



NON-SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM NURSING-PARAMEDIC TO RN OPTION ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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Applicants must satisfy all Specialized Admissions criteria to include: General Requirements, minimum TEAS Version V composite score, Mandatory courses and Pre-Program Specifics to qualify for Fall placement. Once a completed applicant, only the most recent TEAS Version V composite scores and the most recent G.P.A. of Mandatory courses will be considered for placement.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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

- Must have a current licensure as an EMT-LP- (License Paramedic)
- Acceptance by EPCC as an academic credit student
- Successful completion of TEAS Version V –The Test of Essential Academic Skills.
- 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 TEAS Version V composite score requirements for qualification and ranking into the Nursing programs. Official scores are **valid for two years** and **only the most recent composite score** 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** TEAS scores for EPCC Nursing qualification and ranking.

- If you are seeking placement for Fall entry, you will take the TEAS Version V assessment.
- You can purchase a TEAS Version V Study Guide at: www.atitesting.com

TEAS-Version V Assessment

- **Minimum Composite score of 57%**
- **Composite score must be met as result of testing in all four subject areas in one sitting**
- **Composite scores cannot be met by combining prior individual subject scores**
- **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 advanced placement. Applicants who do not satisfactorily complete mandatory course work will not qualify for eligibility to be accepted as an Advanced Placement Student (Non-traditional student) for the Paramedic to RN 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
- **BIOL 2420** Microorganism and Disease
- **RNSG 1301** Pharmacology
- **PSYC 2301** Introduction to Psychology
- **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, BIOL 2420, RNSG 1301** have a **10 year limit**. All mandatory courses must be successfully completed with a minimum grade of "C" or better to qualify for advanced placement.

OTHER DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

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

- ENGL 1301** Expository English Composition
- BCIS 1305** Business Computer Applications **OR COSC 1301** Introduction to Computer and Information Sciences **OR ITSC 1301** Introduction to Computers
- 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**

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 documents are coded in our banner system. Pre-Program Specific requirements **must be met prior to** specific placement date in order to qualify for placement.

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for specialized programs must also meet Pre-Program Specific requirements prior to qualifying for advanced placement. The following is required for all applicants:

- **CURRENT CPR CERTIFICATE**- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider
- Current EMT-LP license in lieu of **FIRST AID CERTIFICATION**
- **IMMUNIZATIONS**
 - **POSITIVE TITER** required for Hepatitis B ; must have had vaccination series of 3 (can take 4-6 months to complete) or Twinrix (Hepatitis A & B) series of 4 shots, Days: #0, #7, #21, & 365 (booster) - or disease prior to **TITER**
 - Tuberculosis - PPD-done annually(or as requested by clinical facilities) or Chest x-ray (as needed)
 - **POSITIVE TITER** required for each: Measles, Mumps and Rubella, (MMR) ; must have had vaccinations or disease prior to **TITER**
 - **POSITIVE TITER** required for Varicella ; must have had vaccinations or disease prior to **TITER**
 - Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) or as directed by DSHS-(Expires after 10 years)
 - Influenza is required for **October ranking but not for June ranking**-(Renew every year)
 - Meningitis may be required-(Good for 5 years) (required by college, check with registrar's office).
- **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 (unless otherwise noted)
- **Maximum Students Admitted:** 20 students
- **Must be currently employed as a Licensed Paramedic**
- Students must have a minimum of 6 months full time work experience or 1 year part time work experience as a Licensed Paramedic prior to consideration for acceptance into the program.
- Submit a letter from current employer documenting work experience
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with ATI standardized testing.
- **Students must have completed files by May 16, 2016 to be eligible for Fall 2016 entry.**

ATTENTION ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS:

Students must have completed all required courses in order to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing-Paramedic to RN Option. See a Nursing Counselor at the Rio Grande Campus for further information.

PLACEMENT INTO THE PROGRAM

- Students must have a current state Licensure as an EMT-LP to enter the program.
- Students must complete all mandatory courses for placement into the program.
- Students entering the program must meet all specialized admissions and non-traditional placement requirements prior to enrollment in specialized courses.

Placement into the program will be based on cumulative GPA, of all mandatory courses completed; BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, RNSG 1301, PSYC 2301, PSYC 2314, ENGL 1301 and MATH 1324 or MATH 1314, or MATH 1342.

POST SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

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

- PROGRAM 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 and Liability Insurance required for clinicals.
- **TWO BACKGROUND CHECKS** will be completed by each student. Upon qualification into the program, your name is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) for the first background check. Fingerprinting with a background check from FBI is required by BON prior to entry into the nursing program and must be completed prior to the end of the 1st semester of the program. Through the American Data Bank-www.elpasoex.com, a second, background check is initiated by the student. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas or health care facilities until cleared. Students who fail to obtain clearance may be prohibited from admission or enrollment in specialized 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 specialized 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 as a Paramedic to RN Option student to enroll for these courses.

1st	RNSG 1517	Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice I for Articulating Students
	RNSG 1360	Clinical-Registered Nursing/ Registered Nurse
2nd	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
3rd	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

The A.A.S. 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 of Nursing. Addresses are located in the current catalog.

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