

### Application Deadline

Admission to Nursing is on a rolling basis. Students who have completed their application are placed on the waiting list and are ranked in order by the date their application is complete. This is the order in which students are admitted to the program. Students are not applying to start in a specific semester of the program, but to be placed on the waiting list.

### Program Description

The Middlesex Community College (MCC) Nursing Program is designed to prepare nurses at the associate in science degree level and provide eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses). The program provides a sound background in field-related science, technical skills and general education with learning experiences in the classroom, nursing laboratory and clinical practicums.

### Nursing Day Program Specifics

Nursing Day classes and labs are held during the day at MCC's Lowell campus, in the Health, Science, and Technology Center. Nursing courses are held Monday through Friday each week, with classes and simulation labs on three days, and practicums in client settings on the other two days. Practicum courses must be taken concurrently with program specific courses. Practicum hours vary and may involve hours as early as 6:30am and as late as 9pm. Clinical experiences may be scheduled during evening hours and transportation to off-campus clinical sites is not provided.

### Nursing Part-time Evening & Weekend Program Specifics

Nursing classes and labs are held at MCC's Lowell campus, in the Health, Science, and Technology Center. Nursing Part-time Evening & Weekend courses are generally TWO evenings each week and ONE/TWO weekend days. These courses range in length from 26 to 30 weeks, including summers, over a two year and nine month period. Classes in this option are held over a period of four extended semesters:

**First semester:** September – May, with a traditional college break December/January and a March Spring Break week (30 weeks)

**Second semester:** June – December, with a 2-3 week break at the end of August. (26 weeks)

**Third semester:** January – early August, with a March Spring Break week and 2-3 week break in May (26 weeks)

**Fourth semester:** September-May, same as first semester (30 weeks)  
Practicum courses must be taken concurrently with program specific courses.

Students should expect additional day practicum requirements in the second semester, and a three week Thursday/Friday day clinical in the fourth semester. Weekend practicum hours vary and may start as early as 6:30am and run as late as 9pm. Students must have employment authorization to be eligible to participate in clinical placement. Transportation to off-campus clinical sites is not provided.

### Admission Requirements Checklist

To be eligible for the program applicants must be a citizen, national, permanent resident or eligible non-citizen of the United States or its trust territories. The following are the admissions requirements needed for program qualification:

- **Completion of college Biology** with grade of B (83%) or higher within the last 10 years.
- **Completion of high school OR college Chemistry with lab**, with a grade of C (73%) or higher within the last 10 years.
- **A minimum cumulative 2.7 GPA or higher.**
- **Eligible for ENG 101 and MAT 177;** eligibility may be demonstrated through placement, course enrollment, previous college coursework, or high school transcripts.
- **Completion of the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)**, with a minimum score requirement of 60% in each section (Reading, Math, Science, and English), taken within the last 12 months from a valid testing site.
- **Submission of one Recommendation Form.** The recommendation should be from an individual who can evaluate your performance in a work or classroom setting.
- **Attendance of the Virtual Nursing Overview Session;** applicants can sign up at <https://middlesexcc.secure.force.com/events#/list?keyword=Nursing>

### Submitting a Complete Application

Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as they have met all requirements.

- A completed online Middlesex Community College Application
- Submission of official TEAS scores from ATI
- Submission and receipt of one electronic recommendation form
- Submitted official college transcripts (required from all colleges attended, except Middlesex Community College). Official transcripts can be sent to Registrar@middlesex.mass.edu or

Middlesex Community College  
Enrollment Management  
Center 33 Kearney Square  
Lowell, MA 01852

### Criminal Offender Record Information and Sex Offender Registry Information Checks

In order for a student to be eligible to participate in an academic, community or clinical program that involves potential unsupervised contact with children, the disabled, or the elderly, the student may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check and/or a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check. For more information regarding Middlesex Community College's CORI/SORI check process, please contact Human Resources at <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/humanresources/> or call 781-280-3527 Adam Walsh/ Child Protective Service (CPS) Background Record Request.

The Board of Registration in Nursing is registered under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 6, § 172 to received CORI for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified license applicants and current licensees. Included in the CORI checks is the Adam Walsh Child Protective Services (CPS) background record request. The 2006 Adam

Walsh Act allows private and public organizations to request a search of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (Department) Central registry to determine if the named individual has any substantial report of child abuse and/or neglect within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The CPS central registry check does not include unsubstantiated reports, Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) or Sexual Offender Registry Information (SORI). Public and private organizations are responsible to follow their respective procedures for obtaining such information. The Adam Walsh (CPS) background check is part of the licensure requirements (Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, 2021).

## Drug Screening

To ensure that patient care is not compromised, facilities and agencies engaged in patient care have begun to require mandatory drug testing of all their employees and any affiliating groups. Some clinical facilities which are used in health programs at Middlesex Community College require that all students participating in a clinical experience at that facility have undergone and passed a drug screening analysis. Therefore, students enrolled in health programs that utilize these facilities will be required to undergo and pass random drug screening in order to remain in the program. In addition, students may be required to undergo random drug screening at the clinical facility as part of their clinical participation.

Students whose results fail to satisfy the screening criteria will not be eligible to participate in clinical education unless the disqualifying factor can be satisfactorily remedied. Students wishing to challenge the results of their drug screening must contact the Director of Compliance within five (5) days of notification of the results.

Failure to satisfactorily remedy the disqualifying factor will result in ineligibility for clinical placement, and consequently the student will be dismissed from the program. Students who are dismissed from the program due to their inability to be eligible for clinical placement due to the drug screening requirement may apply for re-entry into a health program after one year. Requests for re-admission will be considered on a case by case basis and are subject to space availability.

## Vaccination

All enrolled Nursing Program students, new and returning, will be expected to have completed immunization requirements prior to participation in any clinical experience. Some clinical sites may require students to be immunized with the Flu and COVID vaccines, all students will be notified in writing of this requirement. Failure to comply with this requirement from the clinical sites will jeopardize a student's ability to attend clinical and remain in the program.

Course #	Course Title	Credits
NUR 101	Fundamentals Of Nursing	5
NUR 102	Fundamentals Of Nursing Practicum	3
NUR 155	Intergenerational Nursing	5
NUR 156	Intergenerational Nursing Practicum	4
NUR 160	Pharmacology for Nurses	3
NUR 205	Nursing Care of the Adult I	4
NUR 206	Nursing Care of Adult I Practicum	5
NUR 255	Nursing Care of the Adult II	4
NUR 256	Nursing Care of Adult II Practicum	5
NUR 260	Nursing Issues	1
<b>Non-Nursing Courses</b>		
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
ANT 101	Cultural Anthropology	3
BIO 231	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 232	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 235	Introduction to Microbiology	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
MAT 177	Statistics	3
_____	General Education Humanities Elective ( <i>ETH 101 Ethics and Society Recommended</i> )	3
<b>Total credits</b>		<b>69</b>

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Please refer to the Middlesex Community College Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.middlesex.mass.edu/>) for Nursing course sequencing, prerequisite and corequisite information.

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