

FAQ's
Merit Nursing Admissions 2010 (May)

Q1. What is Merit Admissions?

A1. Merit Admissions is a process by which students who qualify for the Nursing program can apply for special consideration for priority admission with an earlier start date. Points are awarded on pre-set, published criteria. Students are ranked based on their total number of points. The top students by point total are then admitted based on the number of available slots.

Q2. Is Merit Admissions replacing the regular Nursing admissions process?

A2. No. Students who are accepted for a future term will start at that time. In addition, MTC will continue to admit on a first qualified, first accepted basis.

Q3. Who can apply for Merit Admissions?

A3. Applicants must qualify for Nursing before they are eligible to apply for Merit Admissions. You can apply to Merit Nursing Admissions if you meet ONE of the four criteria below and you have satisfactorily completed BIO 210 within five years of entry into NUR 101 (May 2010).

(1) SAT 1000 (minimum verbal 500, minimum math 500) within 3 years; or

(2) ACT Composite 20 (minimum verbal 20, minimum math 23) within 3 years; or

(3) Completion of the Pre-Nursing Certificate with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on the eight courses (AHS 102, NUR 115, BIO 210, BIO 211, MAT 102, PSY 201, ENG 101, and either COL 105, COL 103, or ENG 102), no grade lower than a "C" and no more than one repeat per course at any postsecondary institution; or

(4) Obtained a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited school with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at the time of the degree or obtained an associate degree from a regionally accredited school with a minimum GPA of 2.75.

Q4. I already have a future start date. Am I automatically considered for Merit Admissions?

A4. No. You have a confirmed start date. If you wish to be considered for Merit Admissions, you must submit a completed Merit Checklist to the Student Center (Airport Campus), Room 215 c/o Kim Lander or mail to Midlands Technical College, PO Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202, Attn: Admissions/Airport Campus. Completed Checklists must be received during October 1, 2009 and October 30, 2009 no later than 4:30 pm. *Checklists postmarked on or before October 30, 2009 will not be accepted if they arrive after October 30, 2009 at 4:30 pm.* All required documentation must be submitted with the Merit Checklist.
Only complete Merit Checklists will be processed.

Q5. I have not yet applied to the Nursing Program. How do I apply for Merit Admissions?

A5. First, apply and become accepted to Midlands Technical College and **qualify** for Nursing. Secondly, submit a completed Merit Checklist to the Student Center (Airport Campus), Room 215, c/o Kim Lander or mail to Midlands Technical College, PO Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202, Attn: Admissions/Airport Campus. Completed Merit Checklists must be received during October 1, 2009 and October 30, 2009. *Checklists postmarked on or*

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Q6. I'm waiting for my start date and don't think I'll qualify for Merit Admissions. Does this mean I can lose my place or get bumped down the waiting list?

A6. No. You will begin Nursing on the date you were given in the letter sent to you by admissions.

Q7. When/How will I know if I've been accepted?

A7. Letters indicating whether acceptance for Merit Admission has been met will be mailed by November 30, 2009.

Q8. If I am accepted under Merit Admissions, when will I start the Nursing program?

A8. You must be able to begin the Nursing program in May 2010.

Q9. Once admitted for Merit Admissions, will students admitted under Merit Admissions be treated any differently than those admitted under the usual Nursing admissions process?

A9. No. Once accepted, students accepted for Merit Admissions will be admitted to the class for which they apply. All Nursing students will be expected to uphold regular Nursing department standards.

Q10. What if I still have questions?

A10. You may submit questions on our website or contact the following people with additional questions **after reviewing all available information on Merit Nursing Admissions.**

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