Frequently Asked Questions for Allied Health Programs at the MEC

1. How can I get information on the Allied Health programs at the Medical Education Campus?

The first step to apply to any Allied Health program is to attend an Information Session. The Information Session will give you all the details about the program, including the pre-admission requirements and how to apply. Some programs have online Information Sessions that you can complete online at any time while other programs may require attendance at an in-person session. Information Sessions may be updated annually. A list of Information Sessions can be obtained at http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/sessions.html.

2. I already have taken some classes at another college and/or have a previous college degree. How can I find out if these courses will apply to the Allied Health program I want to attend?

You will need to submit official transcripts for evaluation and complete the online Request for Evaluation of Transcript form found at https://dashboard.nvcc.edu/Default.aspx to find out if your previous courses will transfer to NOVA. Official transcripts should be submitted to: MEC Student Services, Room 202, 6699 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield VA 22150. Transcript evaluation with transcript request form can take 6-8 weeks so submit your transcripts and transcript request form as EARLY as possible.

For programs with minimum grade requirements, students must have the specified grade requirement to be eligible for admission. General Education requirements are automatically met by having a Masters, Bachelors, Associate of Arts, or Associate of Science degree from an accredited U.S. institution. General education requirements are not automatically met by having an Associate of Applied Science degree, or an international degree from outside the United States, but students may submit official transcripts for evaluation to see if individual courses may transfer.

A prior college degree will not automatically waive English, Math, Science, and Computer courses that may be required by a specific Allied Health program. These courses must be taken or the equivalent courses transferred in from an accredited U.S. institution, and must meet the specified grade requirement for the desired program. Science courses must be within 10 years to be accepted. For more information on transferring courses, please see the credit for prior learning website at http://www.nvcc.edu/prior-learning/index.html.

3. I already took an English or Math course at another school. Do I still have to take the English or Math placement test?

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4. I took SDV 100 or another SDV course. Do I still have to take SDV 101?

No, you do not have to take SDV 101 if you have already completed another SDV course.

5. I am currently enrolled in a pre-requisite course but it will not be finished until after the program deadline. Can I still turn in an application if I provide proof that I am doing well in the course?

No, you may NOT submit an application to the program until all prerequisites are completed and a final grade and all applicable transfer credit is posted. If you submit an application while you are still enrolled in a prerequisite course or before any external transcripts have been evaluated, it will not be accepted. **There are NO exceptions to this requirement.**

6. I missed the deadline to submit my application. Is there anything else I can be doing while I’m waiting to apply to the next session?

If you have not already done so, you may complete any of the general education courses while you are waiting to apply. You may also retake any pre-requisite courses to obtain a better grade to make yourself more competitive and increase your chance of being accepted to your desired program.

7. Can the Allied Health programs be completed on a part-time basis?

Most of the Allied Health programs (with the exception of Health Information Management) are full-time programs, and students must take all the courses as listed in the curriculum each semester.

8. Can I work full-time and still attend the program?

The Allied Health programs are intensive, and it is highly recommended that students work no more than 20 hours while attending the program. Any work schedules that students have must be arranged around the designated days and times for the lectures, labs, and clinicals for the program.

9. I did my high school and/or college outside of the United States. How can I get credit for the courses I took in my home country?

If your high school or college was completed outside of the United States, you MUST have your transcripts evaluated COURSE-BY-COURSE by an international evaluation service. Please contact MEC Student Services for a list of approved agencies. You will also need to complete the online Request for Evaluation of Transcript form found at [https://dashboard.nvcc.edu/Default.aspx](https://dashboard.nvcc.edu/Default.aspx). Official transcript evaluations should be sent to MEC Student Services, Room 202, 6699 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield VA 22150. **Transcript evaluation with transcript request can take 6-8 weeks to complete so submit your transcript evaluation with the transcript request form as EARLY as possible.**

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10. I’m an international/out-of-state student. Can I apply to the Allied Health programs?

Any students who have met the required pre-requisites may apply to the Allied Health programs, but international and out-of-state students should note the following priority admission policy:

Students are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis, except in restricted programs or when enrollment must be limited. In such cases, priority will be given in the following order:

1) Legal residents domiciled in the cities and counties supporting the College
2) Other Virginia legal residents
3) Out-of-state applicants
4) International students requiring Form I-20

For certain Nursing/Allied Health programs, “counties supporting the College” may include those in which clinical affiliates have contractual agreements with NOVA.

11. How much does the program cost?

Current tuition costs for NOVA can be found [http://www.nvcc.edu/tuition/index.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/tuition/index.html). Students can use the current tuition rate and multiply this by the number of required credits for their desired program to find an approximate cost of the program. Program curriculums are available in the current college catalog at [http://www.nvcc.edu/curcatalog/](http://www.nvcc.edu/curcatalog/). Tuition rates are subject to change. Additional fees are required for textbooks, uniforms and program patches, any required lab or clinical equipment, and any applicable licensure application or testing fees.

12. Will I be assigned an advisor who will help me once I get into my program?

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor after being accepted to their program. Academic advisors are available in Student Services in Room 202 at the Medical Education Campus for students who need advising while completing their pre-requisites for their desired program.

13. How will I know if I have been accepted to the program?

Each Allied Health department will review all the applications received and will send letters to all applicants notifying them of their acceptance status.

14. Do I have to get my physical completed before I apply to the program?

Students should wait to get the physical completed after they have been accepted by the department to their desired program. Only accepted applicants will receive instructions on how and when to obtain the physical.

15. Who can I talk to if I have additional questions about the Allied Health programs?

After you have completed/attended an Information Session, you may visit the Medical Education Campus and talk to an advisor in Student Services located in Room 202 during open business hours. Advisors can provide assistance with course selection, transcript evaluation, or questions about the Allied Health programs and admission process.

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