



SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

NURSING

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Applicants must satisfy all Specialized Admissions criteria to include, General Requirements, ATI TEAS minimum composite scores, Mandatory courses and Pre-Program Specifics to qualify for ranking. Ranking courses should all be completed to be competitive for ranking. Once a completed applicant, ranking points are derived from the most recent ATI TEAS composite scores and the most recent G.P.A. of Ranking courses.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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

- Acceptance by EPCC as an academic credit student
- Successful completion of ATI TEAS -The Test of Essential Academic Skills
- Complete a mandatory Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation in person or on-line when available.
- Completion of an on-line Health Careers Orientation -www.epcc.edu/HCO/Pages/default.aspx to declare Nursing and/or Vocational Nursing as a major
- Pay application fee at cashier's window and submit the Health Careers Specialized Admissions Application to:
VV Campus, 919 Hunter, Enrollment Services Center; Admissions and Registration Office
- Completion with a "C" or better of all academic and specialized courses listed on the degree plan
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required
- Submit all previous college/university 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

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 ranking. 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 ranking Summer 2017 for Fall 2017 entry
Or
ranking Fall 2017 for Spring 2018 entry you will take the ATI TEAS assessment.
- You can purchase a ATI TEAS Study Guide at:
www.atitesting.com

TEAS-Version V Assessment

- **Minimum Composite score-57%**
- **Composite scores are the result of testing in all four subject areas in one sitting**
- **Composite scores cannot be met by combining prior individual subject scores**
- **Students who have composite scores prior to November 1, 2014 must contact a nursing counselor for verification of validity**
- **Official scores must contain all four (4) subject areas** (English and Language Usage, Math, Reading, and Science).
- **Contact a Nursing Counselor for testing and re-testing guidelines**

MANDATORY 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 –(NOTE: BIOL 1306 and BIOL 1106 are a pre-requisite for BIOL 2401; prerequisite can be met through course completion or Biology placement exam)
- **BIOL 2402** Anatomy and Physiology II
- **RNSG 1301** Pharmacology
- **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 **10 year limit**. Mandatory courses cannot be substituted with the exception of math. All mandatory courses must be successfully completed with a minimum grade of "C" or better to qualify for ranking.

RANKING COURSES

It is highly recommended that all ranking courses be completed prior to ranking to be competitive. Ranking courses cannot be substituted. The ranking GPA is calculated based on the following courses:

- **BIOL 2401** Anatomy and Physiology I
- **BIOL 2402** Anatomy and Physiology II
- **RNSG 1301** Pharmacology

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Documents - Normal processing can take place in a few days or months depending on document type and individual circumstances. If documents have been received, but not processed; a student will be coded as ineligible for that ranking, 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. It is highly recommended that documents be submitted **one week prior** to ranking. Pre-Program Specific requirements **must be met prior to** ranking date in order to qualify for ranking. Pre-Program Specific clearance is issued by submitting all Pre-Program Specific documentation to: **Nursing Lab Supervisor, RG Campus, Room H 221, 915-831-4010.**

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for specialized programs must also meet all pre-program specific requirements prior to qualifying for ranking. The following is required for all applicants:

Complete a Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation in person or on-line when available.

- **CURRENT CPR CERTIFICATE**- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider
- **FIRST AID CERTIFICATION** - National Safety Council Course or American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeon; (8 hr. course)
- **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, Tuberculin Test, MMR, Tdap, Varicella, Influenza, Meningitis, or as directed by DSHS
 - **POSITIVE TITER** required for Hepatitis B;
 - **POSITIVE TITER** required for Measles; **POSITIVE TITER** required for Mumps; **POSITIVE TITER** required for Rubella, (MMR)
 - **POSITIVE TITER** required for Varicella
 - Tuberculosis - PPD-done annually) or Chest x-ray (as needed) (or as requested by clinical facilities)
 - 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

Background Check and Substance Abuse Screening are **Post Specialized Admissions** requirements, see page 4 for additional requirements.

OTHER DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

Check 2016-2017 El Paso Community College Catalog for prerequisites.

PSYC 2314 Human Growth and Development- (**Prerequisite** to RNSG 2201, RNSG 2262, RNSG 2308, & RNSG 2263)
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
1 HOUR OPEN ELECTIVE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Official Ranking Dates:**
 - June 1, 2017 for Fall 2017 entry
 - October 3, 2017 for Spring 2018 entry
- **Program Begins** - Fall and Spring
- **Program is 60 hours**
- **Maximum Students Admitted:** 70 students in Fall and Spring (unless otherwise noted)
- Students must have successfully completed all required courses on the degree plan in order to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing.
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with ATI standardized testing.
- The Texas Board of Nursing allows a student four years to complete the AAS Degree in Nursing after official enrollment in the first Nursing course.

POST SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

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

- PROGRAM ORIENTATION -one or two days in person orientation
- 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 labs and clinical; and Liability Insurance required for clinicals.
- 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 qualification and placement 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 check 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 - 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 programs/courses for a period of one-year**

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NURSING (CLINICAL) COURSES

NOTE: Must be formally admitted into the Associate Degree Nursing Program to enroll for these courses.

FIRST SEMESTER	RNSG 1208	Dosage Calculations for Nursing
	RNSG 1260	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
	RNSG 1413	Foundations for Nursing Practice

EXIT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: Fundamentals of Nursing - Students who successfully complete RNSG 1413, RNSG 1208 and RNSG 1260 with a "C" better may apply for a Nurse Aide Certificate of Completion and are eligible to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.

SECOND SEMESTER	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
THIRD SEMESTER	RNSG 2201	Care of Children and Families
	RNSG 2262	Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
	RNSG 2308	Maternal /Newborn Nursing and Women's Health
	RNSG 2263	Clinical- Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
FOURTH SEMESTER	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

ATTENTION: ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS- RNSG 1115 – Health Assessment must be completed prior to admission into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Course completion can be met through an EPCC Proficiency exam with skills verification or through course completion.

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 March 2016 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 AAS 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 Nursing. Addresses are located in the current Catalog.

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