Welcome to the Health Careers Orientation

“The El Paso Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, or gender identity”
Specialized Admissions Orientation Objective

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

- Student must see Designated Program Counselor
Non-Specialized Admissions
Health Careers

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

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

- Dental Assisting
- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Health Information Management-Medical Coding
- Medical Assisting Technology
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Nursing
- Pharmacy Technology
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiation Therapy Technology (pending)
- Medical Imaging Technology- Radiography
- 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.
Specialized Admissions
Health Careers

The admission criteria will be applied in accordance with the effective catalog at the time of ranking.

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 official acceptance into their designated health program is received.

Students may declare up to two secondary Health Careers majors.
Applicants must:

• Be fully accepted by EPCC as an academic credit student.
• Complete a mandatory Health Careers Orientation session in person or online.
• 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
• EPCC Cumulative GPA  (varies 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).

• Must have a High School Diploma or GED.
Submit all official transcripts directly to EPCC Admissions Office, P.O. Box 20500, El Paso, Texas 79998.

Demonstrate minimum competency levels on the assessment.

A minimum grade of “C” or higher is required in ALL academic courses in degree plan.
General Requirements for Ranking Consideration

Need to complete all Mandatory courses

Highly recommended to complete all Ranking courses and all other program courses

Some courses have pre-requisites

Example: Biol 1306 & 1106 pre-requisite for Biol 2401

*Work closely with your designated health career counselor as you progress through qualification for ranking.*
What is ranking date?

The day the banner system locks in all students who have completed everything.

As you test and complete ranking courses points are generated through the banner system.

Important to make sure with your designated counselor that you are in the complete list for ranking
Effective Spring 2014, new and returning EPCC students under the age of 22 must provide proof of an initial meningitis immunization or booster to Admissions and Registration Department at any campus.

Must be administered at least 10 days before the start of the semester and must have been administered within the last five years.
Meningitis

Visit the link from the Admission and Registration EPCC web page for additional information

http://www.epcc.edu/Registration/Pages/default.aspx
• Ranking is based on **most recent** TSI test and TEAS Version V scores and grades received on the specific program ranking courses.

• Ranking is based on **most recent** ranking classes grades.
Course Repetition

“Effective Fall 2011, based on new federal 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.

It is the student’s responsibility to check with the Office of Student Financial Services to inquire how a repeat course (s) may impact their financial aid or veteran’s assistance.
ASSESSMENT

Test competency levels will be determined by each discipline.

Subject Areas tested are:
- Reading Skills
- Math Skills
- Writing Skills
- Science Skills (Nursing students only)

❖ ONLY THE MOST CURRENT TEST SCORES WILL BE USE FOR RANKING, NOT THE HIGHEST!!!
All Specialized Admissions require testing in subject areas. Contact counselor for program specifics.

Only the most recent test scores will be used for qualification and ranking.

- TSI test is valid for 5 years
- Teas Version V Test Scores are valid for 2 yrs. only
TSI SCORES

- Writing  Multiple Choice 310-390
  Essay 0-8

- Reading  310-390

- Math  310-390

- Nursing students take TEAS exam see your designated counselor!!
Assessment

A Test Assessment is required for all Health Careers under Specialized Admissions.

Student must demonstrate minimum test competency level on the Test Assessment or TEAS test (for nursing) for qualification and ranking as stated on the program information guides for each program.
Program-Specific Requirement

Pre-Program Specific documents should be submitted to the designated contact person identified on the Program Information Guide.
Program-Specific Requirement

Work closely with your designated career counselor for updated Pre and Post Program Requirements.

Applicants must also meet requirements prior to qualifying for ranking.

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

Current CPR Certification;
American Heart Association

College Course and Continuing Education
call (915) 831-4116 for more information.
Program-Specific Requirements

- Current CPR Certification;
- American Heart Association
- 860 Health Care Provider Level
- Continuing Education course – 8 hour course, call 831-4116 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.
**Immunizations AND Titers**

Hepatitis B vaccination series of 3 **and positive TITER (can take 4-6 months to Complete)**

- 2 - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR) **and positive TITER.**

- 2 - Varicella Vaccinations **and positive 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

- Tuberculosis Screening and/or testing, or X-RAY and questionnaire

- Influenza may be required (renew every year)

- Meningitis may be required (good for 5 years)
Program Specific Requirements

- **Physical Exam** by an American licensed Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant
- **Physical Technical Standard** form obtained
- **Program Orientation**
- **HIPPA Training**
  (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) – online [http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/pages/default.aspx)
- **Community Wide Orientation** – online [http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/Pages/default.aspx)
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) (If you have questions or concerned about your background check with your program coordinator)

- Second clearance designated by program (if applicable)

- Substance Abuse Screening


**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

Website: http://www.elpasoex.com

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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 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
▲ BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II

(10 years of placement into the program)

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)
### Ranking Course Work

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

| ▲ BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I |
| ▲ BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II |
| ▲ RSPT 2217 Respiratory Care Pharmacology |
Once the specialized admissions process has been satisfied, the student will be ranked based on their individual performance on the required assessment test and GPA of Program specific ranking courses.
## Ranking Process

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100% = 1200 points is the maximum possible ranking score

Varies by program
Emphasis on calculating fact 60% = 720

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

The most recent EPCC grade and test score 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 = 720/ (Max GPA) (Max Ranking Course hours)
Example: 720/ (4.0 X 11) = 16.363636 = Factor

Weight percentages vary per program
Ranking Process
Part 1

Calculating the Course Ranking Score

Example for Respiratory Care Technology program

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

Example: \((3.09) \times (11) \times (16.36) = 556.07\)
Calculating the Test Ranking Score-
Required Test Ranking Score: 40% = 480 points or 60% 720
Ranking score is based on the most recent test scores.
Each test will have a different factor

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

*See designated program counselor for more details
All four competency levels can be met at the same time. Students also have the option to take one subject at a time.

TSI scores are valid for five years for ranking purposes. Only the most recent test scores will be used for qualification and ranking.
Ranking

Once applicants satisfy all Specialized Admissions requirements, including:

- General Admissions requirements
- Program Specific requirements
- Mandatory course work
- Minimum passing scores in the required assessment

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:

Adhering deadlines and/or ranking dates

Confirming that all documentation is received and logged into Banner

Submitting all required documentation prior to ranking date
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 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.
**Notification of Acceptance**

Qualified ranked students who are the top candidates will be offered a seat.

Certified Acknowledgment Letter of Acceptance will be sent officially from the Specialized Admissions Office.

You will be given 10 days to respond to the letter.

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 see Designated Program Counselor to review Post Program Specific requirements and/or refer to Program Guide.

Students accepting seats will have their student file changed to reflect the new major and effective term.

The student will then be removed from all existing health career pools.
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.

After a student accepts a seat in a particular Health Career program, the student will then be removed from all other existing health career pools.
Notification of Acceptance

Students who were not selected will remain in the qualified pool as long as they continue to satisfy all current specialized and program specific admissions requirements.
Click here to take HCO exam