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HEALTH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MATH & SCIENCE  
Non-Specialized Admissions Program Information Guide  
For  
BORDER HEALTH ISSUES  
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (C3-HLTH)  
2024-2025 Catalog

### PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PROGRAM MAP

Program Map provides additional information regarding salary projections, employment opportunities, licensure requirements and Educational milestones. Link: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Catalog/program-map?programID=977>

This one-semester Enhanced Skills Certificate of Completion in Border Health Issues prepares individuals from a variety of health occupation educational programs to work as members of a multidisciplinary team to meet the healthcare needs of the U.S./Mexico border community. Students must have completed or are currently enrolled in an AAS in a Health Program or related field (i.e. Social Work or Sign Language).

Students may enroll in selected courses prior to completion of any applicable AAS Program. Minimum grade required for specialized courses C. This program does not required students to fulfill Specialized Admissions criteria or procedures.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following is Required of all Students Enrolling in this Program:

- Submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required).  
For online transcripts for Evaluation: [sendtranscripts2@epcc.edu](mailto:sendtranscripts2@epcc.edu) PDF with a password protection.
- Student 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
- Student must:
  1. Be approved to take credit academic courses by EPCC.
  2. If applicable must complete the TS2 Assessment Tests.
  3. A grade of a "C" or better is required for all academic and specialized courses listed under the degree plan.
- "Effective Fall 2011, and based on new federal regulations, students are not allowed to repeat previously passed courses more than once."  
Students should meet with a counselor to determine how a repeat course (s) may impact his/her academic, prerequisite, specialized admissions or transferability of courses. It is the student's responsibility to check with the Office of Student Financial Services to inquire how a repeat course (s) may impact their financial aid or veteran's assistance.

### PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

None at this time.

## PROGRAM SPECIFIC CRITERIA

The Following is Required of all Applicants:

- Students must have completed or are currently enrolled in an AAS in a Health Career Program or related field; such as Social Work or Sign Language with an Associate Degree or Higher.
- Must file a degree plan with the designated Health Counselor
- If you have any questions Contact the Border Health Issues Program Coordinator: Helga Carrion, RG Campus, room A-246 - Telephone # (915) 831-4341.

## POST-ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

None at this time.

## BORDER HEALTH ISSUES DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

Check 2024-2025 El Paso Community College Catalog for Prerequisites

HECO 1322 Nutrition & Diet Therapy  
HPRS 1202 Wellness and Health Promotion  
HPRS 1205 Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Professionals  
HPRS 1206 Essentials of Medical Terminology  
HPRS 1291 Special Topics in Health Professions and Related Sciences, Other

\*\*\*Students may enroll in selected courses prior to completion of any applicable AAS Programs.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Maximum Students Admitted:** 25 Students per course, multiple courses scheduled most semesters.
- Community Wide Orientation online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation>
- HIPAA online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa>
- Online additional program-specific and career information: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health>
- Students who completed articulated or dual credit courses in health in high school should bring this to the attention of the counselor. College credit may still be available.
- Website for Border Health Issues Program: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/health-professions-and-related-science>

## OTHER INFORMATION

- CPR and First Aid Courses are available through the **EPCC Continuing Education Division**. Please see the current Continuing Education Course Schedule or call 915-831-7820 for more information.
- Our EPCC Rio Grande Border Health Clinic is located at the Rio Grande Campus, for information call: 915- 831-4016 or call 915-831-4017 for Dental, Medical Sonography, Echocardiogram or Physical Therapy clinics.

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