



Mayland Community College  
Nursing Admissions Packet for  
**Associate Degree Nursing Program**  
2021

Competitive Admission Process

Admission Period: September 15, 2020 – January 15, 2021

**Application Deadline: January 15, 2021**

*MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR*

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.**

**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 a high school diploma or state approved equivalency.
2. Request official high school transcript or official transcript of state approved high school equivalency to be mailed to the Admissions Office. Official transcripts should be mailed from the institution(s) attended or be hand delivered in an envelope sealed by the school(s) attended.
3. **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 plan must be completed with a "C" or better.**
4. Complete the online MCC General Admissions Application. ***Current Students DO NOT need to complete a new application.***

5. Complete online application specifically for the Associate Degree Nursing program during the stated admissions period.
6. Complete the appropriate Placement Test, if required by the Admissions Office, and meet minimum cut-off scores on Placement Test.
7. Request official transcripts from **all** colleges or schools attended since high school mailed to the Admissions Office. These will be reviewed for possible transfer credit by the Registrar.
8. Complete the Kaplan Entrance Exam at Mayland Community College 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.

**MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

<b>SPECIAL NOTE: ANY REQUIRED COURSE TAKEN IN THE FALL SEMESTER WILL BE CONSIDERED.</b>
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**1. PLACEMENT TEST SCORES**

To be considered for admission to a nursing program at Mayland Community College, all applicants must meet the minimum requirements for English and math. A student may meet the requirements in any of the following ways:

RISE Placement	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
Score of 70 on Rise Math placement test OR Completion of MAT 003	500 Math  <b>(March 2016 and Future)</b> 530 Math	22 Math	

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 a nursing 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. CHEMISTRY PROFICIENCY

All students who wish to apply to the AP program must have completed a Chemistry course in a North Carolina public high school and achieved a grade of "C" or better. The Chemistry course must have been 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.

## 3. CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT or Certified Medical Assistant

Students who wish to apply to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must have completed or be enrolled in a certified nursing assistant course with a state approved curriculum such as the high school Allied Health Sciences Program or a community college course. Students may also be eligible if they are Certified Medical Assistants.

Certification must be obtained and the student must be listed on the NC Nurse Aide Registry no later than February 28, 2021 to remain qualified to enter the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
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## 5. 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 no fee for the Kaplan Admission Exam. *There is one testing session consisting of multiple test dates per semester (fall and spring); students are only permitted to take the exam once during each testing session. 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.**

## MAYLAND'S SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants will be ranked for admission into a nursing 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.

### **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. Applicants must receive benchmark score in reading of 60% and an overall benchmark score of 55%. **Test scores are valid for 2 years from test date.**

### **2. GPA**

Points will be given for the student's Mayland Community College GPA at the end of the fall semester or from the most current institution in which the student attended full-time. If a student will graduate from high school during the current admission year, the *unweighted* GPA from last semester completed at the high school will be used.

### **3. Prior Healthcare Experience**

**Four points** will be added for one of the following:

- Six months full-time **OR** one year part-time prior health care experience as a certified healthcare provider (CNA, CMA, Paramedic, EMT, PTA, etc.)
- High school Allied Health Sciences II with a grade of 77 or better within the past five years

**Five points** will be added if you hold a current LPN license.

An applicant's current or past employer(s) must submit verification on company letterhead that the applicant worked in a health care field **to include** dates of employment and job title/description. Students who completed Allied Health Sciences II in high school (within five years) should submit a copy of the high school transcript indicating a passing grade of 77 or better. **Points will not be given without proper verification by the application deadline.**

### **4. BIO 168, BIO 169, and BIO 175**

Students who complete BIO 168, *Anatomy & Physiology I*, and/or BIO 169, *Anatomy & Physiology II*, and BIO 175 General 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.

### **5. Higher Level Chemistry**

Students who complete any chemistry course at a higher level than what is required (CHM 092 or high school credit) within seven years of admission will receive points towards admission. The points towards admission will be determined by the grade earned in the course.

**Points Value per Requirement**

<b>GPA</b>			<b>BIO 169</b>		
	2.5 - 3.0	40 points		Grade of B	1 point
	3.1 - 3.5	50 points		Grade of A	4 points
	3.6 - 4.0	60 points			
<b>Kaplan Exam</b>			<b>BIO 175</b>		
	55 - 69	8 points		Grade of B	1 Point
	70 - 80	14 points		Grade of A	4 Points
	81 - 100	20 points			
<b>BIO 168</b>			<b>Higher Level Chemistry</b>		
	Grade of B	1 point		Grade of B	1 point
	Grade of A	4 points		Grade of A	4 points
			<b>Work Experience</b>		
					4 points
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100 POINTS</b>

## 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 admission to the nursing program that begins fall semester.
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 infant/child/adult CPR certification, satisfactory medical, immunization, and dental forms. These forms are provided to students after they 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 fall registration. No alternates will be accepted after the end of final registration for the fall 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 fall semester begins. Information regarding the background check process and the required drug screening will be given during orientation. Based on the results of the background check, 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**

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>SOME EXAMPLES OF NECESSARY ACTIVITIES (Not all Inclusive)</b>
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 Grindstaff, Coordinator of Recruitment and Health Sciences Admissions at 828-766-1255 or [jgrindstaff@mayland.edu](mailto:jgrindstaff@mayland.edu).

**FINANCIAL AID**

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>.

## 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.

- 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, 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 8<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



## KAPLAN TEST TIMES AND LOCATION

Due to social distancing guidelines, multiple test sessions will be offered in the morning (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) and in the evening (5:00 pm – 8:00 pm) to accommodate all students that need to test. Test dates will be announced by September 30; test dates will be scheduled for late October and early November. Applicants should watch their email (the email they use on the application) for announcement of test dates and registration information.

If an applicant is not able to test due to illness, COVID exposure, quarantine, etc., there will be a makeup test date offered.

## 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 on the application to the nursing program or with the Jennifer Grindstaff, Admissions/Retention Advisor prior to the application deadline (January 15, 2021).
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.



### Nursing Admission Checklist

- Application-** MCC General Application and 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 to 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 MAT 003**
- Completion of CHM 092.**
- Nurse Aide** – Completion of a certified nursing assisting course from a community college or a high school Allied Health Sciences Program and be currently listed on the NC Nurse Aide Registry.
- 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**