



Application to the Nursing Program can be found on the Mesalands Website under Degrees & Certificates > Nursing.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A student is considered “pre-nursing” prior to acceptance into the Nursing Program. The pre-nursing student must complete all pre-nursing requirements prior to submitting an application for admission to the Nursing Program.

Students interested in the Mesalands Community College Nursing Program must first apply for admission to Mesalands Community College through the Registrar's office.

Prospective nursing students must complete 17 credit hours of prerequisite course work for the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree before being considered for the program. Please see an academic advisor for more information. A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required for prerequisite courses.

Request transcripts from the high school you graduated from and from any other colleges you may have attended and have them sent to the Registrar's office at Mesalands for evaluation. It is your responsibility to request that copies of your transcripts and transcript evaluations be sent to the nursing department from the Registrar's office.

Students must take and achieve a minimum of 75% on the HESI A2 exam prior to applying for the program. You can take the test at Mesalands, please call the nursing department to make an appointment. You can purchase a study guide from the Mesalands bookstore. The exam can only be taken twice in one year with at least 30 days between attempts. Only the HESI scores achieved within the one-year period prior to the deadline for application are considered. The cost is \$62 per HESI A2 exam (subject to change) and must be paid prior to exam.

The deadline for application is _____. If the deadline falls on a weekend, applications will be due by 5:00pm on the following Monday. Students will be notified of their acceptance, or denial status by _____. Students who wish to be considered for re-entry into the Nursing Program must follow the re-entry process that is found in the Mesalands College Student Nurse Handbook.

Completion of Pre-Nursing Requirements

• Prerequisite Course Requirements:

The pre-nursing student must complete the following prerequisite courses prior to Applying for admission to the Nursing Program.

Prerequisite Courses Credit Hours

- 3 credits Communications - COMM 2121 Introduction to Interpersonal Health Communication
- 3 credits Psychology - PSYC 1110 Introduction to Psychology is recommended
- 4 or more credits Science (**Biology or Chemistry**) - BIOL 2310C Microbiology Lecture and Lab is recommended
- 3-4 credits of Anatomy & Physiology - BIOL 2210C Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lecture and Lab is recommended
- 3 credits Lifespan - PSYC 2120 Developmental Psychology is recommended (this course used to be called Human Growth and Development)

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. Grades below “C” are not accepted by the Nursing Program.

All pre-requisite science courses must have been taken within five years of application.

A cumulative GPA of 2.75 must be achieved for all prerequisite courses

Completion of Nursing Program Admission Application Requirements

The pre-nursing student must complete the pre-nursing requirements and pre-requisite courses **prior** to applying for admission to the Nursing Program.

Nursing Program Admission Application Requirements

The student must be concurrently admitted to Mesalands Community College and the Nursing Program in accordance with the admission requirements stated in the Mesalands catalog.

Admission to Mesalands Community College and admission to the Nursing Program **require two separate applications**.

Admission to Mesalands Community College does **not** mean admission to the Nursing Program.

A student must be in good academic standing with Mesalands Community College upon admission to the Nursing Program and continue in good academic standing with Mesalands throughout enrollment in the Nursing Program. The student must maintain a minimum 2.75 overall GPA.

The student must complete the application process for admission to the Nursing Program by the application for admission deadline.

If the application process is not completed by the application deadline the application will **not** be considered in the initial selection process for admission to the Nursing Program.

A completed admission application must contain the following:

1. Completed ADN Nursing Program application form (Name/Contact page and Steps 1-3)
 2. Transcript showing all completed prerequisites with grade
 3. HESI A2 exam score report (Student must achieve a 75 or Higher on the HESI to be considered for admission)
 4. Application Essay
 5. Entrance Interview has been scheduled
 5. A copy of all of the student's college transcript(s) and transcript evaluation.
- *It is the student's responsibility to request the transcript copies and transcript evaluation be sent to the Nursing Program Office from the Mesalands Community College Registrar's Office.**

International Student Admission

Mesalands Community College is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. An international student requesting admission to Mesalands Community College must:

1. Complete an application for admission from the Office of Enrollment Management.
2. Submit transcripts demonstrating satisfactory grades, which are the equivalent of Student Handbook - 6 U.S. primary and secondary education that is, 12 years of academic work.
3. Provide verification of satisfactory performance on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) where the students' first language is not English.
4. Provide documentation of adequate financial resources to cover tuition and living expenses for the duration of the student's projected enrollment.
5. Complete an international student admissions packet.

***Official college transcripts and CLEP scores must be forwarded directly from the originating institution to the Mesalands Community College Registrar's Office for evaluation or delivered in an envelope sealed by the institution granting credit. All official transcripts must be received by the Mesalands Registrar's Office prior to the May 20th deadline for fall admission to the Nursing Program. It is the student's responsibility to verify his/her application is complete by the admission application deadline of May 20th for fall admission to the Nursing Program.**

General Requirements (upon program acceptance and at **student expense – prior to first day of class and ongoing while in the program)**

1. Computer literacy
2. Fingerprinting and background check (annually) **See instructions on last page of this document*

3. Drug screening (multiple and randomly, and each semester)
4. Complete physical examination, and current immunizations
5. Proof of health insurance
4. Student Malpractice Insurance (Must be paid annually) – see options below

<https://www.nso.com/malpractice-insurance/individuals/nursing-students>

<https://www.proliability.com/professional-liability-insurance/student-nurse.html>

<https://www.cmfgroup.com/student-professional-liability-insurance/nursing-student-insurance/registered-nurse-student-liability-insurance/>

<https://www.berxi.com/insurance/student-nurse/>

<https://www.hpsoc.com/Insurance-for-you/Students-recent-graduates>

General Requirements (upon program acceptance at no cost to the student – prior to first day of class)

Must attend mandatory Nursing Program Information Session and Orientation

Completion of Nursing Program Admission Eligibility Requirements

Initial admission eligibility is based on the following criteria:

1. Satisfactory completion of all pre-nursing requirements by the deadline for admission to the Nursing Program.
2. Satisfactory completion of admission application requirements by the deadline for admission to the Nursing Program.

Nursing Program Selective Admission Process

The Nursing Program utilizes selective admission criteria. Applications for admission to the Nursing Program will be accepted in the Nursing Program Office through _____ for admission to the Nursing Program. Only the admission applications completed by the deadline will be considered in the initial admission selection process.

Initial Admission Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated using the following Admission Application Scoring Tool

Admission Application Scoring Tool

Criterion	Relevant Data	Possible Score	Score																														
Application Received by Due Date	Application received on time record full score, if not record a zero	5																															
Complete Name/Contact Page	All requested information present and legible, if not score will be recorded as zero	4																															
Prerequisites: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Required Course</th> <th>Course Taken</th> <th>Credits</th> <th>Grade</th> <th>Score</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Comm</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Psych</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Science</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&P</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lifespan</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">A = 4 points; B = 3 points; C = 2 points</p>	Required Course	Course Taken	Credits	Grade	Score	Comm					Psych					Science					A&P					Lifespan					GPA must be 2.75 or higher Applicants GPA <u> 2.76 </u> *If GPA not 2.75 or higher total score will be recorded as zero* 3 Credits Communications 3 Credits Psychology 4 Credits Science 3-4 Credits Anatomy & Physiology 3 Credits Lifespan *If required credits not met total score will be recorded as zero*	20	
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Total Score Received																																	

Highest total available points: 45

The students with the highest-ranking scores are selected for admission to the Nursing Program until maximum enrollment has been reached. Class size is limited.

Each student will be notified by **email** of their admission selection to the Nursing Program.

Students must reply to the email and express acceptance or declination of admission. A deadline will be given. If a student does not respond with their intentions by the deadline, they forfeit their spot and a student will be selected from the remaining applicants.

Applications Not Selected in the Initial Admission Selection Process

Admission applications that met the admission eligibility requirements but were not selected before maximum enrollment was reached during the initial selection process will be returned to the applicant so that they can use it to reapply if they wish.

Subsequent Admissions to the Level I - semester of the Nursing Program

When admission space(s) become available in the Nursing Program after the initial selection process but prior to Mesalands Community College's last day to add or enroll for credit, the current prospective applicant pool is ranked and the students with the highest-ranking scores are selected for admission to the semester until the space(s) are filled.

Applications for Admission Completed After the Due Date

Completed admission applications received after the application deadline but prior to Mesalands last day to add or enroll for credit are placed in the prospective applicant pool. Late applicants will be placed as last priority on the application list in order by the date in which they are received. If a late applicant is not selected for the current fall semester, they will need to reapply during the next application cycle.

****Incomplete applications will not be considered in the admission selection process. ****

The Mesalands Community College Nursing Program reserves the right to deny consideration for admission to any admission application that does not meet the established Nursing Program admission application requirements.

Background Check Instructions

Cost is \$44.00 you can pay online or bring a money order to the fingerprinting location made out to Gemalto Cogent

Register

All

applicants must register prior to being fingerprinted. You must be fingerprinted within 90 days of registration.

Applicants

The applicant must register with Gemalto Cogent at www.aps.gemalto.com. Choose New Mexico and then click *Register Online for a Background Check*.

After registration is complete, the applicant will receive a **Registration ID Number**.

While online registration (www.aps.gemalto.com) is the preferred registration method, telephone registration is also available:
1-877-99NMAPS (1-877-996- 6277).

Fingerprinting

Fingerprint site:

Tucumcari Police Department
206 E Center St, Tucumcari, NM 88401

Appointments are not required.

Applicants may visit the fingerprinting location during the site's scheduled fingerprinting hours. Check the website for hours.

Bring your **Registration ID** and a valid **photo ID**.

If you are paying by money order, bring a money order made out to Gemalto Cogent.

Results

Background check results will be sent directly to the College.

Gemalto Cogent does not have access to background check results, or make employment determinations.