidates are required to submit typewritten answers to a series of question developed by the Nursing Department Faculty.
4. TEAS™ – Test of Essential Academic Skills – Nursing candidates who meet the placement testing requirement proceed to the next steps in the admission process: TEAS testing, and admission decision.

Applicants can take the pre-admission exam (TEAS) two times per application cycle. At least six weeks must separate testing attempts. TEAS scores are good for 3 years. Test dates will be scheduled in May, July, September, October, November and December.

### ***Selection Process***

The selection process used for the Nursing program involves an objective assessment of each applicant's academic history including prerequisite and college-level coursework, pre-admission test results, supplemental question responses, and references. The Nursing Admission Committee reviews all eligible candidates and forwards recommendations to the NMCC Director of Admissions.

## ***Selection Process (continued)***

To be seriously considered, applicants must:

- Successfully complete the TEAS with the minimum adjusted individual scores of Reading 73.8; Math 70.0; Science 52.1; English and Language Usage 63.3.
- Earn A's or B's in all prerequisite coursework (higher grades carry more weight in the selection process);
- Earn A's or B's in academic courses (high school and/or college) relevant to the nursing program;
- Provide well-constructed, thoughtful answers to the supplemental questions;
- Ask for recommendations from individuals who know your strengths particularly as related to becoming a nurse. Keep in mind that recommendations are confidential and the content of these recommendations and/or point value assigned during the selection process will not be revealed to you.

Candidates selected for admission must provide all required documentation and deposits by the date stated in pre-admission letter or admission will be revoked.

- Medical compliance, immunizations, health physicals/inventory
- Background checks
- Classroom deposit (required if not already enrolled at NMCC)
- Offer of Acceptance
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification

## **ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ADVANCED STANDING**

Licensed practical nurse applicants must meet the general requirements of NMCC and the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of a state board approved practical nursing program similar to practical nursing programs in Maine.
2. Transcript of practical nursing education prior to acceptance.
3. Successful completion of the following general education courses: Anatomy & Physiology Lecture & Lab and General Biology Lecture & Lab or Anatomy & Physiology I & II, English Composition, College Algebra, and General Psychology.
4. Submission of proof of current (at time of acceptance) LPN license. (LPN license must be current throughout the program.)
5. Two nursing related references from the most recent employers.

Upon successfully meeting the above requirements, LPNs will receive credit for ALH 124, NUR 115, NUR 117, NUR 125 and NUR 127.

# NURSING

## 2016-2017 Curriculum

### Associate in Science Degree Program (For students directly from high school)

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>CR</u>
♦ ALH 124* Health & Safety Compliance	1	0	1
♦ BIO 120 Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab	3	2	4
♦ ENG 111 English Composition	3	0	3
♦ MAT 125 College Algebra	3	0	3
♦♦NUR 115** Pharmacology for Nurses	3	0	3
♦♦NUR 125 Foundation of Nursing/ Nursing Care of Adults	4	9	7
NUR 100 Nursing Program Success	1	0	1
	18	11	22
<u>Second Semester</u>			
♦ BIO 130 Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab	3	2	4
♦♦NUR 117** Nutrition	3	0	3
♦♦NUR 127 Nursing Across the Life Span I	4	9	7
PSY 101 General Psychology	3	0	3
	13	11	17
<u>Third Semester</u>			
♦ BIO 218 Microbiology Lecture & Lab	3	2	4
♦♦NUR 226 Nursing Across the Life Span II	5	12	9
PSY 207 Developmental Psychology	3	0	3
	11	14	16
<u>Fourth Semester</u>			
COM 111 Speech	3	0	3
♦♦NUR 229 Nursing Across the Life Span III	5	12	9
Humanities Elective	3	0	3
	11	12	15
TOTAL REQUIRED	70		

### Associate in Science Degree Program (For students who have been out of high school)

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>CR</u>
♦ ALH 124* Health & Safety Compliance	1	0	1
♦ BIO 130 Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab	3	2	4
♦♦NUR 115** Pharmacology for Nurses	3	0	3
♦♦NUR 125 Foundation of Nursing/ Nursing Care of Adults	4	9	7
NUR 100 Nursing Program Success	1	0	1
	12	11	16
<u>Second Semester</u>			
♦♦NUR 117** Nutrition	3	0	3
♦♦NUR 127 Nursing Across the Life Span I	4	9	7
PSY 101 General Psychology	3	0	3
	10	9	13
<u>Summer Session</u>			
NUR 124 Role Transition	1	0	1
(This course is required only for LPNs entering the program in third semester)			
<u>Third Semester</u>			
♦ BIO 218 Microbiology Lecture & Lab	3	2	4
♦♦NUR 226 Nursing Across the Life Span II	5	12	9
PSY 207 Developmental Psychology	3	0	3
	11	14	16
<u>Fourth Semester</u>			
COM 111 Speech	3	0	3
♦♦NUR 229 Nursing Across the Life Span III	5	12	9
Humanities Elective	3	0	3
	11	12	15
TOTAL REQUIRED	60/61		

The following must be successfully completed prior to entering the program:

BIO 120 Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab  
ENG 111 English Composition  
MAT 125 College Algebra

- ♦ Major courses; a minimum grade of "C" (73) or 2.0 required.
- ♦♦ Major nursing (NUR) courses: a minimum grade of "C+" (77) required

\*ALH 124 must be passed within 12 months of enrollment into NUR 125

\*\*NUR 115 is a co-requisite to NUR 125; NUR 117 is a co-requisite to NUR 127.

NMCC's associate degree nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the Maine State Board of Nursing. The Maine State Board of Nursing may refuse to grant a license on the basis of the criminal history record information relating to convictions denominated in Title V Chapter 341 Section 5301 Subsection II of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.