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 requirement for qualification and ranking into the Nursing program. 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 VN 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 ranking.

(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
- **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 has 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.
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
  - 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; POSITIVE TITER required for Mumps; 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 by college, check with Registrar’s office- (Good for 5 years)

- 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 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 H 221. Please call 831-4010 for office hours.

OTHER DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

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

- PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development (Prerequisite to VNSG 1234, VNSG 1262, VNSG 1230 and VNSG 1263)
- ENGL 1301 Composition I

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Official Ranking Dates:
  - o June 1, 2020 for Fall 2020 entry
  - o October 1, 2020 for Spring 2021 entry
- Program Begins - Fall and Spring
- Program Hours - 51 hours
- Maximum Students Admitted: 25 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 a Vocational Nursing Certificate of Completion
- The Texas Board of Nursing allows a student three years to complete the Vocational Nurse Certificate of Completion after official enrollment in the first Vocational Nursing course.
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with ATI standardized testing.

Background Check and Substance Abuse Screening are Post Specialized Admissions requirements, see page 4 for additional 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 ORIENTATON - one day in person orientation
- COMMUNITY WIDE ORIENTATON - [http://www.epcc.edu]>Menu>Academics>Health Programs> Community Wide Orientation (Renew every year)
- 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 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 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.
- NEW! PROVIDE PROOF OF PERSONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE TO MEET HOSPITAL AFFILIATE REQUIREMENTS

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

### VOCATIONAL NURSING (CLINICAL) COURSES

**NOTE:** Students must be formally admitted into the Vocational Nursing Program to enroll for these courses.

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**Exit Certificate of Completion:** Fundamentals of Vocational Nursing - Students who successfully complete VNSG 1323-VNSG 1160 and VNSG 1260 (or RNSG 1413 and RNSG 1260) with a “C” or better may apply for a Nurse Aide Certificate of Completion and are eligible to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.

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### ATTENTION ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS:

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

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The Vocational Nursing Certificate program is accredited by the Texas Board of Nursing. Addresses are located in the current catalog.

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