CARING COMPETENCE

The nursing faculty at Motlow State Community College (MSCC) is pleased that you are considering applying to the associate degree nursing program. Motlow College’s nursing program has a tradition of graduating students who excel in the nursing profession.

What is an Associate Degree Nursing Program?

The nursing courses in an associate degree program prepare the student to be a generalist, entry-level registered nurse. Upon completion of the program, the student earns an Associate of Applied Science degree and is eligible to take the registered nurse licensing exam.

The information in the admission guidelines will assist you in the process of applying to enter the Nursing Program at Motlow College. If you have questions, please call 931-393-1628 / 800-654-4877 x 1628 or email nursingeducation@mscc.edu. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Pat Hendrix MS, RN
Director of Nursing Education and Allied Health

Accreditation through:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)
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Atlanta, GA 30326

Approved by the:

Tennessee Board of Nursing
665 Mainstream Drive, 2nd Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

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Motlow College Nursing Program

The nursing program functions within the general policies, purposes, and standards of Motlow State Community College and is especially concerned with meeting the educational and health care needs of the community. The four semester curriculum provides learning opportunities which emphasize the application of the nursing core competencies which are professional behaviors, communication, assessment, clinical decision making, caring interventions, teaching and learning, collaboration, and managing care of a diverse client population. Clinical activities are provided in campus classrooms, area hospitals, extended care facilities, and other health and community agencies. While the majority of the clinical experiences are located within the college’s eleven county service area, additional travel is sometimes required. Students completing this program will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. Articulation with a baccalaureate program of study is supported.

GENERAL ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Application Procedure

- Apply and be accepted for admission to Motlow State Community College.  
  *(Students will declare Nursing as their major but will be placed in General Studies until accepted into the nursing program)*
- Submit all prior collegiate and high school transcripts to the Admissions and Records Department by January 29, 2016 at 4:30 CST. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that official transcripts have been received by the Admissions department from all previously attended institutions. Incomplete or inaccurate transcripts will affect the student’s ability to be admitted or retained within the program.
- Submit a nursing program application.
- The nursing program application is available beginning August 1st through MyMotlow on the college’s website. Submission of applications to Motlow’s nursing program ends at 4:30 pm CST on January 29, 2016.
  - To access the nursing program application:
    1. Log-in to MyMotlow
    2. Click Student
    3. Click Applications for Nursing, Scholarships, Access and Diversity Grant
    4. Click Nursing Application and complete the application.
  - Upon submission of an application, a confirmation email will be sent. Please print and retain this confirmation email.
  - Nursing program applications received after the application deadline will not be considered.
- Register and take the HESI entrance exam. Click here to view the HESI entrance exam dates. The HESI entrance exam for Motlow’s Nursing Program includes these components: math, reading comprehension, vocabulary and general knowledge, grammar, and anatomy and physiology. The entrance exam will be administered in the Testing Center on designated dates at all campuses during the fall and spring semesters. *(Note: Students who take the HESI Entrance
Exam at MSCC during the current academic year will have their entrance exam results automatically sent to the Nursing Program.

- If a student wants to use a HESI entrance exam from a prior year or a HESI entrance exam taken at another institution, the student must:
  - Verify that the HESI entrance exam was taken within the past five years.
  - Verify that the HESI entrance exam contains the components required by Motlow’s Nursing Program: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Grammar, and Anatomy and Physiology.
  - Email a scanned copy of the HESI entrance exam’s summary report to the Nursing Program (nursingeducation@mscc.edu) by January 29, 2016. Students will receive an email response confirming that the HESI entrance exam was received. (Please note: the Nursing Program cannot access HESI entrance exam scores)

- Notification of the student’s acceptance and/or denial to the nursing program will be done by electronic mail via the student’s Motlow email account.

**Selection Criteria**

Any student desiring to apply to the Nursing Program must:

- Have a cumulative collegiate grade point average no less than 2.75. The grade point average used to calculate admission is the GPA at the end of the fall semester prior to admission and does not include learning support courses.
- Complete all required learning support requirements (an applicant may be conditionally accepted if he/she is in the process of taking learning support coursework which will be completed by the end of summer semester prior to entry in the subsequent fall semester).
- Complete BIOL 2010 and 2020 (Anatomy and Physiology I and II) with a grade of a “C” or better within 5 years prior to entering the nursing program. (An applicant may be conditionally accepted if he/she is in the process of completing BIOL 2010/2020 coursework which will be completed by the end of the summer semester prior to entry into the program.)
- Have a cumulative HESI entrance exam score of 80% or higher.

Applicants who score less than 80% on the entrance exam or have a cumulative, collegiate GPA less than 2.75 will not be considered for admission.

Candidates who qualify for admission are selected for entry into the nursing program based on total points calculated from grade point average and entrance exam scores with a total of 800 points possible.

**Calculation of Points for Program Acceptance**

1. 500 points if entrance exam cumulative points equal 100%. A percentage of points will be awarded for entrance exam scores less than 100%. (Example: for an entrance exam score of 85%, multiply 500 by .85 = 425 points)
2. 300 points if cumulative collegiate GPA is 4.0. The GPA at the end of fall semester in the year prior to
admission is used for this calculation. A percentage of points will be awarded for GPA’s less than 4.0. (Example: for a GPA of 3.0 - divide 3 by 4 = 0.75; multiply 0.75 by 300 = 225 points)

3. The student’s points would be 425 + 225 = 650 total points
4. Students are ranked on a selection list in numerical order with the students with the highest scores selected to fill the class.

Students admitted to the program are required to attend a mandatory Nursing Program Orientation Session held in May to mid-June with the date, time, and location included in the admission email.

Program of Study

Prerequisites to the MSCC Nursing Program: These must be completed before starting the Nursing Program

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(Students may choose to take ENGL 1010; BIOL 2230; PSYC 1030; SPCH 1010, ARTA, MUSA, or THEA 1030, and ENGL 1020 prior to admission along with BIOL 2010/BIOL2020)

Program of Study after Admission to the Nursing Program

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Total Hours including prerequisites: 66 Credit Hours

**Applicants Not Selected for the Program**

After the students have been selected, the selection list converts to an alternate list and, if needed, candidates are selected from the alternate list in numerical sequence until the class is full. Candidates not selected will be required to resubmit a nursing application if they want to be considered for admission in the next year. If an applicant has taken the HESI entrance exam within the past 5 years, he/she can use their existing score or retake the examination. To use an existing score, the student is responsible for submitting an official copy of the HESI entrance exam to the nursing department by the nursing application deadline.

If the entrance examination used for admission changes, the candidate must take the examination being used for the current year.

**Nursing Education Program Costs**

In addition to the fees of the college, students admitted to the nursing program may anticipate the following approximated expenses:

- Uniform and supplies* $200
- Drug Screen and Background Check $100
- Health Physical* $100
- TB Skin Test $10-20
- CPR Certification* $50-75
- Professional Liability Insurance $40-98 (annually)
- Textbooks First year/LPN transition: $1200; Second year: $300
- Licensing Exam Fees* $300 (last semester)
- Fingerprint Scan for Licensure* $42
- Nursing Pin*(optional) $50-150 (last semester)
- NCLEX Review Course (recommended)* $250-350

*Indicates a one-time fee