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**HEALTH CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MATH, and SCIENCE
Non-Specialized Admissions Program Information Guide
For
BORDER HEALTH ISSUES CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (C1-HPRS)
2025-2026 Catalog**

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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=1216>

This one semester Level I Certificate in Border Health Issues prepares individuals from various health occupation educational programs to work as members of a multidisciplinary team to meet the healthcare needs of the US/Mexico border community. The capstone course for the certificate of completion is HPRS 1202 Wellness and Promotion.
This certificate does not require students to fulfill Specialized Admissions criteria or procedures. No ranking courses are required for CI-HPRS.

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 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:

- 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.

CI-HPRS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION COURSES

Check 2025-2026 El Paso Community College Catalog for Prerequisites

HECO 1322	Nutrition & Diet Therapy
HPRS 1201	Introduction to Health Professions
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
HPRS 2300	Pharmacology for Health Professions

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>
- Website for CI-Border Health Issues certificate: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Catalog/program-map?programID=975>

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.

This document is to be used with EPCC College Catalog, which provides complete information on courses as well as College regulations and procedures. This is for informational purposes only and is not a binding offer or contract between the College and the student. This document was revised September 2024 and is subject to change without prior notice.

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