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?

☐ YES ☐ NO  Is your GPA a 2.0 or HIGHER?

☐ YES ☐ NO  Have you taken or are you currently enrolled in College Algebra and A&P I?

☐ 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 Registrar’s Office.
  o You will need a Student ID that the Registrar’s Office issues you.
• Turn in ACT scores, Transcripts for any University or College you have attended.
• If you are a high school student we will need your high school transcripts.

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, you will be ready to complete the electronic application.
  o 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.
• YOU ONLY NEED TO APPLY ONCE DURING EACH OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD!
  o Make sure you have all of your information before applying.
• After you have successfully completed the application you will receive an email.
  o CHECK YOUR SPAM FOLDER if you did not receive confirmation.
• After you apply there is NO need to call and check on your application.
• If we are missing information we will notify you by email.
• 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:
  o 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.
  o Before retaking the ACT consider taking an ACT Prep course.
    ▪ NWCC normally offers these courses 2 weeks prior to the ACT.
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- The State of Mississippi also offers a free prep course through www.get2college.org.

- GPA:
  - GPA is calculated based on College Algebra and required Science courses taken.
  - Courses taken more than once will be averaged together.
  - Always do your best in each of your classes and maintain a C or higher.

- Pre-requisites:
  - A&P I has to be completed before you begin your first Nursing Course. If you are applying for Fall admission you have the Spring Semester and Summer sessions to complete these courses. Students can be provisionally accepted if they are currently enrolled in these courses but must successfully complete the courses with a C or above.
  - College Algebra is required before you begin the program only if the math component of the ACT is not 19 or higher.
    - ALL students are required to have College Algebra upon completion of the nursing program.

- Mississippi Residency
  - NWCC Division of Nursing requires all nursing students to be a Mississippi Resident.

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.)

- GPA:
  - 2.0 or Higher

- Pre-requisites:
  - A&P I with Lab
  - College Algebra
    (Only if math component of ACT is Lower than a 19)

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