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 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 seeking placement for Fall 2020 entry you will take the ATI TEAS assessment.
- You can purchase the 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 Paramedic to RN Option 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 advanced placement. Applicants who do not satisfactorily complete mandatory course work will not qualify for eligibility to be placed as an Advanced Placement Student (Non-traditional student) for the Paramedic to RN 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
- BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors
- RNSG 1301 Pharmacology
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development
- MATH 1324 Mathematics for Business & Social Science or MATH 1314 College Algebra or MATH 1342- Elementary Statistical Methods

For qualification BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, RNSG 1301 have a 10-year limit. All mandatory courses must be successfully completed with a minimum grade of “C” or better to qualify for advanced placement.

OTHER DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

Check 2020-2021 El Paso Community College Catalog for prerequisites

- ENGL 1301 Composition I
- BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications or COSC 1301-Introduction to Computing or ITSC 1301 Introduction to Computers

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

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 Pre-Program Specific requirements prior to qualifying for advanced placement. 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 - Current licensure as an EMT-LP - (License Paramedic)
- 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, Tuberculin Test, MMR, Tdap, Varicella, Influenza, Meningitis, or as directed by DSHS
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Hepatitis B:
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Measles; POSITIVE TITER required for Mumps; POSITIVE TITER required for Rubella, (MMR)
  - POSITIVE TITER required for Varicella
  - 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)
  - 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.

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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Program Begins – Fall 2020 (unless otherwise noted)
- Maximum Students Admitted: 20 students
- Must be currently employed as a Licensed Paramedic
- Students must have a minimum of 6 months’ full time work experience or 1-year part time work experience as a Licensed Paramedic prior to consideration for acceptance into the program.
- Submit a letter from current employer documenting work experience
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with ATI standardized testing.
- Students must have completed files by May 8th to be eligible for fall entry.

PLACEMENT INTO THE PROGRAM

- Students must have a current state Licensure as an EMT-LP to enter the program.
- Students must complete all mandatory courses for placement into the program.
- Students entering the program must meet all specialized admissions and non-traditional placement requirements prior to enrollment in specialized courses.

Placement into the program will be based on cumulative GPA, of all Mandatory Courses completed; BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, RNSG 1301, PSYC 2301, PSYC 2314, ENGL 1301 and MATH 1324 or MATH 1314, or MATH 1342.

ATTENTION ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS:
Students must have completed all required courses in order to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing-Paramedic to RN Option. See a Nursing Counselor at the Rio Grande Campus for further information.
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]>>Menu>>Academics>Health Programs>>Community Wide Orientation -(Renew every year)
- HIPAA TRAINING - [http://www.epcc.edu]>>Menu>>Academics>Health Programs>>HIPPA - (Renew every year)
- Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies 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 a background check through the American Data Bank - [www.elpasoex.com]. 2nd - Upon qualification and placement 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 for one year.
- 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 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 HOSPITAL AFFILIATES REQUIREMENTS

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

**NURSING CLINICAL COURSES**

NOTE: Must be formally admitted into the Associate Degree Nursing Program as a Paramedic to RN Option student to enroll for these courses.

**FIRST SEMESTER**  
RNSG 1517 Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice I for Articulating Students  
RNSG 1360 Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

**SECOND 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

**THIRD 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

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.

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