

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TRANSITION into PROFESSIONAL NURSING PATHWAY (TPNP) STEP-BY-STEP APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR THE

LPN/EMS-PARAMEDIC/RESPIRATORY THERAPIST-to-RN STUDENT

- _____ Complete the MGCCC College Admission Requirements
- _____ Visit the Nursing Program Website <http://www.mgccc.edu>
- _____ Register for and successfully complete the following TPNP pre-requisites courses prior to application submission
 - _____ ENG 1113 (English Composition I)
 - _____ PSY 1513 (General Psychology)
 - _____ BIO 2514 (Human Anatomy & Physiology I)
 - _____ ENG 1123 (English Composition II)
 - _____ BIO 2924 (Microbiology)
 - _____ BIO 2524 (Human Anatomy & Physiology II)
- _____ Maintain a minimum core GPA of 2.5 *(A core GPA is defined as the average of the best grade achieved for all required courses. If you have taken extra courses, not required by the program or previous nursing courses, those courses will NOT be used to calculate the GPA).*
- _____ The LPN-to-RN TPNP applicant must provide a copy of a current, active, unencumbered LPN license; **AND** Two (2) full-time years of documented work experience, from the last two years, as a licensed practical/Vocational nurse (LPN/LVN).
- _____ The EMS-Paramedic-to-RN TPNP applicant must provide a copy of a current, active, unencumbered EMS/P license; **AND** Two (2) full-time years of documented work experience, from the last two years, as a Nationally Registered Paramedic (NRP).
- _____ The Respiratory Therapist-to-RN TPNP applicant must provide a copy of a current, active, unencumbered Registered Respiratory Therapist license; **AND** Two (2) full-time years of documented work experience, from the last two years, as a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).
- _____ All TPNP Applicants (LPNs, EMS-Ps, RTs) must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from persons familiar with applicant in a professional capacity. If possible, one recommendation should come from current supervisor.

_____ All TPNP Applicants (LPNs, EMS-Ps, RTs) must obtain and satisfy the Criminal Background Check (Fingerprinting) from a **MGCCC Campus Police office**. The CBC result is required prior to submitting the application. Please check the program's website for the Campus Police testing times.

_____ All TPNP Applicants (LPNs, EMS-Ps, RTs) must submit an Enhanced (fall of 1989 or later) ACT score. A composite score of 18 or above is required. However, if the ACT score is less than 18, an applicant can qualify by successfully completing 21 semester hours of the program's degree-required courses maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or higher. The 21 credit hours must include Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II and Microbiology with a grade of "C" or better in each. (Qualified TPNP applicants are waived the 5 year timed-out policy related to science courses (A&P I, II & Microbiology)).

_____ All TPNP ***Hybrid*** Applicants (LPNs, EMS-Ps, RTs) must achieve a composite score of 65 or above on the ATI TEAS VI exam (The composite score for the LPN-to-RN ***Non-Hybrid*** weekday option is 60 or above). ATI TEAS exams taken prior to August 1, 2016 are NOT acceptable. Applicants taking the TEAS exam for entry into the hybrid LPN-to-RN option are limited to two (2) retakes in one (1) year with a 30 day remediation period required between each attempt. Check the MGCCC Nursing website regarding attempts, registration, and remediation requirements.

_____ All TPNP ***Hybrid*** Applicants (LPNs, EMS-Ps, RTs) must submit proof of attainment of a current IV therapy Certification **OR** successful completion of an approved IV Therapy educational program or course (Ex: *Expanded Role of IV Therapy for the Licensed Practical Nurse in Mississippi*) **OR** mastery of a course or course objectives contained in an EMS-P or RT program related to the skills of IV insertion and IV therapy.

_____ After meeting the above qualifications, the TPNP applicant (LPN, EMS-P, RT) is eligible to complete and submit the LPN, **OR** EMS-Paramedic, **OR** the Respiratory Therapist-to-RN online Supplemental TPNP Application **between April 1st and May 15th**.

_____ The application can be found under Web Services (located on the program's webpage) and accessed by qualified students using the Single Sign-In Username & Password. The application deadline is May 15th (If the deadline falls on a weekend, holiday, or closing, the deadline is 5 p.m. on the next college business day).

_____ ALL TPNP applicants (LPNs, EMS-Ps, RTs) must review the online mandatory Pre-Health Sciences Orientation Session by visiting Web Services and entering the GCID and Password. The PowerPoint can be found under Student/Health Sciences Division Supplemental Application Orientation Session. The session can be viewed anytime and anywhere internet is accessible. The presentation gives you valuable information on topics common to all health science programs at MGCCC. The information is approximately one (1) hour in length.

_____ ALL TPNP applications submitted via the Supplemental Application process will be reviewed for accuracy (Course Grades, ACT, GPA, TEAS, Residence, etc.) and ranked according to the official nursing ranking process (Residence, ACT, GPA, and TEAS).

_____ Applicants that are conditionally accepted into a TPNP option will be notified within seven (7) college business days following the deadline date. The initial formal notification of acceptance is sent via the applicant's MGCCC Bulldog Email Address requesting an email response from the applicant (within 24 hours of the email's date and time) to accept or deny a conditional enrollment. Failure of the applicant to appropriately respond within the 24 hour timeframe forfeits the seat.

_____ Applicants who are not notified of conditional enrollment by the end of the seven (7) day timeline will remain ranked throughout the first day of registration. In the event a TPNP seat is later declined or forfeited, the next ranked student will be notified by phone (number listed) and by the MGCCC Bulldog Email Address. Again, this applicant will be required to respond within 24 hours of the email's date and time. Once full seat capacity has been reached, a final official letter of acceptance or non-acceptance (excluding denials or forfeits) will be mailed to the address listed on the Supplemental Application.

_____ TPNP applicants officially notified of a *Conditional* program acceptance are required to:

_____ Participate in a **Mandatory** Pre-Nursing Webinar Session. The date and time of the webinar will be included in the letter of acceptance. Failure to participate fully will result in being dropped from the TPNP program option.

_____ Have a consistent and reliable laptop with internet access and all required components (Sound card with speakers, printer, microphone, web-camera capable of video web conferencing, DVD/CD-ROM drive)

_____ Have a basic understanding of computer terminology, specifications, software and applications (Microsoft® Windows® 7 or later/Firefox/Chrome, Microsoft Office® 2010 or later, Adobe® Reader® 9.0 or later, navigating the internet, sending and receiving emails with and without attachments, and an Antivirus application updated regularly)

_____ Register for and successfully complete the following TPNP co-requisite course prior to program completion/graduation
_____ **SPT 1113 (Public Speaking I)**

_____ Provide proof of required immunizations, substance testing, and CPR currency

_____ Maintain a current, active, unencumbered license as a LPN, EMS-Paramedic, or Respiratory Therapist until program completion.

_____ Maintain own dependable transportation to and from classes and clinical site rotations. Mileage will vary.

_____ Purchase the required supplies, textbooks and/or eBooks, equipment, and resources by the established deadlines.

_____ Abide fully by the policies and procedures of the nursing education unit.