



Associate Degree Nursing Program: Important Update for Fall 2019 Admission

MassBay Community College will suspend admission to our Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program for Fall of 2019. While this action will not impact students who are currently in the ADN program at MassBay, it will affect those who are in our General Studies Program and plan to submit a Selective Admissions Nursing Application to the College this year. This decision was not made lightly, and the information provided below will answer many of your questions and guide you through this transition.

Please do not hesitate to connect with your Academic Advisor. Advisors are prepared to speak with you, review your coursework and your goals, and assist you in working towards a plan that suits your educational needs. You may schedule an individual appointment by calling the Academic & Transfer Advising Center at 781-239-2775, or emailing nursingquestions@massbay.edu.

QUESTION: I was hoping to finish my pre-requisites this/or next semester and submit my selective admissions application to the MassBay ADN Program. Should I still do so? Can I still apply?

ANSWER: You may continue to take general education classes at MassBay, and apply to our Practical Nursing Certificate program or any of our other selective programs. We will not be accepting selective admissions applications to the ADN program for Fall 2019.

QUESTION: I am registered to take the HESI exam as part of the selective admissions application. Should I cancel my registration?

ANSWER: If you are considering Practical Nursing at MassBay, or if you are applying to another program that requires the HESI, you should go ahead and take the exam as planned. Otherwise, you may want to consider cancelling your registration.

QUESTION: If I have already taken the HESI exam, what should I do?

ANSWER: ADN HESI scores are valid for the MassBay Practical Nursing program, and may be valid for some other ADN programs.

QUESTION: I am still working on my prerequisites for the selective admissions ADN program. Should I continue taking these courses or change my major?

ANSWER: You may take general education classes at MassBay, and apply to Practical Nursing or any of our other selective health programs, but we will not be accepting selective admissions applications to the ADN program in Fall 2019. It is a good idea to meet with your Academic Advisor to discuss your options and to complete any change of major form that might be required.

QUESTION: Will the courses I took at MassBay transfer into another institution?

ANSWER: Every institution maintains its own policies regarding transfer credits. In general, other public colleges and universities in Massachusetts will award transfer credit as long as you have earned a C- or higher in the course. However, some nursing programs require higher grades in pre-requisite coursework, so it is possible that you will need to do some additional work in order to meet those requirements.

QUESTION: Are there any other health programs at MassBay I can consider?

ANSWER: Yes. MassBay has several other health programs for you to consider. Please visit our website at <https://www.massbay.edu/selective-admissions>. Program specific information sessions are offered regularly and you are welcome to visit with an Admissions Counselor or an Academic Advisor to review our other programs.

QUESTION: I really want to apply to a program that leads to Registered Nurse licensure for next fall. What should I do?

ANSWER: There are several other community colleges in the area that offer an ADN program. As you consider those programs, it will be important to understand their application deadlines, admissions requirements and wait list policies. Quinsigamond Community College, Roxbury Community College, Middlesex Community College and Bunker Hill Community College are a few of the community colleges in the area that have ADN programs. There is also a bachelor-level program at UMass Boston. You are encouraged to visit their web pages for more information.

QUESTION: What is the future of the ADN Program after 2019?

ANSWER: At this time, MassBay has suspended admission for Fall 2019 only. During the coming weeks the college will be working to determine how to best serve ADN nursing candidates in our service area. At this point in time we cannot predict when we will have more information about the future. In the meantime, we will continue to admit students to our Practical Nursing program and will focus on the progress of the current ADN students.

QUESTION: If I don't want to leave MassBay, what other programs can I pursue?

ANSWER: MassBay offers over 70 degree and certificate programs in Health Sciences, Education, Human Services, Legal Studies, Business, STEM, Automotive, and Humanities & Social Sciences. Please speak with an Admissions Counselor or Academic Advisor to learn about our many programs.

MassBay will hold several briefing sessions for students who might have additional questions or want more information about the college's decision to suspend admission to our ADN Program.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday, November 14, 2018	11:00am	Wellesley Campus, Library Conference Room B (second floor)
Wednesday, November 14, 2018	5:30pm	Framingham Campus, Room 204
Thursday, November 15, 2018	1:00pm	Framingham Campus, Room 322
Thursday, November 15, 2018	5:30pm	Wellesley Campus, Library Conference Room B (second floor)

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