Think NURSING at Muskegon Community College!
Registered Nurse
Is it the career path for me?

What do nurses do?
- Manage emergencies
- Identify health changes
- Monitor vital signs
- Collaborate with other health professionals
- Teach about health and wellness
- Listen to patient concerns
- Assure quality patient outcomes
- Promote community health
- Manage wounds
- Teach patients about medications and home care
- Anticipate home health risks
- Immunize against disease
- Participate in research
- ......and MORE...
Where Do Nurses Work?

- Hospitals
  - Emergency rooms
  - Delivery rooms
  - Pediatric units
  - Surgery
  - Dialysis units
  - X-ray
  - Intensive care units

- Homes
- Schools
- Community clinics
- Cruise ships
- Camps
- Airports
- Disasters
When do nurses work?

- 24/7
- 8-5
- 7a-7p
- 7a-3p
- Part-time, full-time
- Flexible shifts
  - 96 hours per month, get paid for 144 hour per month
- “On Call”
  - When you want to....
Who do nurses work with?
How long does it take to become a nurse?

- **Licensed Practical Nurse**
  - 1 year
- **Registered Nurse, Associate’s Degree**
  - 2 years
- **Registered Nurse, Baccalaureate Degree**
  - 4 years
- **Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwife, Nurse Anesthetist, or Nurse Educator**
  - 6 years
- **Nurse Researcher PhD or Doctor or Nursing Practice DNP**
  - 7+ years
What high school classes should I take?

- Sciences
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
- Math
  - Algebra
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Computer Science
- English
- Foreign Language
Admission to Nursing Programs

**Selective Admission**
- Once you meet entry level requirements you are ready to enter as soon as a space is available.
- No need to reapply - You will be admitted! 😊

**Competitive Admission**
- No waiting lists; students “compete” by GPA or other criteria for a limited number of openings. Those who are not selected must reapply.
Can I support myself?

- **Muskegon Michigan, March 2009**
- **LPN:** $40,000
  - Diploma
- **RN:** $60,000
  - Associate or Baccalaureate Degree
- **Advanced Practice RN:** $80,000 +
  - Master’s Degree
What is the Job Market?

- The national shortage of RNs is expected to be 400,000 by 2020
- Job openings are expected to grow 22 percent; some specialties as high as 50%
- One million new nurses will be needed by 2010
Do I have to wait to get in?

- Get started on General Education Courses
  - Biology 105, Biology 106, Biology 207
  - Chemistry, Math
  - Psychology 201, Anthropology 103, Philosophy 204
  - English 101, Communications 101
  - PEA 101A and PEA elective

- Apply for work in a health care agency

- Look for scholarships
Why choose nursing?

- Autonomy
- Consumer trust
- Flexible work schedule
- Variety of career options
  - Good pay
  - High demand
- A growing /changing field with emphasis on critical thinking and lifelong learning
- Opportunities for advancement in nursing practice, education and research
Why Choose Muskegon Community College Nursing Program?

- Reputation for a Quality Nursing Education
- Exceptional Licensure Pass Rates
- Experienced Full Time Faculty
- Affordable Cost
- Accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLNAC)
- Fully Approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing for over 25 years

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