



Chesapeake College/MGW Nursing Program Admission Information

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Chesapeake College/MGW Nursing program admissions requirements, policies and selection procedures. The mission of the nursing department is to provide a sustainable and transformative educational experience. The nursing department prepares students for licensure eligibility, entry-level positions and continued education in nursing. The Associate of Science Degree in Nursing requires students to complete all nursing courses and several prescribed general education courses to be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Students complete these nursing courses in four consecutive semesters without a summer session.

The Maryland Board of Nursing determines admission to the NCLEX-RN examination. By law, the board may deny licensure for a variety of reasons that include conviction of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, if the nature of the offense bears directly on the fitness of the person to practice nursing. On the application for licensure, the Board of Nursing will ask candidates if they have ever been charged with a felony or misdemeanor (other than a traffic violation). If you know you will legally need to answer “yes” to this question, consider the possibility that the circumstances may impact your eligibility for licensure.

The Chesapeake College/MGW Nursing Program is fully approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing and the Maryland Higher Education Commission. In addition, the program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

It is hoped that the information that follows will assist you in understanding the selection process and guide you through the procedures you must follow to apply to the program. ***Please read all of the information carefully as it is ultimately your responsibility to ensure all forms and information required for admission are provided by the stated deadlines.***

Admission Requirements for the Fall 2020 Academic Year

Students are encouraged to meet with the Health Professions Advisor when they become interested in applying for the nursing program to better ensure course requirements are met. All prospective nursing students must complete each of the following requirements

by the application deadline in order to be considered eligible for admission to nursing courses:

1. Graduation from an approved high school or GED. (Official transcript is **required.**)
 - a. Unless otherwise exempt, complete the College Accuplacer (Algebra) and Writeplacer (English) exams administered through the Testing Center. Students exempt from developmental math and English are able to register directly into the pre-requisite requirements for the nursing program.
 - b. High school chemistry (academic track only will be accepted) completed with a “C” or better within 10 years will be accepted if no developmental math and/or English is required. It is the students’ responsibility to submit transcripts by the application deadline to validate that high school chemistry was completed within the 10 year timeframe.
 - i. Students who require developmental courses in math and/or English and those that have not completed high-school chemistry within 10 years with a “C” or better are required to complete the following courses ***in addition to the standard prerequisite requirements. Each of these courses must be completed by the application deadline:***
 1. CHM 012 with a minimum of a “C” or better
 2. Any math and/ or English courses prescribed by the placement exam
2. Complete prerequisite courses for the Nursing Program with a minimum of a “C” or better by the application deadline:
 - a. BIO 211, Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)*
 - b. PSC 150, General Psychology (3 credits)
 - c. ENG 101, English (3 credits)
 - d. Math elective (Mat 113, 115, 140) (3,5 and 4 credits respectively)

*Bio 211 requires a Biology placement exam or completion of Bio 103 or Bio 111 or other appropriate exemption. Eligibility for the exam is obtained through the academic advising staff. Students that score greater than or equal to 70% may register directly into Bio 211. Students that score less than 70% need to register for BIO 103 either as a pre-requisite requirement to BIO 211 or as a co-requisite requirement to BIO 211.

Note: Laboratory science and human growth and development courses taken 10 years or more prior to application for admission to the program will not be considered.

Admissions Procedure for the fall 2020 Academic Year

1. Apply for admission to Chesapeake College and indicate nursing as the academic major.
2. Submit official high school and all college transcripts to the College Registration Office by the application deadline of **May 25, 2020.**
3. Unless otherwise exempt, complete the College Accuplacer (Algebra) and Writeplacer (English) exams administered through the Testing Center.
4. Complete any developmental course work (which may include CHM 012) prescribed through the placement testing process **by May 25, 2020.**
5. Meet with the Health Professions Advisor to develop an academic plan prior to Thanksgiving 2019 (also refer to step #7 for additional information related to this requirement).
6. Complete the prerequisite requirements for the nursing program **by May 25, 2020.**
7. Apply for admission to the Associate of Science in Nursing Degree Program. Admission to this program is a separate process from admission to the College, and is competitive, selective and based on established criteria. Applications are available at [Request Nursing Program Application](#) or by calling 410-827-5917. The form is to be fully completed and returned with a copy of the academic plan [Note: One point will be awarded for academic plans created by Thanksgiving 2019. However, students are not ***required*** to have an academic plan in place in order to apply to the nursing program]. New students are admitted in the fall semester only. The deadline for filing completed applications and submitting all required documentation is **May 25, 2020.** Applications will be accepted beginning one year prior to the date of anticipated admission.
8. Complete the Nurse Entrance Examination (ATI TEAS) by **May 25, 2020.** (More comprehensive information about the TEAS exam is attached).
9. If you currently hold a certification in an area of allied health, provide documentation of the certification to our Health Professions Advisor, Lorraine Holden, by **May 25, 2020.**

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- All applicants need to be aware that enrollment in nursing courses is limited and therefore completion of all requirements does not guarantee admission to nursing courses. Residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties will be given first priority in the selection process. Applicants will then be rank ordered for admission (highest to lowest) by the following selection criteria:

Chesapeake College/MGW Nursing Program Selection Criteria

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Point Earned</u>
* PSC 150	1	
* ENG 101	1	
* Math elective (MAT 113,115,140)	A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	
* BIO 211	A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	
** Pre-requisite GPA	3.75 – 4.0 = 5 3.5 – 3.74 = 4 3.25 – 3.49 = 3 3.0 – 3.24 = 2 2.5 – 2.99 = 1	
TEAS	90.7% and Higher = 6 78.0% - 90.699% = 4 58.7% - 77.999% = 2 Less than 58.699% = 0	
Baccalaureate or Higher Degree	2	
Associate Degree	1	
Current certificate in area of Allied Health	.5	
Academic plan created by the Thanksgiving prior to your application deadline	1	
***BIO 212 complete with "C" or better	1	
***BIO 202 complete with "C" or better	1	
TOTAL		

* Repeated to obtain passing grade, no (0) points are earned for that course.

** Pre-requisite GPA is calculated from grades earned in PSC 150, ENG 101, Math, and BIO 211.01

*** Previous failure in this course does not affect award of one point.

2. Those students with the highest total of points will receive the first available spaces in the program. Students with equal point totals will be rank ordered by their overall pre-requisite GPA, highest to lowest.
 - a. Residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot County with 12 admission points or above will receive first consideration for any available spaces.
 - b. Residents outside the five county area with 12 admission points or above will receive second consideration for any available spaces.
 - c. Residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties that have less than 12 admission points will receive third consideration if any spaces remain available. Admission will be provisional and contingent on completing additional requirements.
 - d. Residents outside the five county area with less than 12 admission points will not be considered for admission.
3. Students will be notified if a space is available during the first week of July, 2020 by the Director of the Nursing Program. Applicants are advised to save the date of **July 23, 2020** for an orientation for all students accepted into the Fall 2020 nursing program. It is highly recommended that all those who receive a space plan to attend. ***Please plan summer vacations and activities around that date.*** **Final** acceptance into nursing courses is contingent upon timely submission of the following: *
 - a. Health record validating sufficient stamina and mental stability to fulfill the requirements of the program and the customary requirements of the profession
 - b. Validation of immunization status
 - c. Certification in CPR as a health care provider
 - d. Completion of independent learning modules for clinical units
 - e. Satisfactory completion of a criminal background check

*Please do not submit these items until you have received more information about each of these requirements on July 23, 2020
4. Students not accepted may reapply the following year for consideration.

Information Regarding the Nurse Entrance Test (TEAS) on the next page.

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

All applicants to the Chesapeake College/MGW Nursing Program must complete the TEAS as part of the application process by **May 25, 2020**. The TEAS will be administered during the winter and early spring months in the Learning Resource Center at the Wye Mills campus testing center. The exam provides feedback in several academic areas and the overall score on the exam will be used as part of the selective admissions process. Those who have not completed the TEAS by **May 25, 2020** will be ineligible for fall 2020 admission. TEAS scores must be received at the office for Health Professions by **May 25, 2020**.

What is the TEAS Exam?

The test is called the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS). The exam is an assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage.

When Should I take the TEAS Test?

The TEAS will be administered during the winter and spring months in the Learning Resource Center at Wye Mills in the Testing Center. You should register for the exam immediately as no additional testing dates will be added to accommodate those that wait until April or May to register for the exam. There are plenty of dates to choose from.

2020 Dates for the ATI TEAS @ the Wye Mills Learning Resource Center (Exam begins promptly. – late arrivals will not be allowed to enter room)

DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
January 13-16	10:00 am	LRC – Testing Center
February 24, 26	1:00 pm	LRC – Testing Center
February 25, 27	11:00am	LRC – Testing Center
March 23, 25	1:00pm	LRC – Testing Center
March 24, 26	11:00am	LRC – Testing Center
April 6, 8, 20, 22	1:00pm	LRC – Testing Center
April 7, 9, 21, 23	11:00am	LRC – Testing Center
May 4, 6	1:00pm	LRC – Testing Center
May 5, 7	11:00am	LRC – Testing Center

It is important for you to choose a date and register immediately to reserve a space for the exam. No additional testing dates will be added to accommodate those that wait until April or May to reserve a date to sit for the exam.

What should I bring to the exam and how long does the test take?

Plan on about four hours to complete the exam. Individuals need to present a valid photo ID and their ATI username and pass word. Cell phones are not permitted into the testing area. A four function calculator is built into the exam.

How much does the test cost?

Students are required to pre-pay and pre-register for the TEAS. The cost is approximately \$112.00. Payment is accepted using major credit cards. Students are required to pay the testing fee at the time the test date is scheduled. Students should bring a copy of their receipt on testing day. Costs are subject to change without notice.

I want to prepare. Is there is study guide? Is there an opportunity to review basic academic skills before taking the exam?

Chesapeake College will be offering a free “Back to Basics” workshop in the early spring through the academic support center. Information will be posted on the Chesapeake College Nursing web page. In addition, ATI offers a study manual “Study Manual for the Test of Essential Academic Skills.” and two practice assessments for a cost at www.atitesting.com . The Chesapeake College Bookstore will also carry this manual.

How often may I take the test?

Each applicant may take the exam once during the year they wish to be admitted. Therefore, applicants that wish to be admitted in the fall of 2020 may take the exam once in the year 2020. If they wish to apply again in 2021, they may repeat the exam in the 2021 admission cycle. If an applicant takes the exam more than once in an admission cycle, the score on the first exam will be utilized for admission purposes.

How do I find my scores?

Your test scores will be available online at www.atitesting.com. You must log into the ATI website to obtain your test scores. If you cannot remember your username/password or if you cannot locate your test scores, you will need to contact ATI at the phone number listed on their web site. Chesapeake College will have access to your scores.

What is a passing score?

The TEAS is not a pass or fail exam. Students completing the ATI TEAS exam will receive points based on their overall exam score as designated in the admission selection process information.

How do I register for the TEAS?

You must visit www.atitesting.com to purchase and register for the TEAS test.

- On the Home page, you will note a link to create a new account. Create your account and then click on the “on-line store” in the upper right hand corner of the page.
- Click on the TEAS under the Register for Column
- Choose TEAS from the dropdown list and click “Next”.

- Choose the Chesapeake College location for the exam by using drop downs available and then click “next”.
- Select the session you wish to register for by clicking on the “Register” button. You can also click on the “Learn More” button to get specific information/instructions on the session.
- You will then be directed to the shopping cart. Once you have confirmed that you are registering for the correct session, click on the “Check out “button.
- If you are not already logged into the site once you click on the “Check Out” button, you will be prompted to either login or create an account.
- Enter/Confirm your billing address and click “Proceed to Payment Details”
- You will then need to enter your Payment Details. This includes: card number, expiration date and security code. Click the “Submit” button.
- Once you click submit, you will receive a Customer Receipt which includes any additional instructions for your assessment. Your receipt will also be emailed to you to the email address listed in your profile.