NON-SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM
LVN to RN- TRANSITION NURSING
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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

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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.
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](http://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.

- **BIOI 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)
- **BIOI 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.
Students are responsible for the following requirements AFTER accepting a seat in the program.

- PROGRAM ORIENTATION (face to face mandatory)
- COMMUNITY WIDE ORIENTATION [Online Resources > Community Wide Orientation](http://www.epcc.edu)
- HIPAA TRAINING [Online Resources > HIPAA Access Online](http://www.epcc.edu)
- 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 (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.epcc.edu]. 2nd – Upon accepting seat into the program, your name is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). Students who fail to obtain clearance may be prohibited from admission or enrollment in specified programs/courses.
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING [www.epcc.edu] - American Data Bank - [www.epcc.edu]. 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:

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