

# El Paso Community College Nursing Programs

## Pre-Clinical Clearance Information

Everything must be current through the complete academic semester or summer you want to register. Students are responsible for keeping the following records up-to-date to Register and go to Clinical or Ranking/consideration.

(Note: Documents must be turned-in no later than 4 weeks before ranking/consideration date)

### PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. **CURRENT CPR CERTIFICATION CARD** for Healthcare Provider from American Heart Association. (online courses are accepted, and no letters are accepted)
  2. **FIRST AID CERTIFICATION CARD** – from National Safety Council Course or American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons; (8 hr. course). (online courses are accepted, and no letters are accepted)  
Note: May submit LVN License instead of the First Aid Card
  3. **NURSING SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS ORIENTATION** for Ranking: (contact the Nursing Counselors if you have questions)  
<https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/nursing-specialized-admissions-orientation>
  4. **IMMUNIZATIONS**
    - **Titers:** need to completely fulfill immunization and blood titer guidelines before Ranking (*Titers required are to check Immunity*)  
[Immunization and Blood Titer Requirements for Health Students.pdf \(epcc.edu\)](#)
      1. **Varicella** Titer
      2. **Measles** Titer
      3. **Mumps** Titer
      4. **Rubella** titer
      5. **Hepatitis B** Titer
    - **Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)** or as directed by DSHS (Expires after 10 years).
  - **Influenza-** Do not need for June ranking but need for October ranking. Need for spring registration. (Season starts from late August thru June) Influenza is not required for fall registration but must be completed in late August or September. Renew every year.
  - **Tuberculosis:** No longer require before ranking
  5. **PHYSICAL EXAM** to be completed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician's Assistant licensed in the USA. (*Must be on the EPCC Report of Health Evaluation Form and has to be within 6 months of the Ranking/consideration date.*)  
[Microsoft Word - 7.01.03.10ImmunizationTuberculosisExamRequire WEB 6-15-12 \(epcc.edu\)](#)
  6. **PHYSICAL TECHNICAL STANDARD** read the form and fill out the top portion of the last page. (Has to be within 6 months of the Ranking/consideration Date.)  
<https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/FB-8.pdf>
- Reminder:** Students must also comply with the following general requirements before ranking. Do not turn it in to clinical compliance personnel (contact the Nursing Counselors if you have questions)
1. Completion of an **online Health Careers Orientation-**  
<https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/health-careers-orientation>
  2. **Pay** the application fee at cashiers
  3. **Submit** the Health Careers Specialized Admissions Application to **Enrollment Services Center, Admissions & Registration Office** at Valle Verde Campus, 919 Hunter, Office Phone #: 831-2588.

\*\*All the Nursing Pre-Clinical Clearance information/forms/Transmittal Form is available Online at the EPCC Website. \*\*

EPCC Website: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/documents>  
Contact Patricia Chavez Montes, Nursing Lab Facilities Supervisor [pmontes1@epcc.edu](mailto:pmontes1@epcc.edu)

## EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING POST-SPECIALIZED ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for updating the pre-clinical requirements and post-specialized admission requirements *after accepting a seat in the program*.  
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1. **PROGRAM ORIENTATION** one or two days in person. The date and time of New Student Orientation will be provided to the student with acceptance letters. (contact the Nursing Counselors if you have questions)
2. **HEALTH INSURANCE CARD:** Starting Fall 2019, must provide Health Insurance prove. Turn in Health Insurance Card and insurance documents that show you are cover by the Health Insurance if your name does not appear on the Health Insurance Card.
3. **HIPAA TRAINING** must complete and print certificate <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa>
4. **COMMUNITY WIDE ORIENTATION (CWO)** must complete and print certificate <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation>
5. **2 STEP TB:** Two PPDs to be completed after ranking. After the initial TB skin test, 2nd one must be completed within 7-21 days later. If before 7 days or after 21 days, must start series again. Timing is critical. After the initial 2 Step TB, only one TB annually before the 2nd TB expires; 2 step TB if is done after the 2nd TB expires or as requested by clinical facilities. (may get QuantiFERON blood test or T-SPOT blood test instead of 2 step TB)
6. **EBOLA SCREENING FORM** is only for the 1st-semester students-may acquire at <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health>
7. **NURSING DISCLOSURE FORM** is only for the 1<sup>st</sup>-semester students- may acquire at <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health> (must obtain clearance from ADN Coordinator, Pauline Ballesteros, [pballes1@epcc.edu](mailto:pballes1@epcc.edu) if any of the background answers are marked "Yes")
8. **TWO BACKGROUND CHECKS** must be completed by each student.
  - The **1st background check** is only for 1st-semester students or if they skip a semester- may acquire through the American Data Bank at [www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com)
  - The **school initiates the 2nd background check**. Upon qualification into the program, your name is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). Texas Board of Nursing will email the student A Permit called the Texas Fingerprint Service Code Form **to the students' personal email when classes start**. The Texas Fingerprint Service Code Form will enable the student to make an appointment with IdentGO to get the fingerprinting completed for the BON. The Fingerprints are used in background checks by the FBI for the BON before entry into or continuing in the Nursing Program. The Service Code 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.
9. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING** is only for 1st-semester students, or if they skip a semester, they may acquire it through American Data Bank at [www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com). 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 one year.

**NOTE:** All the Nursing Books, uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies, Liability Insurance, and Health Insurance required for the Nursing Program are the student's financial responsibility.

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