

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications should be on file no later than 4:00 pm on May 6, 2022
for consideration for the graduating Class of 2023.

We are under no obligation to accept or review applications received after the deadline.

ADMISSIONS EXAM

Arrangements to schedule the Entrance Exam at Monty Tech are made by registering online at www.atitesting.com and selecting the link "Register for TEAS" or by calling 1-800-667-7531. There is a \$102 (non-refundable) exam fee to be paid at the time of registration.

NURSING ENTRANCE EXAM (TEAS) DATES

January 10, 2022
February 7, 2022
March 7, 2022
April 4, 2022
April 19, 2022

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

TEN (10) MONTHS / 41 SEQUENTIAL WEEKS
Divided into three 10-week terms and one 11-week term
August-June

PROGRAM HOURS

Monty Tech Practical Nursing program provides a minimum of 1210 hours of instruction clock hours during its 41-week sequential academic year. Monday through Friday (evenings) 3:30pm-10:00pm until clinical practice starts in Term I; then Monday through Thursday (evenings) 3:30pm-10:00pm, and every other weekend (days) 7:00am-3:00pm.

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is committed to providing students with a quality education. Graduates will receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and will be prepared to apply and take the National Council Licensing Examination for Practical Nursing (PN NCLEX).

AFFILIATING HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Clinical Practice is a strong component of this program and is correlated as part of the course content. Practice is planned in clinics, sub-acute care, home care and long-term care facilities. Students must provide their own transportation to and from clinical practice agencies.

APPROVALS and ACCREDITATIONS

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing Program has full approval from:

Department of Public Health
Bureau of Health Professions Licensure
Board of Registration in Nursing
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108-4619
Phone: 617-973-0800
Web: <http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn>
Blog: <http://publichealth.blog.state.ma.us>
Email: nursing.admin@state.ma.us

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing Program is accredited by:

Council on Occupational Education
7840 Roswell Road
Building 300, Suite
325 Atlanta, GA 30350
770-396-3898
800-917-2081 www.council.org



INTRODUCTION TO THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely, ethically and in a caring manner for clients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings. This mission is consistent with the philosophy and goals of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School that:

- Identifies a strong relationship between academic and vocational preparation.
- Stresses the importance of developing thinking skills needed to function safely, effectively, and productively in an ever changing technical and diverse society.
- Supports the maintenance of a positive and caring learning and practice environment.

Practical Nursing Philosophy, Regulation, Scope of Practical Nursing Practice and Program Outcomes.

The *Scope of Practice* for the practical nurse graduating from our program is defined by the laws of Massachusetts as is expressed in the Massachusetts Nurse Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

Guided by Dr. Jean Watson's ***Theory of Interpersonal Caring***, the program outcomes in the curriculum of the Practical Nursing Program at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School specifically addresses the following components of practical nursing care:

- **Patient and Family Centered Care:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will provide holistic care that recognizes an individual's and family's preferences, values and needs and respects the patient or designee as a full partner in providing compassionate, coordinated, age and culturally-appropriate safe, effective care.
- **Professionalism:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will demonstrate accountability for the delivery of standard based nursing care that is consistent with moral, altruistic, legal, ethical, regulatory and humanistic principles.
- **Leadership:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will influence the behavior of individuals or groups of individuals in a way that will facilitate the achievement of shared goals.
- **Systems based Practice:** the Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context of the health care system and will demonstrate the ability to effectively call on microsystem resources to provide care that is optimal quality and value.
- **Informatics and Technology:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will use information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making.
- **Communication:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will interact effectively with patients, families and colleagues, fostering mutual respect and shared decision making, to enhance client satisfaction and health outcomes.
- **Team Work and Collaboration:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will function effectively within nursing and the interdisciplinary health care teams, fostering open communication, mutual respect, shared decision making, team learning and development. (adapted for QSEN,2007)
- **Safety:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will minimize risk of harm to patients and providers through both system effectiveness and individual performance. (QSEN 2007)

- **Quality Improvement:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future collects data to monitor the outcomes of care and uses data to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care systems.
- **Evidence Based Practice:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will identify the value of using the best current evidence coupled with the clinical expertise and consideration of patient preferences, experience and values to make practice decisions.

EXEMPTION FOR COMPLETED COURSEWORK

If the student has completed coursework previously in this program or from other academic institutions comparable to that required in the Practical Nursing program, the student may request an exemption from completed coursework. The course work must be completed within five (5) years of request for exemption. Requests can be honored for science and psychology content and/or nursing content. **Adjustments in tuition will be made as a result of exemption.**

The exemption process requires that the student submit a *written request* (available from the Practical Nursing office) for the exemption to the Director of the Practical Nursing program. *This request must be presented at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time that the content is scheduled to be presented in the program and accompanied by:*

- a) An official sealed transcript of work completed. A grade of 'C+' or better *must* have been attained in the course.
- b) A course outline or description detailing the content of the coursework.
- c) The number of credit hours for the course or content previously completed. Hours must meet or exceed those required by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing program.

The Director of the Practical Nursing Program will conduct a review of the requested program content exemption and a decision will be returned in advance of the course content presentation. The decision will be one of the following:

- a) Exemption not granted.
- b) Exemption granted with recommendation to audit class content.
- c) Exemption granted with testing required for military (must attain a grade of 77% or better).

ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

Enrollment to the Practical Nursing Program is competitive and 40-50 students fill a class. A letter of acceptance or non acceptance will be sent to those who completed the admission process for the program.

ORIENTATION

An orientation will be held for all accepted students in June. At this time, information about book ordering will be provided, uniform fittings will take place, and pictures will be taken for identification badges. A review of the curriculum sequence will be discussed and the projected calendar for the school year will be distributed. **Attendance at this meeting is mandatory.**