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.
ASSESSMENT SCORES

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 placement. 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 seeking placement for Fall 2020 entry or 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 Advanced Placement into the LVN-RN Transition program
- ATI TEAS scores are valid for two (2) years
- Contact a Nursing Counselor for testing and re-testing guidelines

A second qualifying exam is required. The **ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam.** The **ATI Predictor exam** must be taken for placement and qualification into the LVN-RN Program.

- **ATI Predictor exam must:**
  - be taken upon application for Advanced placement
  - within six (6) months of qualification for LVN-RN program; scores taken prior to six months will not be valid
  - have a passing score of 90% or above.
- Official Scores are valid for two years from most recent testing.
- **21-day** waiting period for re-testing with a maximum of **(2) two** attempts; after two attempts must wait 6 months before retesting
- Re-testing **prior** to the 21-day period will **invalidate** your scores for qualification and placement.
- Only the most recent scores will be used for placement

**REVIEW COURSE:** You can purchase a VN/PN Review Course from the NCSBN website. The NCSBN Review for the NCLEX – PN Exam will help you prepare for the ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam. NCSBN website: https://www.ncsbn.org/4762.htm

MANDATORY COURSES

Mandatory Courses are those courses that a student must have successfully completed prior to advanced placement. Applicants who do not satisfactorily complete mandatory course work will not be eligible to be accepted as an Advanced Placement Student, (Non-traditional student), for the 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 through the Biology placement exam or course completion.)*

- **BIOL** 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
- **BIOL** 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
- **RNSG** 1301 Pharmacology
- **PSYC** 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development
- **MATH** 1324 Mathematics for Business & Social Sciences or **MATH 1314** College Algebra or **MATH 1342**-Elementary Statistical Methods

For qualification, **BIOL 2401**, **BIOL 2402**, and **RNSG 1301** have a ten (10) year limit. All mandatory courses must be successfully completed with a minimum grade of “C” or better to qualify for advanced placement. You may repeat a course, however only the **MOST RECENT** grades will be considered for ranking.

OTHER DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

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

- **ENGL** 1301 Composition I
- **3 HRS. HFA ELECTIVE (select 1):** ENGL 2322, ENGL 2322, ENGL 2323, ENGL 2332, ENGL 2333, ENGL 2351, PHIL 1301, PHIL 2306, HIST 2321, HIST 2322
- **1 HR.** Any EPCC college level course

**RNSG 1115-** Health Assessment must be completed **prior to admission** as an Advanced Placement student into the LVN-RN Transition program. See a designated Nursing program counselor to register for RNSG 1115.

Background check and substance abuse screening are Post Specialized Admissions Requirements; see page 4 for additional information.
PROCESSING OF PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

DOCUMENTS and APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITY Pre- Program Specific Requirements must be completed at least one week prior to advanced placement. 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.

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for specialized programs must also meet all Pre-Program Specific requirements prior to qualifying for advanced placement. Everything must be current through the complete academic semester or Summer you want to register.

- CURRENT CPR CERTIFICATE- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider
- Current LVN Licensure in lieu of FIRST AID CERTIFICATION
- 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)
- 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.

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. Please call 831-4010 for office hours.

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Program Begins - Fall and Spring;
- Maximum Students Admitted: 20 students (unless otherwise noted)
- Must be currently employed as a Licensed Vocational, (LVN), or Practical Nurse, (PN)
- Students must have a minimum of 6 months full time work experience or 1 year part time work experience as Licensed Vocational or Practical Nurse prior to consideration for acceptance into the program.
- Submit a letter from current employer documenting work experience
- Students must have successfully completed all required courses on the degree in order to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in LVN-RN Transition Nursing.
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with ATI standardized testing.
- The Nursing Program allows a student 3 years to complete the AAS Degree in Nursing after official enrollment in the first Nursing course.

PLACEMENT INTO PROGRAM

- Students who have previously completed a vocational nursing program, and are a Licensed Vocational or Practical Nurse will be able to transfer their vocational nursing courses to this program under the Texas Nursing Articulation Plan. Students will receive credit for their first two semesters of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing.
- Placement into the program will be based on cumulative GPA, of all mandatory courses completed; BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, RNSG 1301, PSYC 2314 and MATH 1324 or higher level Math.
- RNSG 1115- Health Assessment must be completed prior to admission as an Advanced Placement student into LVN-RN Transition Nursing Program. See a designated Nursing program counselor to register for RNSG 1115.
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** (face to face mandatory)
- **COMMUNITY WIDE ORIENTATION** - [http://www.epcc.edu](http://www.epcc.edu)> Academics> Health Programs> Community Wide Orientation
- **HIPAA TRAINING** - [http://www.epcc.edu](http://www.epcc.edu)> Academics> Health Programs> HIPAA (Renew every year)
- **Uniforms**, **Specialized Equipment**, **Lab Supplies** required for lab; **and** Liability Insurance required for clinicals.
- **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, it 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. 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 checks by American Data Bank or the BON 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 enrollment in specified programs/courses.**
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING** – 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 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**

Further information; contact the Nursing Lab Supervisor, a Nursing Counselor or the Nursing Program Coordinator.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDITS

**NOTE:** All students entering from LVN to RN Transition program courses in the 1st semester must meet advanced placement requirements. LVN to RN Transitioning students will receive credit for the following courses after Advanced Placement (Non-Traditional student) requirements are met.

- RNSG 1206 Dosage Calculations for Nursing
- RNSG 1260 Clinical-Registered Nursing / Registered Nurse
- RNSG 1413 Foundations for Nursing Practice
- 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

### NURSING (CLINICAL) COURSES

**NOTE:** You must be formally admitted into the Associate Degree Nursing Program as a LVN to RN Transition Nursing student in order to enroll in these courses:

**First Semester**
- RNSG 1144 Nursing Skills II
- RNSG 1347 Concepts of Clinical Decision-Making
- RNSG 1262 Clinical Registered Nursing Registered Nurse
- RNSG 1327 Transition to Professional Nursing

**Second 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

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