



SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM VOCATIONAL NURSING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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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 score 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 requirement 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 TEAS Version V Study Guide at: www.atitesting.com

TEAS-Version V Assessment

- **Minimum Composite score of 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 a 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 **OR Math 1342**-Fundamentals of Statistics

For qualification, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, and RNSG 1301 has 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

All ranking courses must be completed prior to ranking. 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 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 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 are submitted **one week** prior to ranking. Pre-Program Specific requirements **must be met prior** to ranking. Pre-Program Specific clearance is issued by submitting all Pre-Program 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 mandatory Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation in person or on-line when available in addition to the online Health Careers Orientation

- **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 H 221, Phone: 831-4010

OTHER DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

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

PSYC 2314 Human Growth and Development (Prerequisite to VNSG 1234, VNSG 1262, VNSG 1230 and VNSG 1263)
ENGL 1301 Expository English Composition

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 Hours** - 51 hours
- ❖ **Maximum Students Admitted:** 20 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 a Vocational Nursing Certificate of Completion
- ❖ The Texas Board of Nursing allows a student three years to complete the Vocational Nurse Certificate of Completion after official enrollment in the first Vocational Nursing course.
- ❖ Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with ATI standardized testing.

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

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 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**

Further information; contact the Nursing Lab Supervisor, a Nursing Counselor, or the Nursing Program Coordinator

VOCATIONAL NURSING (CLINICAL) COURSES

NOTE: Students must be formally admitted into the Vocational Nursing Program to enroll for these courses.

FIRST SEMESTER	VNSG	1160	Clinical-Licensed Practical/ Vocational Nurse Training
	VNSG	1323	Basic Nursing Skills
	VNSG	1402	Applied Nursing Skills I
	VNSG	1260	Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training
	VNSG	1227	Essentials of Medication Administration

Exit Certificate of Completion: Fundamentals of Vocational Nursing- Students who successfully complete VNSG 1323-VNSG 1160 and VNSG 1402-VNSG 1260 (or RNSG 1413 and RNSG 1260) with a "C" or better may apply for a Nurse Aide Certificate of Completion and are eligible to become a Certified Nursing Assistant

SECOND SEMESTER	VNSG	2413	Applied Nursing Skills II
	VNSG	1161	Clinical-Licensed Practical /Vocational Nurse Training
	VNSG	2214	Applied Nursing Skills III
	VNSG	1163	Clinical-Licensed Practical /Vocational Nurse Training
	VNSG	1166	Practicum (or Field Experience) - Licensed Practical /Vocational Nurse Training
FINAL SEMESTER	VNSG	1234	Pediatrics
	VNSG	1262	Clinical-Licensed Practical /Vocational Nurse Training
	VNSG	1230	Maternal-Neonatal Nursing
	VNSG	1263	Clinical - Licensed Practical /Vocational Nurse Training
	VNSG	1219	Leadership and Professional Development

ATTENTION ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS:

RNSG 1115- Health Assessment must be completed prior to admission as an Advanced Placement student into the LVN-RN Transition 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 Vocational Nursing Certificate program is accredited by the Texas Board of Nursing. Addresses are located in the current catalog.