

**Admissions-Associate Degree Nursing**

The Department of Nursing understands and accepts the concept of the open-door policy for general admission to Mitchell Community College. Admission to the College does not, however, guarantee admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Admission to the nursing program is **competitive**.

In addition to the Mitchell Community College requirements for admission, the following are minimum requirements for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program:

1. Completed Mitchell Community College application.
2. Associate Degree Nursing program application completed with advisor.
3. Graduation from an accredited high school, complete high school transcript, or equivalent as established by the GED test. Additional official transcripts, from any previous college attended, must be submitted.
4. Maintenance of at least a 2.5 grade-point average. All course work toward the AAS Nursing degree must be completed with a grade of C or better.
5. Completion of the following pre-requisite courses within the last five years with a grade of C or better, or demonstration of competency through challenge exams where applicable. One year of high school chemistry and/or CHM 131, Introduction to Chemistry, and CHM 131A lab or equivalent. One year of high school biology and/or BIO 111, General Biology I or equivalent.
6. Completion of the College Board Computerized Placement Tests with the following minimum scores\*:

92	- Reading
86	- Sentence Skills (English)
78	- Arithmetic
55	- Algebra

*\*Minimum passing scores are subject to change.*

The above placement test scores **must** be achieved prior to submitting your application to the nursing program. Pre-nursing students can only take the placement test once per week. To avoid missing the application deadline, take your test – and any needed retest – early.

Prior to taking the placement test, speak to a counselor about obtaining preparation material. Study and practice information can also be found online at [www.mitchellcc.edu/admissions/step3.cfm](http://www.mitchellcc.edu/admissions/step3.cfm).

7. Completion of a Nursing Assistant I course.
8. Current listing as a Nursing Assistant I on the Nurse Aide I Registry from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Facility Services.
9. Validation of satisfactory physical and emotional health and current immunizations will be required of every applicant after receipt of conditional acceptance and prior to final admission into the nursing program.
10. Current CPR certification by the American Heart Association at the healthcare provider level by the time of enrollment into the clinical nursing component.

**Admission to the Nursing Program is competitive.**

A limited number of openings exist in the associate degree nursing program. Admission consideration will begin January 1 of each year. Applicants will be accepted until February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Qualified applicants will be ranked. Points will be awarded in several categories including: pre-requisite courses and grades earned, related courses and grades earned, grade point average, and previous post secondary degrees. Students applying for re-admission are

required to meet the current admission criteria. No student is considered to be a nursing student at Mitchell Community College until they receive official, written notification of admission to the nursing program as given by the Admissions Office and the student enrolls in nursing courses. Questions regarding the admission policies may be directed to Student Services or to the Division Director of Nursing, Allied Health and Public Service Technologies at Mitchell Community College.

**The following courses may be taken prior to entering the Associate Degree Nursing Program:**

- ENG 111 Expository Writing
- ENG 113 Literature-Based Research
- OR**
- ENG 114 Professional Research & Reporting
- PSY 150 General Psychology
- PSY 241 Developmental Psychology
- BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIO 275 Microbiology
- General Education Elective – 3 hours (Humanities/Fine Arts)

To receive transfer credit, science courses must have been completed within 5 years of admission to the nursing program with a grade of ‘C’ or better.

Graduates of this program are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), which is required for practice as a Registered Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, physician’s offices, industry, and community agencies.

**Estimated Expenses**

General Tuition (Subject to change)

In-State .....	\$42.00/credit hour up to 16 hours
Out-of-State .....	..\$233.30/credit hour up to 16 hour
Student Activity Fee .....	\$1.50/credit hour up to 8 hours (\$19.00 for 9 or more credit hours)
Computer Usage/Technology Fee .....	\$1.00/credit hour up to 16 hours

*Additional Expenses for Nursing Program: All costs are approximate.*

**First Fall Semester**

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Pre-entrance physical examination/lab work.....	Varies
Required immunizations.....	Varies
Textbooks .....	\$500.00
Test Fee .....	\$110.00
Supply Fee.....	\$35.00
Pinning Fee.....	\$20.00
Liability Insurance.....	\$15.00
CPR .....	\$10.00

**Uniforms** (*Officially required student nursing uniforms available for purchase at Uniform Fashions*)

Female: White Vest .....	\$25.00
Wine Polo Shirt with Patch .....	\$25.00
White Pants.....	\$25.00
Male: Wine Polo Shirt with Patch .....	\$25.00
White Pants.....	\$25.00

**Each Student Must Have One Complete Uniform**

Nurse Pac (lab supplies).....	\$80.00
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Surgical Scissors.....	\$5.00
White Nursing Shoes.....	\$35.00 - \$80.00
<i>(Nursing shoes must be leather <u>canvas shoes are not allowed</u>. Athletic shoes are permitted but must be white. No open back or open toe shoes are permitted)</i>	
Watch With a Secondhand .....	\$18.00 - \$25.00
White Lab Coat .....	\$16.00 - \$21.00
Stethoscope.....	\$20.00 - \$25.00
Pen Light .....	\$ 4.00

**The following classroom supplies are recommended:**

- Large 3-ring notebook
  - Notebook paper and/or notebooks
  - Highlighter
  - Pencils
  - Pens
- (Cost of supplies varies – these supplies will be needed throughout the program)

**Optional Items**

Reference Books.....	\$100.00
Hepatitis B Vaccine (series of 3 shots).....	each shot \$75.00 - \$100.00

**First Spring Semester**

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Textbooks .....	\$250.00
Supply Fee.....	\$35.00
Testing Fee .....	\$95.00
Pinning Fee.....	\$20.00

**Summer Semester**

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Textbooks .....	\$70.00
Repeat Physical Examination .....	Varies
Uniform (wine scrub top and white pants) .....	\$40.00

**Second Fall Semester**

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Textbooks .....	\$200.00
Pinning Fee.....	\$20.00
Liability Fee .....	\$15.00
Supply Fee.....	\$35.00
Testing Fee .....	\$95.00
School Pin (optional).....	\$49.00 - \$150.00

**Second Spring Semester**

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
College Graduation Fee.....	\$30.00
Pinning Fee.....	\$20.00
Textbooks .....	\$100.00
RN Licensure Expenses.....	\$300.00
Professional Uniform for Pinning Ceremony .....	\$ 50.00
Supply Fee.....	\$35.00
Testing Fee .....	\$95.00

An estimate of total program costs for the two years is approximately \$6,000.00 (based on instate tuition). Costs are heaviest during the first year of the program.

*Fees and expenses noted are estimates and are subject to change.*

Mitchell Community College awards several scholarships designated for students accepted to the associate degree nursing program each year. To be considered for these scholarships, students should complete a free application for federal student aid available on the web at [www.fafse.ed.gov](http://www.fafse.ed.gov) and a Mitchell Community College Scholarship Application available on the College's website or at the financial aid department in the Main Building Room 130. Students should direct any questions about scholarships to Tracy Rapp, Assistant Financial Aid Director, at 704-878-3254 or email [trapp@mitchellcc.edu](mailto:trapp@mitchellcc.edu).