Welcome to the Health Careers Orientation

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Specialized Admissions Orientation Objective

Information will be provided regarding the Specialized Admissions procedure and ranking process.

- Student seeking admissions into a Health Program must see Designated Program Counselor.
Non-Specialized Admissions
Health Careers

Border Health Issues
Emergency Medical Services
Health Information Technology-Medical Transcription

*These programs are non-competitive.
Specialized Admissions
Health Careers

Dental Assisting
Dental Hygiene
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Health Information Technology
Health Information Technology-Medical Coding
Medical Assisting Technology
Medical Laboratory Technology

Nursing
Pharmacy Technology
Physical Therapist Assistant
Radiation Therapy Technology
Radiologic Technology
Respiratory Care Technology
Surgical Technology
Vocational Nursing
Most of these programs have specialized admissions requirements in addition to the College’s standard admissions process.

Some of these requirements are mandated by state or federal legislation. Others are based on the standards set by accrediting agencies.

If you have a disability that requires special assistance, your counselor will work with our faculty and the Center for Students with Disabilities to meet your needs.
The admission criteria will be applied in accordance with the catalog at the time of entrance to the program.

The admission process requires the student to satisfy all general requirements and pre-program specific requirements to include any mandatory course work.
A student’s primary major will be declared as an Associate of Arts or Non-specialized Health Major until the student officially accepts their seat.

Students may apply to up two secondary Health Careers choices.
General Requirements for Ranking

Applicants must:

a. Be accepted as an El Paso Community College academic credit student.

b. Complete a mandatory Health Careers Orientation session in person or online.

c. Pay a $10.00 one time, non refundable fee at Cashier’s window and turn in the Specialized Admissions Application to the Valle Verde Campus Admissions/Registration Enrollment Service Center.

d. Minimal EPCC cumulative GPA as set by program.
General Requirements for Ranking Consideration

Request official, final transcripts, from all institutions to include high school or GED scores, and all prior colleges/universities.

It is the student responsibility to assure that official transcripts from high school or GED scores, and all prior colleges/universities are received and logged into banner. (Transliteration of all foreign coursework required).
General Requirements for Ranking Consideration

Submit all official transcripts directly to EPCC Admissions Office, P.O. Box 20500, El Paso, Texas 79998.

Demonstrate minimum competency levels on the assessment test.

A minimum grade of “C” or higher is required in ALL academic courses in degree plan.
Complete any course prerequisites as indicated in the degree plan and course description.

Work closely with your designated health career counselor as you progress through qualification for ranking.
Course Repetition

“Effective Fall 2011, based on new federal financial aid regulations, students are not allowed to repeat previously passed courses more than once.”

Students should meet with a counselor to determine how a repeat course (s) may impact his/her academic, prerequisite, specialized admissions or transferability of courses.
ASSESSMENT TESTING

Test competency levels will be determined by each program.

Subject areas tested are:

- Reading Skills
- Math Skills
- Writing Skills
- Science Skills

* For ranking purposes individual or composite scores may be utilized by program.
All Specialized Admissions require testing in subject areas. Contact counselor for program specifics.

Test scores are valid for Five years for ranking purposes. Only the most recent test scores will be used for qualification and ranking.

* Teas Version V Test Scores are valid for 2 yrs. only.
Pre-Program Specific documents should be submitted to the designated contact person identified on the Program Information Guide.
Program Specific Requirements

Current CPR Certification;

American Heart Association
860 Health Care Provider Level

College Course and Continuing Education
call (915) 931-4116 for more information.
Program Specific Requirements

- **First Aid certification**
  - American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
  - National Safety Council

This requirement can be satisfied by:

- College Course – 16 weeks: KINE 1306 - First Aid and Safety
- Continuing Education course – 8 hour course, call 831-4116 for more information.
Program Specific Requirements

Immunizations

- Hepatitis B vaccination series of 3 (4-6 months to complete and TITER, or Twinrix – Hepatitis A & B, series of four shots, Days: #0, #7, #21, & 365 (booster) and TITER
- 2 - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR) and TITER.
- 2 - Varicella Vaccinations and TITER.
  (Note: After a vaccination is administered, you must wait 4 to 6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER, negative TITERS will require re-vaccination).
- Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) expires after 10 years
- Influenza may be required (renew every year)
- Meningitis may be required (good for 5 years), TB Vaccine also required.
Program Specific Requirements

- **Physical Exam** by an American licensed Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant
- **Physical Technical Standard** form completed
- **Program Orientation**
- **HIPAA Training** (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) – online
- **Community Wide Orientation** - online
Program Specific Requirements

- Professional Practice Insurance fee $8.50 - $35.00 included in tuition and fees - EMS program fee is higher

- Specialized equipment, uniform and lab supplies required

- Criminal background clearance(s)

- Second clearance designated by program (if applicable)

- Substance Abuse Screening
  Website: [http://www.elpasoex.com/](http://www.elpasoex.com/)

NOTE: These requirements are Pre/Post Program Specific Requirements and will vary by program. Refer to Program Guide. Student must see Designated Program Counselor to review pre/post requirements.
Program Specific Requirements

Criminal Background Clearance

The Joint Commission which accredits healthcare facilities across the country, enforced background screening in September 2004. Students in a healthcare field must now complete the same background check as hospital employees.

Your Criminal Background(s) and results of your Substance Abuse Screening will be sent directly to the Dean/Director of your program.
Criminal Background Clearance

There are two levels of Criminal Background Clearance:

- Level 1 includes all students
- Level 2 is specifically for students who are already licensed or certified in any area

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Mandatory Course Work

Mandatory courses (if required) must be successfully completed prior to ranking.

Mandatory courses require a “C” or higher in order to qualify for ranking and entry into your program.

Applicants who do not successfully complete mandatory course work will not be eligible for ranking.
Mandatory Course Work

Example of mandatory courses in the Respiratory Care Technology (RSPT) program

▲ BIOL  2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
▲ CHEM  1407 Health Science Chemistry
▲ MATH  1332 College Mathematics

Note: Mandatory course requirements will vary by program.
Ranking Courses Work

Ranking courses are courses within the degree plan in which performance most reliably predicts future ability to perform successfully in the program.

It is highly recommended that all ranking courses be completed prior to ranking to be competitive.

Ranking Courses cannot be substituted.

* (See Designated Program Counselor)
Ranking Course Work

Ranking courses:
Are identified by Health Careers Coordinators
Are courses within the degree plan that establish the ranking score.
Require a grade of “C” or higher
Cannot be substituted

Note: Ranking courses will vary by program.
(Student must see Designated Program Counselor)
Example of Ranking courses in the Respiratory Care Technology (RSPT) program

▲ BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
▲ CHEM 1407 Health Science Chemistry I
▲ RSPT 2317 Respiratory Care Pharmacology
Once the specialized admissions process has been satisfied, the student will be in the ranking pool based on their individual performance of the required Assessment Test and GPA of program specific ranking courses.
## Ranking Process

### All Specialized Admissions Programs

60% of points come from GPA of Ranking Courses which equals 720 maximum points.

Testing Assessment

40% of points come from the Assessment scores which equals 480 maximum points

100% = 1200 points is the maximum possible ranking score

### Nursing/Vocational Nurse Programs

60% of points come from GPA of Ranking Courses which equals 720 maximum points.

Testing Assessment (TEAS Version V)

40% of points come from the Assessment scores which equals 480 maximum points.
Emphasis on calculating fact 60% = 720.

Sixty percent (60%) of the ranking score is based upon performance (grades) in selected ranking courses.

The most recent EPCC grade will be calculated for ranking.

To determine the Factor for course work, divide 720 by the product of Max GPA and Max Ranking Course hours.

Factor for course work = \( \frac{720}{\text{Max GPA} \times \text{Max Ranking Course hours}} \)

Example: \( \frac{720}{(4.0 \times 11)} = 16.363636 = \text{Factor} \)

* This varies by program
Calculating the Course Ranking Score

\[(\text{Ranking G.P.A}) \times (\text{Successfully Ranking Credit Hours Completed}) \times (\text{Factor}) = \text{Course Ranking Score}\]

Example: \((3.09) \times (11) \times (16.36) = 556.07\)

* This varies by program.
Ranking Process
Part III

Calculating the Test Ranking Score

Required Test Ranking Score: 40% = 480 points

40% of the total ranking score is based on the most recent scores in reading, writing, and math.

Each test will have a different factor

Factor for test area = (maximum total points x percentage)/maximum raw score.

Example: \((1200 \times 15\%)/390 = 0.461538\)

* All ranking calculations vary by program, subject to change!
Once applicants satisfy all Specialized Admissions requirements, including General Admissions requirements, Program Specific requirements, Mandatory course work, Minimum passing scores in the required assessment test.

Applicant will be placed in a qualified pool to be automatically ranked based upon individual performance in the required assessment scores and GPA of the program specifics Ranking Course.
Applicants are responsible for:

Verifying official, final transcripts, from all institutions to include high school or GED scores and all prior colleges/universities.

Maintaining compliance regarding changing requirements.

Verifying official GED or High School transcripts are received and logged into Banner.
Applicants responsibility cont.

Adhering to deadlines and/or ranking dates.

Confirming that all documentation is received and logged into Banner.

Submitting all required documentation prior to ranking date.
Applicants Be Aware That:

Normal processing may take a few days or months depending on document and individual circumstances.

If documents are received but not processed a student will be coded as ineligible for ranking.

Clearance for Pre-Program requirements may take up to a week for processing and entering into Banner system.
Applicants Be Aware That:

It is highly recommended that you complete all requirements at least one week prior to ranking.

Hepatitis series may take up to 4 to 6 months to complete.

CPR and First Aid classes fill up rapidly and have limited seating.
Qualified ranked students who are the top candidates will be offered a seat.

Check EPCC e-mail for notification.

You will be given 10 days to respond to notification.

Students must satisfy all Post Program Specific requirements to gain full acceptance and clearance for the clinical courses.
Notification of Acceptance

Post Program Specific requirements will vary by program.

Student must meet with Designated Program Counselor to review Post Program Specific requirements and/or refer to Program Guide.

Students accepting seats will have their student record updated to reflect the new major and their start date.

Upon acceptance the student will be removed from existing pool.
Notification of Acceptance

Students declining or failing to respond to an offer of a seat into a Health Careers programs will be removed from the qualified pool and as an applicant for that program(s).

A student who has declined acceptance into a specialized program and desires to be considered for other health majors, will be required to submit a Health Occupations Specialized Admissions Multi- Purpose Action Request Form with a Health Careers Counselor.
Notification of Acceptance

Students who were not selected are required to continue to satisfy all current specialized and program specific admissions requirements.

All students must maintain all program requirements for the next ranking period.

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