

## MTC MERIT NURSING ADMISSIONS FAQ

### JANUARY 2022 CLINICAL START DATE

**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. Additionally, if you have ever earned a D, F or WF in any Nursing class, you are not eligible for Merit Admission.
- (1) SAT 500 EBRW (Evidence Based Reading and Writing) and 580 Math within 3 years; or
  - (2) ACT Composite 20 (minimum verbal 20, minimum math 24) within 3 years; or
  - (3) Completion of the Pre-Nursing Certificate with a cumulative minimum grade point average of 2.75 on the 8 courses, no grade lower than a "C," and no more than one repeat per course at Midlands Technical College or any post-secondary institution. Any "Withdrawal" received during the Spring 2018 semester or after will be counted as an attempt; OR
  - (4) Have an Associate's degree or higher with a 2.75 GPA or higher; while also transferring in, or placing into, college-level English and Math.

**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 checklist in either one of two ways:

- In person: Airport Campus Student Center, c/o Molly Shealy, 2nd floor Admissions
- By mail: Midlands Technical College, PO Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202, Attn: Airport Campus Admissions.

Completed checklists and required documentation must be received no earlier than **February 1, 2021** and **no later than February 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** *Checklists postmarked on or before February 26, 2021 will not be processed if they arrive after February 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm.*

**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 Airport Campus Student Center, 2nd floor Admissions, c/o Molly Shealy, Merit Admissions Coordinator or mail to Midlands Technical College, PO Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202, Attn: Admissions/Airport Campus.

Completed checklists and required documentation must be received **no earlier than February 1, 2021 and no later than February 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** *Checklists postmarked on or before February 26, 2021 will not be processed if they arrive after February 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm.* Checklists submitted without MTC transcripts and/or MTC transfer transcript summary will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

**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 acceptance or non-acceptance for Merit Admissions will be mailed on or before March 31, 2021.

**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 January 2022.

**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 available at [www.midlandstech.edu/nursing](http://www.midlandstech.edu/nursing).

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