

Frequently Asked Questions – Petition Process

Associate Degree Nursing with Practical Nursing Exit program (10-543-1)

What is the “Petition Process?”

Students who are ready to begin the core (543-xxx) nursing courses inform the Nursing Program Associate Dean, through a process known as “petitioning”, the semester before they desire to start these core courses. The petition process is competitive based on academic strength. To petition, the student must meet the requirements outlined on the Petition Form, meet with their [Academic Advisor](#) to discuss any questions or concerns and submit a petition packet. Students create their petition packet by attaching requested documentation to the Petition Form.

When should students petition?

- The semester before they wish to begin core nursing courses.
- Students are required to communicate with their Academic Advisor before submitting their petition packet.
- Petition packets are only accepted during the periods in August and March.

Where is additional information available about the process and how students begin?

Once accepted to Moraine Park Technical College, petition information can be accessed using myMPTC.

Go to the *Student tab > Programs & Courses channel > click Nursing Petition Process* (link at the bottom of the page).

If further questions contact the Academic Advisor.

Are students able to defer starting the core nursing courses?

Deferring is not built into the petition process. Only students that are prepared to begin the core nursing courses should petition. If a student is selected to start core nursing courses and chooses not to begin, the petition will be voided. The student petitioner will be required to resubmit a new petition packet in accordance with the petition process.

Are there specific grade requirements for Science coursework?

A grade of A, A-, AB, B+, B, B-, BC or better is required for General and Advanced Anatomy and Physiology. ***Please note that Chemistry is a requisite to the Associate Degree Nursing program.***

What is the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)?

The NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX) provides a common basis for evaluating the academic ability of prospective Associate Degree Nursing students. It does not replace the placement assessment needed for Admission to the college. The test has three sections: verbal ability, mathematics, and science. Testing is at a high school level. It is a 214-item, four-option, multiple choice exam available online. For more information please refer to *myMPTC > Student tab > Programs & Courses channel > click Nursing Petition Process > NLN Pre-Admission Exam PAX.*

Students ready to take the exam need to:

- register online at www.nlnonlinetesting.org
- submit exam fee directly to NLN
- Testing is proctored and offered at various times at all three Moraine Park campus locations.
- Test results are provided to both the student and the school.

How will students be selected?

The petition process is competitive. The following criteria are considered in the selection of students:

- verification that all petition process requirements have been met
- academic strength [**please note the NLN Pre-Admission exam (PAX) is a heavily weighted factor for selection, therefore preparation is highly encouraged**]

What does it mean to be selected as an alternate?

Due to a limited number of core nursing program openings each semester and the competitive nature of the petition process, not everyone who petitions is selected for an opening. Those that meet the petition process minimum requirements but are not selected for an opening, are selected as alternates. Alternates are on 'stand-by' mode and need to be prepared to begin core courses should an opening become available due to unforeseen complications experienced by a selected student. As there is no way of knowing if or when a core nursing program opening will become available, alternates have the important task of being prepared up until the time of semester start to begin core nursing courses. Alternates will always want to work closely with their advisor for academic planning.

How will students be notified whether or not they are selected?

Students will receive a letter from the Nursing Program Associate Dean within 60 days of the petition deadline.

Are there additional requirements needed after selection? Yes there are!

1. Selected students, including alternates, must attend a mandatory, in-person Nursing Core Information and Registration session prior to the start of classes.
2. Specific dates and times will be made available on the Student Acknowledgement Form and in the notification letter sent by the Nursing Program Associate Dean to students.
3. Students will need to meet health requirements, have current TB skin tests, current CPR, and acceptable criminal background checks in order to start core classes.