



# NON-SPECIALIZED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

## NURSING-PARAMEDIC TO RN OPTION

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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Applicants must satisfy all Specialized Admissions criteria to include; General Requirements, minimum ATI TEAS composite score, Mandatory courses and Pre-Program Specifics to qualify for fall placement. Once a completed applicant, only the most recent ATI TEAS composite scores and the most recent G.P.A. of Mandatory courses will be considered for placement.

#### 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=340>

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a current licensure as an **EMT-LP- (License Paramedic)**
- Acceptance by EPCC as an academic credit student
- Successful completion of **ATI TEAS -The Test of Essential Academic Skills**
- 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.*

## 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 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 Paramedic to RN 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 for Fall 2021 entry or October 2021 for Spring 2022 entry you will take the ATI TEAS assessment
- You can purchase an ATI TEAS Study Guide at: [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)

## 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 a 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 2021-2022 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-**Documentation of **all Pre- Program Specific Requirements 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](mailto:pmontes1@epcc.edu)**

**Transmittal Form Link: [https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Nursing\\_Pre-Clinical\\_Clearance\\_E-mail\\_Transmittal\\_Form.pdf](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 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.

- **PROGRAM ORIENTATION**- in person or virtually-(mandatory)
- **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, 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 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.**

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.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Program Begins** – Fall 2021 (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 7<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for Fall entry. -(Clinical clearance documentation due One Month prior to Placement date)**

## 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.

## 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 or virtually
- **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 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. **1<sup>st</sup>** – Upon qualification and placement into the program the student is required to complete a background check through the American Data Bank–[www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com). **2<sup>nd</sup>** - 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](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.**
- **PROVIDE PROOF OF PERSONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE TO MEET HOSPITAL AFFILIATES REQUIREMENTS**

Pre-Program Specific Materials should be turned in and documented as soon as completed to: Pat Chavez Montes, at [pmontes1@epcc.edu](mailto:pmontes1@epcc.edu) with Transmittal Form Link: [https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Nursing\\_Pre-Clinical\\_Clearance\\_E-mail\\_Transmittal\\_Form.pdf](https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Nursing_Pre-Clinical_Clearance_E-mail_Transmittal_Form.pdf)

## 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.

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 and 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.

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## 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](mailto: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](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-**  
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  - **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](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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