SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM
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GUIDED PATHWAYS PROGRAM MAP

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-2020-2021-(PDF)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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

- Acceptance by EPCC as an academic credit student
- Successful completion of ATI TEAS – The Test of Essential Academic Skills
- Two mandatory Orientations are required for the Nursing program
  1. Complete a Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation in person with the Nursing counselors
  2. Complete an on-line Health Careers Orientation- www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/health-careers-orientation or in person to declare Nursing and/or Vocational Nursing as a secondary major
  3. Pay application fee at cashier’s window and submit the Health Careers Specialized Admissions Application to: VV Campus, 919 Hunter, Enrollment Services Center; Admissions and Registration Office
- Completion with a “C” or better of all academic and specialized courses listed on the degree plan
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required
- Submit all previous college/university transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required) prior to ranking
- 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

It is the student’s responsibility to check with a designated Nursing Counselor for any program updates and/or revisions as they progress through the ranking process and program progression.
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.

- If you are ranking June 2020 for Fall 2020 entry or ranking October 2020 for Spring 2021 entry you will take the ATI TEAS assessment.
- You can purchase an ATI TEAS Study Guide at: www.atitesting.com

**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 for eligibility to be ranked into a Nursing program.

**NOTE:** BIOL 1306 and BIOL 1106 are pre-requisites for BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402. Prerequisite can be met through CLEP-(College Level Examination Program) or Biology placement exam or course completion.

- **Biol** 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
- **Biol** 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
- **RNSG** 1301 Pharmacology
- **Math** 1324 Mathematics for Business & Social Science or **Math** 1314 College Algebra or **Math** 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods

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**

Ranking courses cannot be substituted. The ranking GPA is calculated based on the following courses:

- **Biol** 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
- **Biol** 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
- **RNSG** 1301 Pharmacology

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

**DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

DOCUMENTS and APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITY-. Pre-Program Specific Requirements must be completed at least one week prior to qualifying for ranking. Normal processing can take place in a few days or a few weeks depending on document type and individual circumstances. If documents have been received, but not processed, a student will be coded as ineligible for that placement 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.

Pre-Program Specific clearance is issued by submitting all Pre-Program documentation to: Nursing Lab Supervisor, RG Campus, Room H 221
Call 915-831-4010 for office hours.

Background Check and Substance Abuse Screening are Post Specialized Admissions requirements, see page 4 for additional requirements.
PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for specialized programs must also meet all pre-program specific requirements PRIOR to qualifying for ranking. Everything must be current through the complete academic semester or summer you want to register.

Below is one of two mandatory orientations required for all applicants:

Complete a Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation in person. For an appointment at the RG campus, call 831-4036 or 831-4636 or 831-7142 for the MDP campus.

- 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
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Hepatitis B; if negative, repeat immunization series or Twinrix series and repeat titer (ask your healthcare provider for information)
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Measles
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Mumps
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Rubella, (MMR) (if any Negative, series must be repeated)
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Varicella (if Negative, series must be repeated)
  - Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) or as directed by DSHS-(Expires after 10 years)
  - Influenza is required for October placement but not for June placement; renew every year
  - Meningitis may be required by college, check with Registrar’s office- (Good for 5 years)
  - 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.

A tracking system, American Databank COMPLIO, will assist students and coordinators to be compliant with immunizations, CPR, First Aid, physical, etc. implementation is pending for the Nursing program. Students will be expected to pay all fees that are associated with the America Databank COMPLIO tracking system.

Pre-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  Phone: 831-4010

OTHER DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

Check 2020-2021 El Paso Community College Catalog for prerequisites.

PSYC 2314  Lifespan Growth & Development- (Prerequisite to RNSG 2201, RNSG 2262, RNSG 2308, & RNSG 2263)
ENGL 1301  Composition I
3 HRS.  HFA ELECTIVE (select 1):  ENGL 2322, ENGL 2323, ENGL 2332, ENGL 2333, ENGL 2351, PHIL 1301, PHIL 2306,
PHIL 2303, HIST 2321, HIST 2322
1 HR.  Any EPCC college level course

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Official Ranking Dates:
  - June 1, 2020 for Fall 2020 entry
  - October 1, 2020 for Spring 2021 entry
- Program Begins – Fall and Spring
- Program is 60 hours
- Maximum Students Admitted: 75 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.
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** – [http://www.epcc.edu](http://www.epcc.edu) > Menu > Academics > Health Programs > Community Wide Orientation (Renew every year)
- **HIPAA TRAINING** – [http://www.epcc.edu](http://www.epcc.edu) > Menu > Academics > Health Programs > HIPPA (Renew every year)
- Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies required for labs and clinical; and Liability Insurance required for clinical.
- **TUBERCULOSIS** – NEW! - Two PPD’s 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 – [www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com). 2nd - Upon accepting a 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.) **Students who fail to obtain clearance may be prohibited from admission or enrollment in specified programs/courses for one year.**
- **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.**
- **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 designated Nursing program counselor to register for RNSG 1115.

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The AAS in the Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and the Texas Board of Nursing. The Associate of Applied Science Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Texas Board Nursing. Addresses are located in the current catalog.

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