MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

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Fitchburg, MA 01420
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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications should be on file no later than 3:00 pm on May 3, 2027
for consideration of the graduating Class of 2028.

We are under no obligation to accept or review applications received after the deadline.

ADMISSIONS EXAM

Arrangements to schedule the Entrance Exam are made by registering online at www.atitesting.com and selecting the link "Exam Registration" or by calling 1-800-667-7531.
As of May 2026, there is a $107 (non-refundable) exam fee to be paid at the time of registration for in-person testing.

For the Class of 2028, the exam ***must*** be taken August 1, 2026 – May 3, 2027.
The exam can be taken in-person at any testing site or online.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

TEN (10) MONTHS / 41 SEQUENTIAL WEEKS
Divided into three 10-week terms and one 11-week term August-June

PROGRAM HOURS

Monty Tech Practical Nursing program provides a minimum of 1210 hours of instruction clock hours during its 41-week sequential academic year. Monday through Friday (evenings)
3:30pm-10:00pm until clinical practice starts in Term I; then Monday through Thursday (evenings) and every other weekend (days) first shift.

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is committed to providing students with a quality education. Graduates will receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and will be prepared to apply and take the National Council Licensing Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN).

AFFILIATING HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Clinical Practice is a strong component of this program and is correlated as part of the course content. Practice is planned in clinics, sub-acute care, and long-term care facilities. Students must provide their own transportation to and from clinical practice agencies.

APPROVALS and ACCREDITATIONS

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing Program has full approval from:

Department of Public Health
Bureau of Health Professions Licensure
Board of Registration in Nursing
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108-4619
Phone: 617-624-6000
Web: http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn
Blog: http://publichealth.blog.state.ma.us
Email: nursing.admin@state.ma.us

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing Program is accredited by:

Council on Occupational Education (COE)
7840 Roswell Road
Building 300, Suite 325
Atlanta, GA 30350
800-917-2081
www.council.org

Effective November 11, 2024, this nursing program is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires on November 11, 2026.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000
https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs?status=Candidate

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely, ethically and in a caring manner for clients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings. This mission is consistent with the philosophy and goals of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School that:

- Identifies a strong relationship between academic and vocational preparation.
- Stresses the importance of developing thinking skills needed to function safely, effectively, and productively in an ever changing technical and diverse society.
- Supports the maintenance of a positive and caring learning and practice environment.

Practical Nursing Philosophy, Regulation, Scope of Practical Nursing Practice and Program Outcomes.

The *Scope of Practice* for the practical nurse graduating from our program is defined by the laws of Massachusetts as is expressed in the Massachusetts Nurse Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

Guided by Dr. Jean Watson's ***Theory of Interpersonal Caring***, the program outcomes in the curriculum of the Practical Nursing Program at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School specifically address the following components of practical nursing care:

- **Patient and Family Centered Care:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will provide holistic care that recognizes an individual's and family's preferences, values and needs, while respecting the patient or designee as a full partner in providing compassionate, coordinated, age and culturally appropriate safe, effective care.

- **Professionalism:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will demonstrate accountability for the delivery of standard-based nursing care that is consistent with moral, altruistic, legal, ethical, regulatory and humanistic principles.

- **Leadership**: The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will influence the behavior of individuals or groups of individuals in a way that will facilitate the achievement of shared goals.

- **Systems-based Practice**: The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context of the health care system and will demonstrate the ability to effectively call on microsystem resources to provide care that is optimal quality and value.

- **Informatics and Technology**: The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will use information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making.

- **Communication**: The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will interact effectively with patients, families, and colleagues, fostering mutual respect and shared decision making, to enhance client satisfaction and health outcomes.

- **Teamwork and Collaboration:** The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will function effectively within nursing and the interdisciplinary health care teams, fostering open communication, mutual respect, shared decision making, team learning and development. (adapted for QSEN 2007)

- **Safety**: The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will minimize risk of harm to patients and providers through both system effectiveness and individual performance. (QSEN 2007)

- **Quality Improvement**: The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future collects data to monitor the outcomes of care and uses data to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care systems.

- **Evidence-based Practice**: The Licensed Practical Nurse of the Future will identify the value of using the best current evidence coupled with the clinical expertise and consideration of patient preferences, experience, and values to make practice decisions.

EXEMPTION FOR COMPLETED COURSEWORK

If the student has completed coursework previously in this program or from other academic institutions comparable to that required in the Practical Nursing program, the student may request an exemption from completed coursework. The coursework must be completed within three (3) years of request for exemption. Requests can be honored for certain science and psychology content and/or nursing content.

Adjustments to tuition will be made as a result of exemption.

The exemption process requires that the student submits a Course Exemption Form (available on our website) to the Director of the Practical Nursing program. *This request must be presented at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time that the content is scheduled to be presented in the program and accompanied by:*

a) An official sealed transcript of work completed. A grade of 'C+' or better *must* have been attained in the course.
b) A course outline or description detailing the content of the coursework.
c) The number of credit hours for the course or content previously completed. Hours must meet or exceed those required by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing program.

The Director of the Practical Nursing Program will conduct a review of the requested program content exemption, and a decision will be returned in advance of the course content presentation. The decision will be one of the following:

a) Exemption not approved.
b) Exemption granted with recommendation to audit class content.
c) Exemption granted with testing required for military (must attain a grade of 77% or better).

ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

Enrollment to the Practical Nursing Program is competitive and a maximum of 48 students fill a class. A letter of acceptance, non-acceptance, or waitlisted will be sent to those who completed the admission process for the program.

ORIENTATION

An orientation will be held for all accepted students in June 2027. During orientation, information about book ordering will be provided, uniform fittings will take place, and pictures will be taken for identification badges. A review of the curriculum sequence will be discussed and the projected calendar for the school year will be distributed.
***Attendance at this meeting is mandatory**.