

# El Paso Community College

## Nursing Programs

### Pre-Clinical Clearance Information

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#### **PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **CURRENT CPR CERTIFICATION CARD** for Healthcare Provider from American Heart Association. **(No online courses are accepted and no letters are accepted)**
2. **FIRST AID CERTIFICATION CARD** – from National Safety Council Course or American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeon; (8 hr. course). **(No online courses are accepted and no letters are accepted)**
3. **Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation** for Ranking: Schedule appointment with Nursing Counselors at RG (831-4636).
4. **IMMUNIZATIONS**
  - **Tuberculosis** (follow TB Guide) Screening and/or testing (skin test or X-ray +TB Assessment) TB skin test renew every year or Chest X- ray good for 5 years and TB Assessment every year. **(Note: 1st sem. must have TB skin test within 2 months of starting class.)**
  - **Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)** or as directed by DSHS (Expires after 10 years).
  - **Titers:** need to completely fulfill immunization and blood titer guidelines before Ranking (*Titers required are to **check Immunity***)
    1. **Varicella Titer**
    2. **Measles Titer**
    3. **Mumps Titer**
    4. **Rubella titer**
    5. **Hepatitis B Titer.**
  - **Influenza-** Do not need for June ranking but **need** for October ranking. Need for spring registration. (Season starts from late August thru June) Influenza not needed for fall registration but must be completed in late August or September. Renew every year.
  - **Meningitis-**) May be required if student is <22 years. **Is student's responsibility** to make sure **to turn in** vaccination **to EPCC Registrar's office** (831- 4035) **before registration** starts. (good for 5 years)
5. Complete a **PHYSICAL EXAM** by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant licensed in the USA. **(Must be on the EPCC Report of Health Evaluation Form)**
6. **PHYSICAL TECHNICAL STANDARD** form to be completed.
7. **General requirements prior to Ranking**  
(Check status with Nursing Counselors)
  1. Completion of an **on-line Health Careers Orientation** - [www.epcc.edu/HCO/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/HCO/Pages/default.aspx)
  2. **Pay** application fee
  3. **Submit** the Health Careers Specialized Admissions Application **to: VV Campus, 919 Hunter, Student Services Center; Admissions Office, SSC039 or SSC.005.** Office Phone# 831-2588.

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

#### **POST-SPECIALIZED ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **HIPAA TRAINING** <http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx>
2. **COMMUNITY WIDE ORIENTATION (CWO)**  
<http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/Pages/default.aspx>
3. **PROGRAM ORIENTATION**-one or two days in person.
4. Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies and Liability Insurance required for Clinical.
5. **TWO BACKGROUND CHECKS** will be completed by each student.
  - **The first background check** is through the American Data Bank [www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com)
  - **A second, background check** is initiated by the school. Upon qualification into the program, your name is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). **A Permit, called Texas Fingerprint Service Code Form will be provided to the student when classes start.** The Texas Fingerprint Service Code Form will enable the student to make an appointment with IdentoGO to get the fingerprinting completed for the BON. The Fingerprints are used in background checks by the FBI for the BON prior to entry into or continuing in the Nursing Program. The FAST Pass must be used immediately to make an appointment for completing the fingerprinting. This must be completed during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester the student is enrolled in the program. The student will not be allowed to continue in the Nursing Program without the FBI BON clearance.

6. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING** [www.elpasoex.com](http://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.
7. **1<sup>st</sup> semester students:** Starting Fall 2016 must complete a Test Taking Skills Workshop and a Time Management Workshop with the Nursing counselors.
8. **2<sup>nd</sup> semester students:** Starting Spring 2017 must complete a Study Skills Workshop with the Nursing counselors.
9. **ATTENTION!**

**All the Nursing Pre-Clinical Clearance forms/Transmittal Form/Registration Calendar/Information are available Online:**

#### **EPCC Website:**

1. <http://www.epcc.edu/ssin/Pages/default.aspx>
2. Scroll down to Student Success in Nursing **(SSIN) Documents.**

To submit paperwork to the EPCC Lab Facilities Supervisor, you **must include** a completed **Nursing Transmittal Form** with paperwork you're submitting **via E-Mail or Fax.**

*Documents will not be accepted via Email/Fax without a Nursing Transmittal form.*