Guided Pathways provides additional information regarding salary projections, employment opportunities, licensure requirements and Educational milestones. WEB LINK: www.epcc.edu>>Programs>>Health Sciences>>Nursing >>Degree Plans: Associate of Applied Science-Full time-2018-2019-(PDF)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for Specialized Admissions must satisfy minimum criteria in order to be eligible for consideration of ranking. The following is required of all applicants to:

- be fully accepted by EPCC as an academic credit student
- complete ATI TEAS Assessment - The Test of Essential Academic Skills with a 57% minimum composite score
- complete two mandatory Orientations for the Nursing program
  1. an on-line Health Careers Orientation –www.epcc.edu>>Menu>>Academics>>Health Programs>>Health Careers Orientation or in person to declare Nursing and/or Vocational Nursing as a major
     o Pay application fee at cashier’s window and submit Health Careers Specialized Admissions Application to: VV Campus, 919 Hunter, Enrollment Services Center, Admissions and Registration Office
  2. a Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation in person with the Nursing counselors
     - complete all Academic and Specialized courses listed on the degree plan with a “C” or better
     - have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
     - submit all previous college/university transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required) prior to placement
     - 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
Below is the minimum ATI TEAS composite score 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.

**ATI-TEAS Assessment**
- Minimum Composite score-57%
- Composite score must be met as result of testing in all four subject areas in one sitting
- Official scores must contain all four (4)-subject areas (English and Language Usage, Math, Reading, and Science).
- The ATI TEAS exam must be taken for ranking into the ADN-RN program.
- ATI TEAS scores are valid for 2 years
- 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 eligibility to be ranked for a program.

**NOTE:** BIOL 1306 and BIOL 1106 are a prerequisite for BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402. Prerequisite can be met through Biology placement exam or course completion.

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For qualification, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, and RNSG 1301 have 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:

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You may repeat a course, however only the MOST RECENT grades will be considered for ranking.

**DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**
Documents – Normal processing can take place in a few days or months 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 be submitted one week prior to ranking. Pre-Program Specific requirements must be met prior to ranking date in order to qualify for ranking. Pre-Program Specific clearance is issued by submitting all Pre-Program Specific documentation to: Nursing Lab Supervisor, RG Campus, Room H 221. Please call 915-831-4010 for office hours.
PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for specialized programs must also meet all pre-program specific requirements prior to qualifying for ranking.

Below is one of two mandatory orientations required for all applicants:
Complete a Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation in person; call 831-4036 for RG the campus or 831-7142 for the MDP campus.

All of the following is required for all applicants and must stay current throughout each academic semester while in the Nursing program. 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, MMR, Tdap, Varicella, Influenza, Meningitis, or as directed by DSHS
  o POSITIVE TITER required for Hepatitis B; if negative, repeat immunization series or Twinrix series and repeat titer (ask your healthcare provider for information)
  o POSITIVE TITER required for Measles;
  o POSITIVE TITER required for Mumps;
  o POSITIVE TITER required for Rubella, (MMR) (if any Negative, series must be repeated)
  o POSITIVE TITER required for Varicella ; (if Negative, series must be repeated)
  o Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) or as directed by DSHS-(Expires after 10 years)
  o Influenza is required for October placement but not for June placement; renew every year
  o Meningitis may be required (Good for 5 years) (required by college, check with registrar’s office)
  o 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 H221. Please call 831-4010 for office hours.

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

OTHER DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

Check 2019-2020 El Paso Community College Catalog for prerequisites.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Official Ranking Dates:
  - June 3, 2019 for Fall 2019 entry
  - October 1, 2019 for Spring 2020 entry
- Program Begins – Fall and Spring
- Program is 60 hours
- Maximum Students Admitted: 70 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 an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing.
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with ATI standardized testing.
- The Texas Board of Nursing allows a student four years to complete the AAS Degree in Nursing after official enrollment in the first Nursing course.
**POST-SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

Students are responsible for the following requirements AFTER you are accepted into the program. Everything must be current through the complete academic semester or summer you want to register.

- **PROGRAM ORIENTATION** – one day in person orientation
- **COMMUNITY WIDE ORIENTATION** [Website](http://www.epcc.edu) > Academics > Health Careers > Community Wide Orientation – (Renew every year)
- **HIPAA TRAINING** – [Website](http://www.epcc.edu) > Academics > Health Programs > HIPPA - (Renew every year)
- Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies required for labs and clinical; and Liability Insurance required for clinical.
- **TUBERCULOSIS** – Two step PPD to be completed after ranking. After initial immunization, second 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 initial double PPD, single is to be done annually or Chest x-ray (as needed) (or as requested by clinical facilities)
- **TWO BACKGROUND CHECKS** will be completed by each student. 1st – Upon qualification and placement into the program the student is required to complete an annual background check through the American Data Bank – [Website](http://www.elpasoex.com). 2nd - Upon accepting seat 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 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.) 

**NOTE:** Students who fail to obtain clearance maybe prohibited from admission or enrollment in specified program.

- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING** – [Website](http://www.elpasoex.com) – American Data Bank – Required annually. Students who cannot participate in clinical rotations due to adverse activities revealed through substance abuse testing cannot complete course or program requirements. Students failing to obtain clearance may be prohibited from admission/enrollment in specified programs/courses for one-year.
- **NEW! PROVIDE PROOF OF PERSONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE TO MEET AFFILIATE REQUIREMENTS.**

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**NURSING (CLINICAL) COURSES**

**NOTE:** Must be formally admitted into the Associate Degree Nursing Program to enroll for these courses.

**FIRST SEMESTER**
- RNSG 1208 Dosage Calculations for Nursing
- RNSG 1260 Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
- RNSG 1413 Foundations for Nursing Practice

**EXIT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION:** Fundamentals of Nursing - Students who successfully complete RNSG 1413, RNSG 1208 and RNSG 1260 with a “C” better may apply for a Nurse Aide Certificate of Completion and are eligible to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.

**SECOND SEMESTER**
- RNSG 1441 Common Concepts of Adult Health
- RNSG 1261 Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
- RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing
- RNSG 2260 Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

**THIRD SEMESTER**
- RNSG 2201 Care of Children and Families
- RNSG 2262 Clinical Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
- RNSG 2308 Maternal/Newborn Nursing and Women’s Health
- RNSG 2263 Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

**FOURTH SEMESTER**
- RNSG 1343 Complex Concepts of Adult Health
- RNSG 2162 Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
- RNSG 2130 Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation
- RNSG 2221 Professional Nursing: Leadership and Management
- RNSG 2261 Clinical-Registered Nursing Registered/ Nurse

**ATTENTION: ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS** - RNSG 1115 Heath Assessment must be completed prior to admission into the Associate Degree Nursing program. See a designated Nursing program counselor to register for RNSG 1115.