

How to determine if you are ready to Apply to the Division of Nursing

Do you want to APPLY to the Division of Nursing at NWCC? If you do, can you answer YES to all of these question?

- YES NO **Do you have an ACT score of 19 or HIGHER? (SAT Conversion NOT Accepted)**
- YES NO **Is your GPA a 2.5 or HIGHER?**
- YES NO **Have you COMPLETED College Algebra and A&P I, A&P II with a "C" or higher?**
- YES NO **Have you taken the PAX entrance exam?**
- YES NO **Will you be 18 years old by the time the course begins?**
- YES NO **Are you a Mississippi Resident?**

If you can answer YES to the above mentioned questions you are ready to apply to the Nursing Program at NWCC.

How do you apply?

- **First apply to NWCC through the Office of Admissions and Records.**
 - You will need a Student ID that the Office of Admissions and Records issues you.
- **Turn in ACT scores, Transcripts for all Universities or Colleges you have attended to the Registrar's office.**
- **Have you registered for the PAX?**
 - www.nlnonlinetesting.org
 - \$29.00 to Register online
 - \$20.00 for Proctoring Fee at NWCC Division of Nursing
 - Students will register online for an available date offered only at the Senatobia Campus of NWCC through the Division of Nursing.
 - Students will bring with them the day of testing the proctoring fee of \$20.00 Money Order, made payable to NWCC Division of Nursing.
 - Students will not be admitted to the test without the proctoring fee, and ID. (Driver's License or School ID.)
 - Before registering for the PAX make sure you meet the requirements to apply to the program. No moneys will be reimbursed after registering for the test. It is the student's responsibility to make sure you are illegible to apply.

When can I apply to the Nursing program and how do I apply?

- **After you can answer yes to the questions above and after you apply to NWCC and get a student ID, and after you have completed the PAX test and successfully passed then you will be ready to complete the electronic application.**
 - The electronic application becomes open for Spring semesters on August 1 of each year. For Fall semesters the application opens on January 1 of each year. You have until the 15th of the following month to apply. August 1 – September 15 and January 1 – February 15.

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- **YOU ONLY NEED TO APPLY ONCE DURING EACH OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD!** *If applying for traditional and LPN Advanced placement tracks you must complete an application for both.*
 - Make sure you have all of your information before applying.
 - Use an email address that you check often and make sure you type it in correctly. That will our source of communication with you.
- After you have successfully completed the application you will receive an email.
 - CHECK YOUR SPAM FOLDER if you did not receive confirmation.
- After you apply there is NO need to call and check on your application.
- ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BEFORE PREREGISTRATION OF EACH SEMESTER.

What should I do if I couldn't answer yes to the questions?

You are not quite ready to apply to the Division of Nursing at NWCC if you couldn't answer yes to all of the questions, below you will find an explanation of each.

- **ACT:**
 - If you do not meet the minimum qualification for the ACT you can retake the ACT. Go to www.actstudent.org and apply to retake the ACT.
 - Before retaking the ACT consider taking an ACT Prep course.
 - NWCC normally offers these courses 2 weeks prior to the ACT.
 - The State of Mississippi also offers a free prep course through www.get2college.org.
 - ACT must have a science sub-score. (SAT conversions are not accepted.)
- **GPA:**
 - GPA is calculated based on College Algebra and required Science courses taken.
 - Grades from all attempts of courses taken within the last 7 years will be averaged together.
- **Pre-requisites:**
 - A&P I and A&P II with labs must be completed with a "C" or higher and on your transcript before you apply to the Division of Nursing.
 - College Algebra must be completed with a "C" or higher and on your transcript before you apply to the Division of Nursing.
- **Mississippi Residency**
 - NWCC Division of Nursing requires all nursing students to be a Mississippi Resident.

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Overview of Requirements for the Division of Nursing

Division of Nursing Requirements

- **ACT:**
 - 19 or above (*Except if you are a LPN or have a Bachelor Degree or higher in that case we accept an 18 or above on the ACT.*)
 - SAT conversions are NOT accepted.

- **GPA:**
 - 2.5 or Higher

- **Pre-requisites:**
 - A&P I and A&P II with Lab
 - College Algebra

***** Please read in full the Procedure of Admission for more details in the Bulletin or on the Northwest Mississippi Community College Website. *****