

Frequently Asked Questions — Nursing Petition Process

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 form online.

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 online Petition Form.
- Petition Form submissions are only accepted during designated and posted petition periods.

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 form online 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.***

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 HESI-A2 entrance exam 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 Academic Advisor for academic planning.

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

Students will receive a letter via their MPTC student email account within 15 business days after the petition deadline.

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

1. Selected students, including alternates, must attend a mandatory Nursing Program Onboarding Session prior to the start of core classes. Specific dates and times will be made available on the Student Acknowledgement Form and in the notification letter.
2. Students will need to meet all health requirements, have current TB skin tests, current CPR, and acceptable criminal background checks in order to start core classes.