



APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Apply to Mesa State College** either on-line at www.mesastate.edu, through the Admissions Office, or reactivate application file if you have missed one semester at Mesa State College, declaring Practical Nurse as area of emphasis.
2. **Submit copy(ies) of all transcripts** from other colleges/universities to **MSC Office of the Registrar**, (contact previously-attended schools and have them send transcripts to MSC Registrar - who will then do a transcript evaluation and make the decision on which courses taken at a previous college will transfer to Mesa State College.) Transcript evaluation by Registrar is required for all courses taken at other colleges. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 ("C") on a 4.0 scale for all courses required for completion of the Associate of Applied Science. This policy applies regardless of when the course was taken.
3. **Complete (or be about to complete)** general education requirements and prerequisites. **If currently enrolled in a prerequisite, include an instructor-signed "request for grade" form** (available on PN website) **verifying the grade you are expected to receive.**
4. **Submit a separate PN application** to Kelly Losher in Health Sciences prior to **March 1** for fall entrance.
5. Applicants must take the **"TEAS Test"** (Test of Essential Academic Skills). The required test measures an applicants basic skills in reading, math, science and English. The cost to the applicant is \$30.00. Payment for the TEAS test must be made in advance at the Accounting/Business Office at Mesa State College in Lowell Heiney Hall. They will accept cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards. You must take a copy of your receipt with you to your TEAS test session and give it to the proctor.

A study guide for the TEAS test is available for purchase at www.atitesting.com.

Application points earned for TEAS Test Score:

- 0 – 64 = 0 points
- 65 – 69 = .5 point
- 70 – 79 = 1 point
- 80 – 89 = 2 point
- 90 – 100 = 4 points

Teas tests will be scheduled approximately a month before the application deadline. Once scheduled, there will be a link on the PN website at www.mesastate.edu/healthsciences/ladder.html that applicants will use to schedule TEAS tests.

If a potential student receives a score below 80% in the Math portion of the TEAS test and is admitted to the Practical Nurse program the student will then be expected to enroll in a short Pharmacology Calculations class in the summer semester before fall classes begin.

Out-Of-Town Applicants: If you are an out-of-town applicant who cannot make the posted testing sessions, please contact ATI Testing at 800-667-7531 and ask about TEAS test proctoring in your area - and be sure to tell ATI that you need to take the TEAS Test for Mesa State College (in Grand Junction, Colorado) for the PN program.

6. **Submit a copy of appropriate CPR certification** (CPR/AED for Professional Caregiver (ARC) or CPR for the Healthcare Provider (AHA)).

The top 50 candidates will be called for an interview after the application deadline. Points received in the application process will determine who will be interviewed. Candidates are chosen based on the interview.

Items 1 through 6 must be completed prior to March 1 for fall entrance. Remember, it is the applicants responsibility to make sure the nursing office has these items in your file by the deadline!

UPON ADMISSION TO PN PROGRAM

8. **Pass a criminal background investigation** through American DataBank at <http://www.mesacx.com>. The cost for the student is \$60. Student must fax a copy of "Disclosure and Release Statement" to American Databank (form is on American Databank website) and also turn in a copy to Kelly Losher in the nursing department. You can fax Kelly Losher at (970) 248-1133.
9. **American DataBank Immunization Management System:** students admitted to the Practical Nurse program are required to have a physical examination along with proof of several immunizations; Hepatitis B, TB, Tetanus, MMR, and Varicella. Students will be required to enroll in this management system and submit proof of physical exam, immunizations, CPR, and liability insurance to American DataBank who will keep these records for Mesa State College. The cost for the student is \$25. Students sign up through American DataBank at <http://www.mesacx.com>.
10. **Required Professional liability insurance:** students who wish to may apply for insurance through the National Professional Group as a student nurse. The website is <http://www.nso.com>. Should you choose to go through a different company, the policy must be comprehensive general liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage liability with minimum coverage limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 general total limit, and medical professional liability insurance with minimum coverage limits of \$1,000,000 per claim/\$3,000,000 annual aggregate. ***Proof must be submitted to the American DataBank Immunization Management System.***
11. **Activate your MSC email account** by going to the Tomlinson Library computer room (if not already activated). This account is free for MSC students, and all nursing students are required to activate - and regularly check Mesa State e-mail.
12. **If interested in participating in the AmeriCorps UCAN Scholarship Program**, you must attend orientation at a time and location to be announced. Failure to attend an orientation program will eliminate you from consideration for the program for this semester. For information on what the AmeriCorps UCAN scholarship program is, visit the website www.americorps.gov, or call 1-888-507-5962 or e-mail edawardvoucher@cns.gov.
13. **If student is unemployed, call the Mesa County Workforce Center at 248-0871 at least one month before classes start regarding possible scholarship dollars. You must sign up at least one month before classes begin.**
14. **Purchase name tags;** you must have a name tag to do clinicals at area hospitals. See the Administrative Assistant for the PN program. You must fill out a form, pay cash for your name tag (\$5.00 for a pin tag, \$7.00 for a magnet tag), and it will be ordered for you and given to you on the first day of class. Again, you must pay in cash.

Items 7 through 14 must be completed and turned in by the first day of class.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THESE ITEMS ARE
SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE!



Grand Junction, CO 81501
(970) 248-1020
(800) 982-6372
www.mesastate.edu

Application for Entrance
Department of Health Sciences
Mesa State College
1100 North Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Phone: (970) 248-1721
Fax: (970) 248-1133
kloser@mesastate.edu

Practical Nurse

Date _____

Submit application along with all required paperwork to Kelly Losher, Department of Health Sciences, Mesa State College, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Contact Information:

Full legal name _____
Last First Middle Initial Maiden Name

Date of Birth ____/____/____ MSC ID No. _____

Permanent home address: _____
City, State, Zip

Present mailing address: _____
(if different from above) City, State, Zip

Email address (please print clearly): _____

Phone number with area code: () _____ Cell: () _____

Are you a current Mesa State College student? [] Yes [] No

Is this the first time you have applied to the Mesa State College PN program? [] Yes [] No

Do you have any medical certifications? (Must involve direct patient care) _____

*Please provide proof of certifications with application

Have you completed the following prerequisites?

- ENGL 111....English Composition I [] Yes [] No [] In Process..... Completion semester _____
ENGL 112....English Composition II [] Yes [] No [] In Process..... Completion semester _____
BIOL 209Anatomy & Physiology I [] Yes [] No [] In Process..... Completion semester _____
BIOL 209L ...Anatomy & Physiology I Lab [] Yes [] No [] In Process..... Completion semester _____
BIOL 210Anatomy & Physiology II [] Yes [] No [] In Process..... Completion semester _____
BIOL 210L ...Anatomy & Physiology II Lab [] Yes [] No [] In Process..... Completion semester _____
PSYC 233....Human Growth & Development... [] Yes [] No [] In Process..... Completion semester _____

(see next page)

Employment Experience:

Dates employed		Name and location where employed	Duties (briefly)
From	To		

Healthcare Experience:

From	To	Any other healthcare experience not previously defined	Duties (briefly)

The admissions committee reserves the right to select the applicants who shall be admitted and that acceptance is provisional upon receipt of required documentation that all requirements have been met.

This application must be received by the nursing department no later than **March 1** for admission consideration to the Practical Nurse Program.

I certify that all the information stated on this application form is accurate and complete. Concealment of facts or false statements may result in dismissal from the program.

Applicant Signature

Date

(see next page)

To have transcripts sent to Health Sciences Department

Take/mail/fax "Transcript Request" form below to the Office of the Registrar, Mesa State College, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 (fax 970-248-1131) and they will forward copies of your transcripts to the Health Sciences Department.

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(Tear off this portion and deliver/mail to Mesa State College Registrar's Office)

Transcript Request Form

Registrar: Please send copies of the following to **Kelly Losher in Saunders Fieldhouse** (1) all transcripts from other colleges, if applicable; (2) transcript evaluation prepared by the Office of the Registrar, if applicable; (3) current Mesa State College transcript, if applicable. Also please complete the gray area below.

Name (please print)

MSC Student ID # (**NOT** MAVcard #)

Signature

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY:

Has applicant been accepted at MSC? Yes No In what program? Baccalaureate Associate
Certificate

Attached: Other colleges attended transcripts: Transcript evaluation:
Current Mesa State College transcript:

Practical Nurse

(see next page)

PN Application Checklist

Additional paperwork that must be submitted with application:

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