



## Chesapeake College/MGW Nursing Program Admission Information (2026)

### 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 2026 Academic Year

Students are encouraged to contact the advising department 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.
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, 204 ) (3,5,4 and 3 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:** While not required, applicants are strongly advised to have BIO 212 (Anatomy & Physiology II) and BIO 202 (Microbiology) completed by the application deadline.

**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 2026 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, 2026**.
3. Unless otherwise exempt, complete the College Accuplacer (Algebra) and Writeplacer (English) exams administered through the Testing Center. Please work with [Admissions@chesapeake.edu](mailto:Admissions@chesapeake.edu) to schedule testing after you completed your Chesapeake College application.
4. Complete any developmental course work prescribed through the placement testing process **by May 25, 2026**.
5. Complete the prerequisite requirements for the nursing program **by May 25, 2026**.
6. Apply for admission to the Associate of Science in Nursing Degree Program (online application). 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 on the [nursing program webpage](#). New students are admitted in the fall semester only. The deadline for filing completed applications and submitting all required documentation is **May 25, 2026**. Applications will be accepted beginning one year prior to the date of anticipated admission.
7. Complete the Nurse Entrance Examination (ATI TEAS) by **May 25, 2026**. **DO NOT apply to the program until you have completed the TEAS. The TEAS must be taken at a testing center and scores from TEAS taken online will NOT be accepted.** (More comprehensive information about the TEAS is attached).
8. If you currently hold a certification in an area of health professions (EMS, CNA etc.), provide documentation of the current certification to our Registration office AND upload a copy of your current certification with the application, by **May 25, 2026**.



**SELECTION PROCESS- 2026**

1. 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. Applicants will be rank ordered for admission (highest to lowest) by the following selection criteria:

**Chesapeake College/MGW Nursing Program Selection Criteria**

Criteria	Points	Point Earned
PSC 150	1	
ENG 101	1	
Math elective (MAT 113, 115, 140 or 204)	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	92% and Higher = 6 80% - 91.3% = 4 58.7% - 79.3% = 2 Less than 58.7% = 0	
**Baccalaureate or Higher Degree	2	
**Associate Degree	1	
***Current certificate in area of Allied Health	0.5	
MAT 113, 115 or 140 complete with a C or better	1	
BIO 212 complete with “C” or better	1	
BIO 202 complete with “C” or better	1	
TOTAL		

\* Pre-requisite GPA is calculated from grades earned in PSC 150, ENG 101, Math, and BIO 211

\*\*Applicants will earn points for one college degree

\*\*\*Applicants will earn points (0.5) for one certificate and cannot earn additional points for more than one certificate.

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 by the first week of July, 2026 by the Director of the Nursing Program. Orientation for all students accepted into the Fall 2026 nursing program will be held in July. The exact date will be available on the application for admission. 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, including the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - 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 and drug screening *(please note that there are some medications that may preclude you from admission, even if you have a prescription for the medication)*

\*Please do not submit these items until you have received more information about each of these requirements during orientation in July.
  
4. Students not accepted may re-apply the following year for consideration.



### 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, 2026**. The TEAS will be administered during the winter and early spring face-to-face May 21, 2026 (online options/scores are no longer accepted). 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, 2026** will be ineligible for Fall 2026 admission. TEAS scores must be received by **May 25, 2026**.

#### What is the TEAS?

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?

The TEAS will be administered during the winter and spring face-to-face and online. Applicants 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.

#### 2026 Dates for the ATI TEAS

TEAS Dates 2026	Nursing
Face-To-Face in Testing Center (maximum of 7 students per session)	<b>February 10, 2026-May 12, 2026</b>
	1:30 pm on Tuesday & Wednesday
	10:30 am on Thursday
	<b>May 13, 2026 - May 21, 2026</b>
	10:30 am Tue, Wed & Thursday

You are required to take the TEAS in person at the Chesapeake College Testing Center or another approved testing center, not online. Do not delay, schedule your appointment soon.

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

Students should plan on about four hours to complete the TEAS. Individuals need to present a valid photo ID and have their ATI username and password handy. Cell phones must be put away during the TEAS. A four-function calculator is built into the exam. A complete student guide is available [here](#).



### **How much does the test cost?**

Students are required to pre-pay and [pre-register for the TEAS](#). The cost is approximately \$120.00. 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. You can register for "Back to Basics" starting in mid-January, using the Trac Cloud scheduler ( <https://libguides.chesapeake.edu/asc-2nd/drop-in-tutoring>). Email [asc@chesapeake.edu](mailto:asc@chesapeake.edu) for more information. In addition, ATI offers a study manual “Study Manual for the Test of Essential Academic Skills,” two practice assessments, and a smart prep course for a cost at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). The TRIO program may pay for this study prep for their students.

### **How often may I take the TEAS?**

Each applicant may take the TEAS once during the year they wish to be admitted. Therefore, applicants that wish to be admitted in the Fall of 2026 may take the exam once between May 26, 2025 and May 25, 2026. *If an applicant would like to apply again in 2026, they must repeat the exam between May 26, 2025 and May 25, 2026.* If an applicant takes the TEAS more than once in an admission cycle, the score on the first TEAS will be utilized for admission purposes.

### **How do I find my scores?**

Applicants test scores will be available online at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). Applicants must log into the ATI website to obtain their test scores. If applicants cannot remember their username/password or if they cannot locate their test scores, they will need to contact ATI at the phone number listed on their web site. Chesapeake College will have access to the scores.

### **What is a passing score?**

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

### **How do I register for the TEAS?**

Students must visit [the ATI Website](#) to purchase and register for the TEAS.



**Chesapeake College MGW Nursing Program**

**Anticipated Fees and Expenses for the First Year of Program**

<b>Approximate Start Up Fees</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Uniforms (1 tunic top, 1 polo shirt, and 1 lab coat)	\$100-\$110
Background Checks	\$100
Shoes for clinical	\$100-\$120
Physical examination and immunization	Varies Widely
CPR Certification	\$55-\$75
Laptop	\$499 and up
Stethoscope	\$82
<b>Approximate Costs for NUR 114</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Tuition (resident)	~\$ 1,179
Fees	~\$ 1,780
Text Books/Nurse Pack/Resources	~\$ 1,200 plus tax (varies depending on where purchased)
Pre-Check/Sentry	\$125
<b>Approximate Costs for NUR 121</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Tuition (resident)	~\$1,179
Fees	~\$1,780
Text Books/Nurse Pack/ Resources	~\$ 400

This information is intended only to assist with planning, providing an ***estimate*** of the expenses nursing students may anticipate in the first year of the program. The actual cost may vary and is subject to change.

**[Don't let the cost of nursing school be the reason you do not apply!!](#)**

PLEASE be sure to complete the free 2026-2027 [FAFSA online](#) as soon as possible (Chesapeake College school code 004650)! If you have questions or need assistance please reach out to the [Chesapeake College Financial Aid](#) office.

There are MANY Institutional Nursing Scholarships available. To be eligible students must complete the [Institutional Scholarship Application](#). Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and some scholarships require the FAFSA to be completed so be sure to complete the FAFSA as noted above.

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) also has scholarship/grant opportunities available. Please reach out to [wib@chesapeake.edu](mailto:wib@chesapeake.edu) for more information.