Program Information Guide
SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM
RADIATION THERAPY (RADT)
Associate of Applied Science (# 14083)
2013-2014 Catalog

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for Specialized Admissions must satisfy minimum criteria in order to be eligible for ranking. The following is required of all applicants:

- Submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required) prior to ranking
- 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
- Applicants must be fully accepted by EPCC as an academic credit student
- Must have successfully completed the ACCUPLACER test
- Attend a Health Careers Orientation Session or complete it online at http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/Pages/default.aspx
- Submit Specialized Admissions Application form and pay $ 10.00 fee
- All academic and specialized courses listed on the degree plan must be completed with a “C” or better
- EPCC Cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required
- “Effective Fall 2011, and 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.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) REQUIREMENTS

The Texas State Legislature mandates that institutions assess all entering undergraduate students for readiness to enroll into college-level course work in the academic areas of mathematics, writing, and reading, and to provide individualized developmental education programs to those students not demonstrating this readiness. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) requires the reporting of developmental progression and outcome of all students engaged in developmental education. Refer to EPCC Catalog or see your counselor for more information.

ACCUPLACER TEST

Minimum required testing scores for Radiation Therapy Program:

Writing, Essay (PAWS), 6, Reading (PACR) 82, and College Level Math (PACC) 51
Official ACCUPLACER scores are valid for two years and only the most recent test score will be the one used for qualification and ranking. Official ACCUPLACER scores must contain all three (3) subject areas (Math, Reading, and Writing). Posting of ACCUPLACER scores will take between 24 to 48 hours. The ACCUPLACER test must be completed at least 48 hours prior to ranking date.

NOTE: Minimum required testing scores for ACCUPLACER and/or Program Specific Criteria may be adjusted if a secondary ranking is necessary to fulfill enrollment requirements.

MANDATORY COURSES: (2) COURSES

Mandatory courses are those courses that a student must have successfully completed prior to ranking. Applicants who do not satisfactorily complete mandatory course work will not qualify for eligibility to be ranked for a program.

▲ BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I Minimum grade C
▲ MATH 1314 Pre-calculus I-College Algebra & Geometry Minimum grade C

For qualification ▲ BIOL 2401, MATH 1314 must have been successfully completed within 10 years of placement into the program. Mandatory courses cannot be substituted with the exception of MATH. Only a higher level Math can be substituted. All mandatory courses must be successfully completed with a minimum grade of “C” or better.

RANKING COURSES: (2) COURSES

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.

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

▲ Ranking Courses should be completed no later than Spring Semester to be eligible for Summer June 11, 2013 ranking.

PROCESSING OF PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

It is highly recommended that the applicant complete the Pre-Program Specific Requirements at least two (2) weeks prior to the ranking date. The applicant must complete Specialized Admissions requirements for qualification and ranking. There is a scheduled ranking date for this program. Normal processing may take a few days or a few weeks depending on document type and individual circumstances. If documents have been received, but not processed, then the student will be coded as ineligible for that ranking, because sufficient time was not given for validating and processing the information.

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Applicants for Specialized Programs must also meet Pre-Program Specific Criteria prior to qualifying for ranking. The following is required of all applicants:

➤ Must file a degree plan with designated Health Counselor
➤ Proof of attendance of Health Career Orientation
➤ Background Check must be completed by each student prior to enrollment in clinical courses. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas/health care facilities until cleared. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. Website: http://www.elpasoex.com. You will receive a letter from the Dean, Health Career & Technical Education, Math & Science division after the background check is reviewed. ***NOTE: A background check must be repeated at student’s expense if the student is not enrolled in a health-related program for one or more semesters.***
➤ Meningitis or booster
(Effective January 1, 2012, a Bacterial Meningitis is required for all entering students under the age of 30. The term entering students includes new students to EPCC, transfer students, and returning students. Students must provide proof of an initial meningitis immunization or booster to Admissions and Registration Department at any campus. The meningitis immunization must be administered at least 10 days before the start of the semester and must have been administered within the last five years). Visit the link (http://www.epcc.edu/Registration/Pages/default.aspx) of the Admission and Registration EPCC web page for additional information. Provide a copy of the meningitis documentation to your program coordinator.

Program Specific Material should be turned in as soon as completed to: Marie Racine, Faculty Coordinator, RG Campus, RM A-246, Telephone # (915) 831-4627.

Check 2013-2014 EPCC Catalog for Prerequisites

| BIOL 2401 | Anatomy and Physiology I |
| MATH 1314 | Pre-calculus I College Algebra and Geometry |
| BIOL 2402 | Anatomy and Physiology II |
| COSC 1301 | Introduction to Computer and Information Sciences OR |
| ITSC 1301 | Introduction to Computers |
| PHIL 2306 | Ethics |
| SPCH 1315 | Fundamentals of Effective Speech OR |
| SPCH 1318 | Interpersonal Communication |
| ENGL 1301 | Expository English Composition |
| PSYC 2301 | Introduction Psychology |

**DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- **Official Ranking Date:**
  - Tuesday, June 11, 2013
- **Program Begins - Fall Semester**
- **Maximum Students Admitted:** 10 Students
- **Community Wide Orientation online at** [http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/](http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/)
- **HIPAA online at** [http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx)
- **Health Careers Orientation online at** [http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/pages/default.aspx)
- **Online additional program-specific and career information** [http://start.epcc.edu/health](http://start.epcc.edu/health)
- **Students who completed articulated or dual credit courses in health in high school should bring this to the attention of the counselor, College credit may still be available.**

**POST SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS**

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

- **Current CPR Certification at the Professional Level** (must be from American Heart Association-Healthcare Provider ONLY). Must include AED. (Online CPR courses are not acceptable).
- **Community Wide Orientation** (online at [http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/](http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/))
- **First Aid Certification** (8 hour course from National Safety Council Course ONLY)．
- **HIPAA Training** (online at [http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx))
- **Immunizations and/or Titer** – The following must be completed:
  - **Completed Hepatitis B vaccination series of 3 or Titer** (can take 4-6 months to complete) if a student has started the Hepatitis B series by ranking deadline (June 11), he/she may be cleared for ranking or registration with the understanding that the series must be completed in a timely manner prior to starting clinical courses. Documentation of starting the series must be on file.
  - **Tuberculosis Screening and/or testing** (completed) done annually, or chest x-rays and questionnaire (annual).
  - **2 doses - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR)** (completed) or Titer.
- 2 doses- Varicella Vaccination or Titer (completed).
- Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td) or Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) (completed).
- Influenza is required (or completed declination form) (NOTE: If declined, will have to wear a mask in clinical) (done annually).
- **Liability Insurance (Professional Practice Insurance)** is required for all clinical and selected laboratory courses. This is paid upon enrollment. Proof of payment (your registration receipt) must be provided to the instructor.
- Physical Technical Standards form (completed).
- Specialized Equipment and/or Lab Supplies must be purchased at student’s expense in accordance with course syllabi. Detailed information will be provided by the Program Coordinator.
- Substance Abuse Screening will be required for each student enrolling in health career programs with clinical components effective August 2007. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. **NOTE: Substance abuse screening may not be completed for more than three (3) months prior to the first clinical education course.**
- Uniforms must be purchased at student’s expense in accordance with course syllabi. Detailed information will be provided by the Program Coordinator.
- Transportation: Students are responsible for their own transportation to off-campus clinical/learning sites.
- Textbooks and other course materials must be purchased at student’s expense in accordance with course syllabi.

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### OTHER INFORMATION

- CPR and First Aid Courses are available through the **EPCC Continuing Education Division**. Please see the current Continuing Education Course Schedule or call 915-831-4116 for more information.
- Immunizations, physical examinations, and other health care services are available through the El Paso Community College **Rio Grande Border Health Clinic** located at the Rio Grande Campus.
- Call 915-831-4016 for appointments for the nursing clinic (immunizations and physical examinations).
- Call 915-831-4017 for appointments for the dental clinic, medical sonography, or physical therapy clinics.

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**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 September 25, 2012, 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.**

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**This program is in the process of applying for Accreditation by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. See current EPCC catalog for contact information.**

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