

NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE MARY GRIMES
SCHOOL OF NURSING

Admissions Policy

Maximum admittance between all campuses to first level is 96 students. (An additional 24 seats are not being filled at this time in Ottawa.) Maximum admittance between Chanute & Ottawa campuses to second level is 96 students with an additional 40 hybrid online students. Maximum admittance on each campus is dependent in part on availability of faculty and clinical and classroom facilities.

Students are referred to the "College Catalog" for the policy on admission of international students.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the nursing program. The following admission requirements must be presented before the application will be complete:

- 1) Completed application to the college and the nursing program. International students must complete International Student Admission prior to making application to the nursing program.
- 2) The nursing department follows the college's "Mandatory Placement Policy" in regards to enrollment for all math and/or English courses. Please refer to the College Catalog for this policy.
- 3) Application fee is due with Application to the Nursing Program.
- 4) Official transcripts of all high school and post-secondary education. Applicant must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have successfully completed the General Education Development Test (GED). Home-schooled students must follow the college guidelines for admission.
- 5) Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- 6) Completion of the nursing entrance exam (Test of Essential Academic Skills-TEAS) given by the nursing department and the ATI Anatomy and Physiology assessment. The scores of the exam will be used in part to determine admission placement. The entrance exam may be taken one time only per application year.
 - A. The scores required for admission to the nursing program are based on the national norms for the TEAS exam.
 - B. The **TEAS Composite** score is the average of the reading comprehension and math scores.
 - a) Students scoring more than 10 percent below the composite score will not be eligible for admission at this time.
 - C. Students scoring below the national norm in reading comprehension will be **ENCOURAGED** to complete a reading comprehension or arrange for tutoring in this area.

- D. Students scoring below the national norm in math skills MUST complete a basic math or nursing math course and make a grade of a “C” or better prior to entering the nursing program.
- E. Nursing Pharmacology and Pathophysiology are program courses and cannot be transferred from another college.
- F. Students scoring below the national norm on the ATI A&P test must complete remediation in the subject areas scoring below the norm.

Students applying to the NCCC nursing program who plan to request special accommodations for the NCLEX learning environment or testing must meet the guidelines for accommodations for testing identified on the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) website.

<https://ksbn.kansas.gov/guidelines-for-accommodations-for-nclex-testing/>

It is recommended the student begin early in the program to obtain the necessary diagnostic tests/assessment required by KSBN so the student is prepared to make the special accommodations request to KSBN in a timely manner to expedite approval for taking the licensure exam.

The NCLEX exam is not available in paper/pencil format therefore in an effort to prepare students for the NCLEX exam; the nursing program does not permit paper/pencil exams.

- 7) The program of study in NCCC nursing programs includes both classroom and clinical instruction. Nursing students must be able to perform activities that are comparable to those required for employment. Please review the following statements, evaluating your ability to perform these nursing activities:
- Lifting and/or carrying moderately heavy objects. It is common to be expected to lift or carry more than 50 pounds during each clinical day.
 - Performing duties that regularly involve twisting the spine or extending the body while caring for patients.
 - Assisting patients of all weights and sizes to change position.
 - Standing or walking twelve hours a day with occasional stooping, crouching or kneeling.
 - Coordinating eyes and hands or fingers rapidly and accurately in making precise movements; moving fingers to manipulate small objects such as syringes and medical equipment.
 - Communicating effectively and efficiently with patients as well with members of the health care team.
 - Visual acuity to read, to determine changes in patient condition, to discriminate between measurements on equipment such as syringes or gauges, and to accurately use patient care supplies and equipment.
 - Hearing as appropriate for communication and for collection of information about patient condition.
 - Interpreting a variety of instructions without assistance: written, oral, diagram or schedule formats.
 - Physically responding to emergency patient calls, such as initiating CPR on a patient who has experienced a cardiac arrest.

- Waivers for any one or more of the admission requirements may be given by the nursing director, but only for good cause shown.

After the above information is on file in the nursing office, the application will be reviewed by the nursing director, assistant director of nursing and/or campus coordinator, provided information from steps 1 through 6 of the Admission Requirements are satisfactory. The responsibility for completing information rests entirely upon the applicant.

The nursing classes have a limited number of students they can accept. In the event there are more applicants than space available, applicants will be ranked according to department policy and in compliance with the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

Items that will be looked at in the selection process are:

- Application received by deadline, properly completed and notarized
- Punctuality
- Official transcripts on file (high school & all college)
- Assessment scores on file or completion of English Comp. I and a Math Course
- General education courses completed for the nursing program
- GPA of your completed general education course/s required for the nursing program
- Overall GPA above a 2.0
- Nursing entrance exam scores

Applicant will receive a letter indicating the decision and/or recommendations of the nursing director, assistant director and/or campus coordinator following the application deadline and upon completion of application review.