



NON-SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

LVN to RN- TRANSITION NURSING ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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Applicants must satisfy all Specialized Admissions criteria to include, General Requirements, minimum ATI TEAS composite scores, Mandatory courses, RNSG 1115-Health Assessment and Pre-Program Specifics to qualify for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 placement. **QUALIFYING EXAM:** **ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam** must be taken for entrance into the LVN-RN Program. The exam will be available in the Rio Grande Testing Center, located at 103 Montana, 2nd floor of the Student Services Building. See nursing counselor for details.

GUIDED PATHWAYS PROGRAM MAP



Guided Pathways provides additional information regarding salary projections, employment opportunities, licensure requirements and Educational milestones. **WEB LINK:** <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Catalog/program-map?programID=339>

Applicants must satisfy all criteria in order to be eligible for consideration and advanced placement. The following is required of all applicants:

- Have proof of current Vocational or Practical Nurse license
- Acceptance by EPCC as an academic credit student
- Successful completion of ATI TEAS -The Test of Essential Academic Skills
- Successfully complete ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam- <https://www.epcc.edu/Services/TestingServices/specialized-testing>
- Completion of 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 placement
- Must possess a High School Diploma or GED. Submit official transcripts to:
EPCC Admissions Office, P. O. Box 20500, El Paso, Texas 79998 or <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/transcripts>

Background check and substance abuse screening are Post Specialized Admissions Requirements; see page 4 for additional information.

*It is the student's responsibility to check with a **designated LVN-RN Transition Nursing Counselor** for any program updates and/or revisions as they progress through the Specialized Admissions 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 the ATI TEAS exam is taken outside of EPCC, official scores of your ATI TEAS will need to be sent to the EPCC TESTING CENTER along with your Student ID.**
- *Additional costs will be charged by ATI.*
- *Student is responsible to assure official ATI scores are received.*

ATI-TEAS Assessment

- Minimum Composite score-57%
- Official composite 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 LVN –RN Transition program.
- ATI TEAS scores are valid for 2 years
- Contact a Nursing Counselor for testing and re-testing guidelines
- If you are seeking placement for June 2021 to enter Fall 2021 or October 2021 to enter Spring 2022 you will take the ATI TEAS assessment
- You can purchase an ATI TEAS Study Guide at: www.atitesting.com

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. Link: <https://www.epcc.edu/Services/TestingServices/specialized-testing>

- **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	1115	Health Assessment- (Registration requires clearance from designated Nursing Counselor)
PSYC	2314	Lifespan Growth & Development
RNSG	1301	Pharmacology
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 2021-2022 El Paso Community College Catalog for prerequisites.

- 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

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

PROCESSING OF PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

DOCUMENTS and APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITY- All Pre- Program Specific Requirements documentation is due **One Month** prior to ranking date. Processing can take place in a few days or 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 **along with a transmittal form** to: **Pat Chavez Montes, Nursing Lab Supervisor, RG Campus, Room H 221 Call 915-831-4010 for office hours. Email Address: pmontes1@epcc.edu**
Transmittal Form Link: https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Nursing_Pre-Clinical_Clearance_E-mail_Transmittal_Form.pdf

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**
 - **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-(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 Link: <https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/7.01.03.10.pdf#page=7>
- **PHYSICAL TECHNICAL STANDARD form (completed)** –form obtained through Nursing Counselor or Nursing Lab Supervisor Link: : <https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/7.02.01.14.pdf>

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: Pat Chavez Montes, at pmontes1@epcc.edu with Transmittal Form Link: https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Nursing_Pre-Clinical_Clearance_E-mail_Transmittal_Form.pdf

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 Placement** –June 1st for Fall entry-- (**Clinical clearance documentation due One Month prior to Placement date**)
–October 1st for Spring entry-- (**Clinical clearance documentation due One Month prior to Placement date**)
- **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.

PLACEMENT INTO PROGRAM

- The Nursing Program allows a student 3 years to complete the AAS Degree in Nursing after official enrollment in the first Nursing course.
- 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 LVN-RN Transition Nursing program Counselor to register for RNSG 1115.

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**- in person or virtually-(mandatory)
- **COMMUNITY WIDE ORIENTATION**- <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation-> _Renew every year.
- **HIPAA TRAINING** --<https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa> -(Renew every year) Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies required for lab; **and** Liability Insurance required for clinicals.
- **Tuberculosis** -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 admission or 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.**
- **EBOLA SCREENING**-Link: https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Ebola_Screen_Form_for_Nursing_Program.pdf
- **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	1208	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	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

This document is for informational purpose only and is not to be construed as a binding offer or contract between the College and the student. This document was revised November 16, 2020 is subject to change without prior notice. This document is intended to be used with the College Catalog, which provides complete information on courses as well as College regulations and procedures.

The A.A.S. 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 of Nursing. Addresses are located in the current catalog.

CLINICAL CLEARANCE FOR PRE-PROGRAM & POST ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS-Documentation needed to clear for qualification and ranking

All Pre Program Specific requirements documentation needs to be submitted by :

- **May 3, 2021 for qualification and ranking for June 1, 2021**
- **September 1, 2021 for qualification and ranking for October 1, 2021**

- Pre Admissions Requirements listed on page 3
- All Pre-Program Specific Documentation needs to be submitted to Pat Chavez Montes, Nursing Lab Supervisor at pmontes1@epcc.edu
- Include a completed Transmittal Form along with your documents. Only select what documents you are submitting for review. Link: https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Nursing_Pre-Clinical_Clearance_E-mail_Transmittal_Form.pdf
 - Student Id
 - Full Last name and first name
 - Phone number
 - Valid email address
- Documents **will not be accepted** or processed without a transmittal form
- Email subject line should indicate: **June ranking clearance or October ranking clearance**
- Future correspondence, ie. Questions, without documents should include EPCC student Id and full name

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FORM LINKS AND INFORMATION

- **Current CPR Certificate-(BLS)-** American Heart Association Healthcare Provider-Accepted online or in person-
- **First Aid Certification** – National Safety Council Course or American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeon- Accepted online or in person
- **Positive 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, **Tuberculin Test**, **MMR**, **Tdap**, **Varicella**, **Influenza**, **Meningitis**, or as directed by DSHS-**Titers do not expire-**
https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Immunization_and_Blood_Titer_Requirements_for_Health_Students.pdf
- **Immunizations**
 - **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 if under 22 years of age; check with registrar's office -(Good for 5 years)
- **Ebola Screening-Link:**
https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Ebola_Screen_Form_for_Nursing_Program.pdf
- **Physical Exam** completed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant licensed in the USA-valid for 6 months for ranking qualification Link:
<https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/7.01.03.10.pdf#page=7>
- **Physical Technical Standard form (completed)** -form obtained through Nursing Counselor or Nursing Lab Supervisor-valid for 6 months for ranking qualification
Link: <https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/7.02.01.14.pdf>

POST ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS-DOCUMENTATION Documentation needed to clear for full acceptance into Nursing Program and Nursing course registration clearance.

- Post Admissions Requirements listed on page 4
- All Post Admissions Requirements will follow the same process as for the Pre-program Specific Requirements
 - Transmittal form will be required. No documents will be accepted without Transmittal form
 - Email subject will indicate June Registration Clearance or October Registration Clearance
- Deadline to submit documentation will be identified in the Post Admissions Checklist provided to top ranking students
- Contact person for submission of documents will be identified in the Post Admissions Checklist provided to top ranking students

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