OPENING THE DOOR TO

A CAREER IN NURSING
Are you interested in a career in nursing?

Nurses help people in many different ways and in many different settings. In pediatrics, critical care, geriatrics and many other specialties, nurses practice in a variety of places including hospitals, clinics, offices, schools, the military and health departments.

In addition to practice, nurses influence health care as clinical researchers, teachers, administrators, and in many other roles. As a nurse, you can make a real difference in the lives of people in your city, state, country - or anywhere in the world.

Today nurses have more opportunities than ever before. And so can you.
“Participating in the ACCESS program has been one of the best decisions that I could have made in my life, as it has helped me in a tremendous way. From the beginning, I realized that I was given the opportunity to have a family away from home. My transition was smoother than I would have expected because of the tutoring resources, financial support, student peers, and personal advising. It was easier to adjust because of the accessibility to faculty mentors and the various resources that serve as a support system.

This program truly helps students excel academically, financially, socially, and personally. With sincere empathy and the desire to care for others in need, I am poised to help make a difference in the healthcare profession. Thanks to the help of faculty, tutors, and my colleagues participating in the ACCESS program, I am taking the academic steps necessary to develop into that great nurse that I aspire to be.”

—Tia Sharp, College of Nursing
ACCESS student, Class of 2014
A program to help you succeed: ACCESS
(Achieving Culturally Competent Education and Student Success)

Preparing for a career in nursing requires a strong commitment to your academic studies in high school and in college. The MSU College of Nursing developed the ACCESS Program to help motivated students like you prepare academically by providing financial and educational support to help you earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and to help you pass the licensing exam to become a registered nurse.

The ACCESS Program

If you are admitted to MSU as a pre-nursing student and qualify* for the ACCESS Program, you will be eligible for the following resources and support:

- Participation in a summer “transition to college” program
- Biweekly networking and academic support enrichment sessions
- Tutoring for prerequisite and nursing courses
- Eligibility for stipends
- Enrollment in the nursing program**
- Assessment and preparation for the NCLEX-RN exam
Want to learn more about the nursing profession?

The MSU College of Nursing can work with your school to help you and other interested students learn more about the nursing profession and the CON ACCESS Program. Please contact us at (517)432-1720 for additional information.

*Students who are admitted to MSU to the pre-nursing major who are determined to be individuals from a disadvantaged background (economically or educationally disadvantaged) are eligible to apply to the ACCESS Program.

**Students are eligible to enroll in the nursing program if they are admitted to the ACCESS Program, participate fully in ACCESS Program activities, complete the requirements for admission to the nursing major as identified in the MSU Academic Program catalog and complete immunizations, pass a criminal background check, pass a drug screen and comply with other standards required of all nursing students by the College and/or clinical partners prior to enrollment in the clinical nursing courses.

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“Funding support from ACCESS program impacted my decision to enter into the nursing profession and allowed me to experience the collegiate environment. The program gave me hope that I can make a difference through my college education and in the nursing profession. I am a first-generation college student who comes from a low-income family. I was always told I would never go to college, and now, thanks to the ACCESS program at MSU, I am a student who is making a difference. When I graduate, I plan to practice in a rural area serving Latino populations, and intend to pursue a graduate degree in nursing.”

—Ronald Harris, College of Nursing pre-nursing ACCESS student, Class of 2015