Procedure for Admission to the Nursing Program

Due to the purpose and objectives of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, the requirements for admission to the program differ from the general admission requirements. Meeting the minimum standards for admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the nursing program as the admission process is highly competitive. The number of students admitted each semester is dependent upon educational resources available to the school. Two classes are admitted each year. The Fall class is notified in March and the Spring class is notified in October of each year.

1. Applications MUST be completed online. Go to: www.northwestms.edu.
   Look under blue bar for Programs— Academic Programs—Division of Nursing—Application. Applications will be accepted only during specified time frames. Applications for the Spring semester will be available ONLY from August 1 through September 15. Applications for the Fall semester will be available ONLY from January 15 through Feb 28.

2. Only current Mississippi residents are allowed to enter the nursing program.

3. All college transcripts and ACT scores should be sent to: NWCC Registrar’s Office, 4975 Hwy. 51 North, Senatobia, MS 38668. (If no college credits have been earned, high school transcript or GED should be sent). *Applicants who are still in high school must send their high school transcript through the eleventh grade to: NWCC Division of Nursing, Attn: Dianne Scott, 4975 Hwy. 51 North, Senatobia, MS 38668. Deadlines for submission of transcripts and ACT updates to the Admissions Committee are February 28th for the Fall semester, and September 30th for the spring semester.

4. ACT composite score must be 19 or greater. *Applicants who have earned a bachelor’s degree or who have an active licensed practical nurse (LPN) license must have an ACT composite score of 18 or greater. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that new/current ACT scores are sent to NWCC.

5. Grade Point Average (GPA) will be computed once application is received. Grade point average is based on Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, and College Algebra. If such subjects have not been attempted, GPA is determined by overall college GPA (or high school GPA through eleventh grade for high school students). If a course is taken more than once, the last two attempts are used to compute the GPA. Grades older than 10 years are not considered if they would count against the student. Computed GPA must be at least 2.0.

6. The Admissions Committee initiates an Admission Calculation Point Sheet for each applicant. Points are awarded for ACT scores and computed GPA. Applicants who have earned a bachelor’s degree or who have an active LPN license will be given 10 points for their advanced standing. Students who have successfully completed 24 hours or more of academic college course work will receive an additional 5 points. Admission is on a competitive basis. Those applicants scoring the highest number of points will be selected.

7. All applicants must complete Anatomy & Physiology I and Anatomy & Physiology I Lab with a C or better prior to entering the nursing program. In addition, applicants who score below 19 on the Math component of their ACT must also complete College Algebra with a C or better prior to entering the program. Note: College Algebra is a required course for graduation. Applicants may be enrolled in these courses at the time of application and may be accepted into the program. However, the applicant must successfully pass these courses as stated prior to beginning nursing courses, even if the applicant is pre-registered for nursing. All grades will be checked by the Admissions Committee.

8. Applicants are notified of acceptance or denial by mail as soon as possible following the stated deadlines. If denied, the applicant must submit a new application if they wish to be reconsidered for the following or future semesters.

9. Applicants who are selected for the nursing program but decline their position for the upcoming semester will be required to submit another application (within the time frame as stated above) to be reconsidered for any future semester. Students who begin the semester and withdraw are allowed to re-enroll in that nursing course once (within one year of their withdrawal) without competing with other applicants.

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