



NON-SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

LVN to RN- TRANSITION NURSING

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Applicants must satisfy all Specialized Admissions criteria to include, General Requirements, minimum ATI TEAS composite scores, Mandatory courses and Pre-Program Specifics to qualify for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 placement.

QUALIFYING EXAM: ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam, must be taken for entrance into the LVN-RN Program. The exam will be available in the Testing Center. See nursing counselor. for details.

GUIDED PATHWAYS PROGRAM



Guided Pathways provides additional information regarding salary projections, employment opportunities, licensure requirements and Educational milestones. **WEB LINK:** www.epcc.edu>>Catalog/Schedules>>Degrees and Certificates>>**Category:** Health Sciences>>AAS-LVNRN Program Map

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy all criteria in order to be eligible for consideration and advanced placement. The following is required of all applicants:

- **Must have a proof of current Vocational or Practical Nurse license.**
- Applicants must be fully accepted by EPCC as an academic credit student
- **Must successfully complete ATI TEAS Assessment - The Test of Essential Skills**
- **Must successfully complete ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam**
- All Academic and Specialized courses listed on the degree plan must be completed with a “C” or better
- **Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required**
- Submit all previous college/university transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required) **prior to placement.**
- **Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Submit official transcripts to: El Paso Community College Admissions Office, P. O. Box 20500, El Paso, Texas 79998**

ASSESSMENT SCORES

Below is the minimum ATI TEAS composite score for qualification and ranking into the Nursing programs. Official scores are **valid for two years** and **only the most recent composite scores** will be used for qualification and placement. There is a **21 day** waiting period for re-testing with a maximum of **(4) four** attempts. Re-testing **prior** to the 21-day period will **invalidate** your ATI TEAS scores for EPCC Nursing qualification and ranking.

- If you are seeking placement for Fall 2018 entry **Or**

for Spring 2019 entry you will take the ATI TEAS assessment.

You can purchase the ATI TEAS Assessment Study Guide at:
www.atitesting.com

ATI-TEAS Assessment

- Minimum Composite score-57%
- Composite score must be met as result of testing in all four subject areas in one sitting
- Official scores must contain all four (4) subject areas (English and Language Usage, Math, Reading, and Science).
- The ATI TEAS exam must be taken for Advanced Placement into the LVN-RN program
- ATI TEAS scores are valid for 2 years
- Contact a Nursing Counselor for testing and re-testing guidelines

Note: TEAS V composite scores were last admitted August 2016 and valid until August 2018

A second qualifying exam is required. The **ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam**. The **ATI Predictor exam** must be taken for placement and qualification into the LVN-RN Program.

- **ATI Predictor exam must:**
 - **be taken upon application for Advanced placement**
 - **be within four (4) months of qualification for LVN-RN program; scores taken prior to four months will not be valid**
 - **have a passing score of 90% or above.**
- Official Scores are **valid for two years** from most recent testing.
- **21-day** waiting period for re-testing with a maximum of **(2) two** attempts; after two attempts must wait 6 months before retesting
- Re-testing **prior** to the 21-day period will **invalidate** your scores for qualification and placement.
- Only the most recent scores will be used for placement

You can purchase a VN/PN Review Course from the NCSBN website. The NCSBN Review for the NCLEX – PN Exam will help you prepare for the ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam. **NCSBN website:** <https://www.ncsbn.org/4762.htm>

MANDATORY COURSES

Mandatory Courses are those courses that a student must have successfully completed prior to advanced placement. Applicants who do not satisfactorily complete mandatory course work will not be eligible to be accepted as an Advanced Placement Student, (Non- traditional student), for the Nursing program.

- **BIOL 2401** Anatomy and Physiology I -(NOTE: BIOL 1306 and BIOL 1106 are a pre-requisite for BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402; prerequisite can be met through course completion or Biology placement exam)
- **BIOL 2402** Anatomy and Physiology II
- **RNSG 1301** Pharmacology
- **PSYC 2314** Human Growth and Development
- **MATH 1324** Introductory Mathematics for Business and Social Science **OR MATH 1314** Pre-Calculus I College Algebra and Geometry **OR MATH 1342**-Fundamentals of Statistics

For qualification, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, and RNSG 1301 have a ten (10) year limit. All mandatory courses must be successfully completed with a minimum grade of "C" or better to qualify for advanced placement. **You may repeat a course, however only the MOST RECENT grades will be considered for ranking.**

OTHER DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

Check 2018-2019 El Paso Community College Catalog for prerequisites.

- **ENGL 1301** Expository English Composition
- **3 HOURS** **HUMANITIES ELECTIVE (select 1):** ENGL 2322, ENGL 2323 ENGL 2332, ENGL 2333, ENGL 2342, ENGL 2343, ENGL 2351, PHIL 1301, PHIL 2306, HIST 2321, HIST 2322
- **1 HOUR** **OPEN ELECTIVE**

RNSG 1115- Health Assessment must be completed prior to admission as an Advanced Placement student into the LVN-RN Transition program.

Background check and substance abuse screening are Post Specialized Admissions Requirements; see page 4 for additional information.

PROCESSING OF PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Pre- Program Specific Requirements must be completed at least one week prior to advanced placement. Normal processing can take place in a few days or a few weeks depending on document type and individual circumstances. If documents have been received, but not processed, a student will be coded as ineligible for that placement because sufficient time was not given for validating and processing the information. It is ultimately the APPLICANT'S **RESPONSIBILITY** to submit all required documentation to allow for normal processing and **VERIFY** that all documents are coded in our banner system.

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for specialized programs must also meet all Pre-Program Specific requirements prior to qualifying for advanced placement. Everything must be current through the complete academic semester or Summer you want to register. The following is required for all applicants:

- **CURRENT CPR CERTIFICATE**- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider
- Current LVN Licensure in lieu of **FIRST AID CERTIFICATION**
- **IMMUNIZATIONS AND TITERS – Immunizations and Blood titers must be completed prior to placement. Immunizations MUST be started now if you are selecting nursing.** Immunizations include: **Hepatitis B** series, **MMR**, **Tdap**, **Varicella**, **Influenza**, **Meningitis**, or as directed by DSHS
 - **POSITIVE TITER** required for Hepatitis B; if negative, repeat immunization series or Twinrix series and Repeat titer (ask your Healthcare provider for information)
 - **POSITIVE TITER** required for Measles; **POSITIVE TITER** required for Mumps; **POSITIVE TITER** required for Rubella, (MMR) (If any negative, series must be repeated)
 - **POSITIVE TITER** required for Varicella: (if Negative, series must be repeated)
 - **Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)** or as directed by DSHS-(Expires after 10 years)
 - **Influenza** is required for **October placement but not for June placement**; renew every year
 - **Meningitis** may be required-(Good for 5 years) (required by college, check with registrar's office)
 - **See Nursing Lab Supervisor or Nursing Counselor for Complete information**
- **PHYSICAL EXAM** completed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant licensed in the USA-valid for 6 months for ranking qualification
- **PHYSICAL TECHNICAL STANDARD form (completed)** -form obtained through Nursing Counselor or Nursing Lab Supervisor

NOTE: After a vaccination is administered, you must wait 4-6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER.

Program Specific materials should be turned in and documented as soon as completed to:
Nursing Lab Supervisor, RG Campus, 1001 El Paso St., Health Science Bldg., Room H221 Phone: 831-4010

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Program Begins** - Fall and Spring;
- **Maximum Students Admitted:** 20 students (unless otherwise noted)
- **Must be currently employed as a Licensed Vocational or Practical Nurse**
- Students must have a minimum of **6 months' full time work experience or 1-year part time work experience** as Licensed Vocational or Practical Nurse prior to consideration for acceptance into the program.
- Submit a letter from current employer documenting work experience
- Students must have successfully completed all required courses on the degree in order to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in LVN-RN Transition Nursing.
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with ATI standardized testing.
- The Nursing Program allows a student 3 years to complete the AAS Degree in Nursing after official enrollment in the first Nursing course.

PLACEMENT INTO PROGRAM

- Students who have previously completed a vocational nursing program, and are a Licensed Vocational or Practical Nurse will be able to transfer their vocational nursing courses to this program under the Texas Nursing Articulation Plan. Students will receive credit for their first two semesters of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing.
- Placement into the program will be based on cumulative GPA, of all mandatory courses completed; BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, RNSG 1301, PSYC 2314 and MATH 1324 or higher level Math.
- **RNSG 1115- Health Assessment must be completed prior to admission as an Advanced Placement student into LVN-RN Transition Nursing Program.**

POST SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for the following requirements AFTER accepting a seat in the program.

- PROGRAM ORIENTATION (face to face mandatory)
- COMMUNITY WIDE ORIENTATION-<http://www.epcc.edu> > Online Resources > Community Wide Orientation - (Renew every year)
- HIPAA TRAINING - -<http://www.epcc.edu> > Online Resources > HIPAA Access Online -(Renew every year)
- Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies required for lab; and Liability Insurance required for clinicals.
- Tuberculosis – **NEW! Two PPD's to be completed after ranking.** After initial immunization, second one must be completed within 7-21 days later. If before 7 days or after 21 days, must start series again. Timing is critical. After initial double PPD, it is to be done annually) or Chest x-ray (as needed) (or as requested by clinical facilities)
- **TWO BACKGROUND CHECKS** will be completed by each student. 1st – Upon qualification and placement into the program the student is required to complete a background check through the American Data Bank-www.elpasoex.com. 2nd - Upon accepting seat into the program, your name is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). **Fingerprinting with a background check from FBI** is required by the BON for licensure requirements and must be completed prior to the end of the first semester of the program. A positive background checks by American Data Bank or the BON may prevent students from entering/staying in the program. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas or health care facilities until cleared. (Background check questions can be directed to the Dean of Nursing at 831-4529.) **Students who fail to obtain clearance may be prohibited from admission or enrollment in specified programs/courses.**
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING-www.elpasoex.com** - American Data Bank - www.elpasoex.com. Students who cannot participate in clinical rotations due to adverse activities revealed through substance abuse testing cannot complete course or program requirements. **Students who fail to obtain clearance may be prohibited from admission or enrollment in specified program/course for a period of one-year**

Further information; contact the Nursing Lab Supervisor, a Nursing Counselor, or the Nursing Program Coordinator.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDITS

NOTE: All students entering from LVN to RN Transition program courses in the 1st semester must meet advanced placement requirements. LVN to RN Transitioning students will receive credit for the following courses after Advanced Placement (Non-Traditional student) requirements are met.

RNSG	1208	Dosage Calculations for Nursing
RNSG	1260	Clinical- Registered Nursing / Registered Nurse
RNSG	1413	Foundations for Nursing Practice
RNSG	1441	Common Concepts of Adult Health
RNSG	1261	Clinical- Registered Nursing / Registered Nurse
RNSG	2213	Mental Health Nursing
RNSG	2260	Clinical- Registered Nursing / Registered Nurse

NURSING (CLINICAL) COURSES

NOTE: You must be formally admitted into the Associate Degree Nursing Program as a LVN to RN Transition Nursing student in order to enroll in these courses:

1 st	RNSG	1144	Nursing Skills II
	RNSG	1347	Concepts of Clinical Decision-Making
	RNSG	1262	Clinical- Registered Nursing/ Registered Nurse
2 nd	RNSG	1327	Transition to Professional Nursing
	RNSG	1343	Complex Concepts of Adult Health
	RNSG	2162	Clinical- Registered Nursing / Registered Nurse
	RNSG	2130	Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation
	RNSG	2221	Professional Nursing: Leadership and Management
	RNSG	2261	Clinical- Registered Nursing / Registered Nurse

This document is for informational purpose only and is not to be construed as a binding offer or contract between the College and the student. This document was revised April 25, 2018 and is subject to change without prior notice. This document is intended to be used with the College Catalog, which provides complete information on courses as well as College regulations and procedures.

The A.A.S. in the Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and the Texas Board of Nursing. The Associate of Applied Science Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing. Addresses are located in the current catalog.