El Paso Community College

Welcome to the Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation



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Orientation Overview

Information will be provided regarding the Specialized Admissions procedure for qualification and ranking into the Nursing programs.

Orientation will:

- Cover Specialized Admissions requirements to qualify for ranking.
- Discuss process of ranking and selection.
- Outline student responsibility after receiving conditional acceptance.
- Explain full acceptance and registration process for Nursing courses



End of Orientation Quiz

Upon completion of this Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation power point presentation, you will need to return to the main page and take a Quiz.

- An 85% passing rate will be required for you to receive proof of successful completion of the orientation.
- O Verification of Completion documentation will need to be submitted to COMPLIO along with the other required documents such as Titer lab results, vaccine records, etc.





 If you have a disability that requires special assistance, your Nursing Counselor will work with the Center for Disabilities Counselor to meet your needs.



Requirements and Standards for Nursing Programs

- Nursing programs have Specialized Admissions requirements in addition to the college's standard admissions process.
- Some of these requirements are mandated by state or federal legislation. Others are based on the standards set by accreditation agencies.



Health Careers Majors

- O If you select to choose a Health Careers major along with a Nursing major for ranking you will need to work with BOTH the Health Careers and Nursing Counselor.
- O Meet with your designated **Health Careers Counselor** as you progress through the Specialized Admissions process.
- O **Identify different requirements** for qualification and ranking into those programs.
- O Work with a designated **Nursing Counselor** to fulfill the requirements for qualification and ranking into the Nursing program.
- O Health Careers majors have to meet minimum passing scores in the TSIA2 assessment. The Nursing discipline requires the ATI TEAS.

Designated Health Careers Counselors are located at RG campus, 103 Montana, Student Services Bldg. with the exception of the EMS program Counselors.



Qualification and Ranking Process

The ranking is a competitive two part process and the Specialized Admissions criteria will be applied in accordance to the current College Catalog at the time of ranking.

- First part requires that you complete all general requirements, program specific requirements, assessment and mandatory course work.
- Second part is the ranking of qualified applicants.
 Ranking is based on the most recent ATI TEAS scores and most recent grades received on the specific program ranking courses.



General Requirements

Applicant must:	Transcripts	Assessment
 Be accepted by El Paso Community College as an academic credit student 	 Request official transcripts from high school or GED scores and all prior colleges/ universities 	 Demonstrate minimum composite competency levels on the ATI TEAS assessment
Possess a minimum2.5 cumulative GPAor higher.	 Transliteration of foreign coursework is required. 	NOTE: All general requirements must be officially received by EPCC and documented in our system.

Health Careers Orientation & Application

- O Complete a mandatory Health Careers Orientation online.
- Pay a \$10 application fee at Cashiers or online.
- Submit a completed Health Careers Application with paid receipt.
- Submit completed application to the Specialized Admissions office, Student Enrollment Center, VV campus, 919 Hunter Dr. or through email at specialized.adm@epcc.edu



Additional General Requirements

- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that official transcripts from their high school or GED scores and all prior colleges/universities are received and logged into Banner.
- If a student's official GED scores or High school transcripts are not received, a student will not be eligible to qualify for ranking.
- All official transcripts should be sent directly to the Admissions Office.

Link to: https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions

or

Mail to: EPCC Admissions Office

P.O. Box 20500

El Paso, TX 79998

A minimum **grade of "C"** or higher is required in all academic and specialized nursing courses.

Application Process for Applicants

- 1. Students interested in Nursing are required to complete two on-line orientations
 - First orientation is the Health Careers Orientation which allows the Nursing applicant to **declare their major for ranking** and is one of two orientation required of the nursing applicants.
 - Second orientation is the Nursing Specialized Admission Orientation you are currently watching.
- 2. Complete a mandatory on-line Health Careers Orientation
 - After successfully completing the orientation, you will receive your Health Careers Specialized Admissions Application via email.
 - On the application you can declare Nursing as a secondary major.
 - O Submit the application, along with a \$10 application fee.
 - Declare a Non-Health major such as Biological Science, etc. until official acceptance into a Nursing program is received.
 - Declare up to two secondary Health Careers and /or Nursing majors.

NOTE: The Health Careers Orientation:

o allows the Nursing applicant to **declare their major for** <u>ranking purposes only.</u> is one of two orientations required of the Nursing applicants.



ATI TEAS Assessment

Minimum Composite Passing Scores: 62% Banner Posting Scores: 0620

- Official scores **must contain all four (4) subject areas**Reading, English and Language Usage, Math, and Science.
- Student is responsible to ensure official TEAS scores are received by the EPCC Testing Center.
- 62% ATI TEAS composite score is minimum to qualify for ranking, but may not be competitive depending on the applicant pool at the time of ranking.
- O Unofficial TEAS scores can be used ONLY for advising purposes
- o If the ATI TEAS exam is taken outside of EPCC, contact ATI to request official scores be sent to EPCC TESTING Center.
- o Follow up with the EPCC TESTING Center and provide them your student ID so your scores may be uploaded. Additional costs will be charged by ATI to send official scores.
 - Check the Testing website for ATI TEAS exam dates.

ATI TEAS Assessment-Preparation



ONLINE BOOT CAMPS

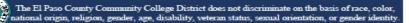
- Need to improve placement scores?
- Do you need to rank?

PREP before you test

all sessions are FREE!

For information, connect live at

(Click on Get Connected)









CONTACT US

PREP: (915) 831-2325 Valle Verde Campus SSC-147 Email: prep@epcc.edu











ATI TEAS Assessment

Technical Requirements for PROCTORIO

- Microphone: any mic, either internal or external
- Desktop or Laptop computer (no IPads, tablets, or phones are to be used) with the ability to download Google Chrome
- 1- 800-667-7531 or chat live at www.atitesting com/contact

TEAS ONLINE STEPS FOR STUDENTS

- Check your computer technical requirements on the left before proceeding
- View the Student Video Tutorial for online proctoring View the Quick Start Guide for Proctorio
- Create an ATI account at <u>atitesting.com</u>
- After you have scheduled your TEAS appointment, contact EPCC staff, if you don't receive your Assessment ID 2-3 days prior to your test date.
- · On the day of your test, log in to your ATI account

Contact the Testing Center via Online Assistance for any questions you may have. Link: https://www.epcc.edu/Services/TestingServices/specialized-testing

If you take the TEAS exam on-line, proctored through ATI, you need to contact the EPCC Testing Center to request that your scores be uploaded.

ATI TEAS STUDENT FLYER-

https://atitesting.com/docs/default-source/pdf/teas-at-ati---student-flyer_1-6-20.pdf?sfvrsn=d41902e9_4



ATI TEAS Content and Subsections

The ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is designed specifically to assess a students' preparedness entering the health science fields.

ATI TEAS FORMAT:

The ATI TEAS test is comprised of 170 questions set up in a multiple-choice format with four-option answers. Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform in class in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science, English and Language Usage.

170-QUESTIONS 209-MINUTES

Source: ATI website

TEAS Study Guide can be purchased at: www.atitesting.com



Mandatory Course Work

Mandatory courses are courses that need to be completed in order to qualify for ranking in the Nursing programs.

RN and VN Programs- Mandatory courses:

- Nursing program requires a "C" minimum on all coursework.
- o BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, RNSG 1301 and MATH 1324 or MATH 1342 or MATH 1314 or a higher level math course

LVN-RN Transition program- Mandatory courses:

BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, RNSG 1115, RNSG 1301, ENGL1301, PSYC
 2314, and MATH 1324 or MATH 1342 or MATH 1314 or a higher level math course

NOTE:

- BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 and RNSG 1301 have a 10 year expiration date for applicability
- RNSG 1115 has a 3 year limit for application.
- Applicants who do not successfully complete mandatory course work will not be eligible for ranking.



Pre-Program Specific Requirements

Applicants must meet **Pre-Program Specific Requirements** prior to qualifying for ranking into the Nursing program.

- O Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation-online
- Health Careers Orientation-online
- Current CPR Certification
- O American Heart Association (Healthcare Provider) or
- Continuing Education-Basic Life Support-5 hour course-(CPR/BLS-only; Healthcare Provider training accepted; card from American Heart Association)
- First Aid Certification
- National Safety Council or
- American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons or
- Continuing Education course –8 hour course
- O Nursing Disclosure Form
- COVID 19 vaccine, plus 1 booster is required by hospitals.
 Medical or religious exemption is allowed but proof for either is expected.



Pre-Program Specific Requirements

IMMUNIZATIONS

- O **Positive Titer** required for hepatitis B; must have had vaccination series of 3 (can take 4-6 months to complete) or twinrix (hepatitis A & B) series of 4 shots, days: #0, #7, #21, plus booster after 365 days or disease prior to **Titer**
- Positive Titer required for each: measles, mumps and rubella, (MMR);
 must have had vaccinations or disease prior to Titer
- Positive Titer required for varicella; must have had vaccinations or disease prior to Titer
- Tetanus/diphtheria and pertussis (tdap) or as directed by DSHS-(expires after 10 years)
- Influenza is required for October ranking but not for June ranking-(renew every year)
- Meningitis may be required-(good for 5 years)-(monitored by the Admissions Office not the Nursing Discipline)
- O **Physical exam** completed by a physician, nurse practitioner or physicians assistant licensed in the USA-valid for 6 months for ranking qualification
- Physical Technical Standard form (completed) –form obtained through Nursing website



Pre-Program Specific Requirements

IMMUNIZATIONS:

- All students are required to have had vaccinations or disease prior to TITER.
- After a vaccination is administered, you must wait 4-6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER.
- Immunizations and Positive Titers need to be completed One month prior to ranking date.

TRACKING SYSTEM:

- A tracking system, American Databank COMPLIO, will assist students and coordinators to be compliant with immunizations, CPR, First Aid, physical ,etc.
- O Students will be expected to pay all fees that are associated with the American Databank COMPLIO tracking system.



Pre-Clinical Documents-Timelines

O PHYSICAL EXAM:

- completed by a licensed USA Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician's Assistant
- o must be on the EPCC Report of Health Evaluation Form
- o has to be within 6 months of the Ranking/consideration date.)

PHYSICAL TECHNICAL STANDARD

- o completed fully
- o has to be within 6 months of the Ranking/consideration Date.

NURSING DISCLOSURE FORM

- has to be within 3 months of the Ranking/consideration Date.
- o must obtain clearance from the Nursing discipline. If any of the background responses are marked "yes" you will need to email the nursingclearance@epcc.edu for further instructions.





Location

Rio Grande Campus

Room: <u>H105</u>

Phone Nursing Clinic: (915) 831-4016

Dental, Sonography, & Physical Therapy

Phone: (915) 831-4017





Pre-Program Specific Requirements Document Submission

Documentation Needed to Clear for Qualification and Ranking

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

- One month prior to ranking for June Check Nursing Program
 Information Guide for specific ranking date
- One month prior to ranking for October- Check Nursing Program Information Guide for specific ranking date
- Pre Admissions Requirements listed on page 3 of Nursing Program
 Information Guide
- O Submit all Pre-Program Specific Documentation through COMPLIO
- O **Do not send** any medical documents to the Nursing Counselors, as Counselors do not have authorization to validate your documents

Questions concerning the Pre program requirements should be addressed to the Nursing discipline at nursingclearance@epcc.edu



Ranking Criteria

- Applicants need to satisfy all Specialized Admissions requirements, including:
 - General Admissions requirements
 - Pre-Program Specific requirements
 - Mandatory course work
- Minimum composite scores on the ATI TEAS assessment (Composite scores are the result of testing in all four subject areas in one sitting.)
- O Applicants will be placed in a qualified pool to be automatically ranked based upon individual performance on the most recent composite scores of the ATI TEAS and the most recent GPA of program specific Ranking Courses.



Ranking Courses

Ranking Courses for the RN, VN & LVN-RN Transition programs:

- O BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
- O BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
- RNSG 1301- Pharmacology
- are identified by the Nursing discipline
- o require a grade of "C" or higher
- cannot be substituted
- o are courses within the degree plan that establish the ranking score

The following ranking courses have a 10 year expiration date: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 and RNSG 1301.

The ranking of qualified applicants is based on the *MOST RECENT* ATI TEAS scores and the grades on three Ranking courses.



Ranking Calculation

- O During June and October, qualified students will automatically be ranked based on their MOST RECENT ATI TEAS composite scores and the MOST RECENT GPA of Ranking Courses.
- o 60 % of points come from GPA of Ranking Courses which equals 720 maximum points.
- 40 % of points come from ATI TEAS composite score which equals 480 maximum points.

100 % = 1,200 points is the maximum possible ranking score



Calculating the Factor for Ranking Courses

Ranking Courses have a 60% weight:

O To determine the Factor for Ranking Courses, divide 720 by the Maximum possible GPA, 4.0 (all A's on Ranking Courses =4.0 GPA) multiplied by the Maximum Ranking Course hours = (11 hrs. for the RN, VN and LVN-RN Transition programs).

Sample for the RN, VN and LVN-RN Transition Course Ranking Factor:

- o 720 maximum points divided by (4.0 X 11 hrs.) = **16.364** = **Factor**
- The Factor for Ranking Courses is set at 16.364



TEAS Weighted Percentages and Factor

Nursing-RN and VN Programs

40% of your composite score from the ATI TEAS will count toward your ranking score

Testing Formula for ATI TEAS Factor

100 maximum points on ATI TEAS, (1000 posted on Banner) multiplied by 48% weighted percentage =480 max Test score divided by 100 (ATI TEAS Maximum Raw Score) =.48

Example:

- O Student receives a 73% on their ATI TEAS composite score
- Application of formula:
 - 73% is posted on Banner as 0730
 - 0730, (73%) x .48 Test Factor= 350.4 Test points



Nursing Programs are Selective

- Nursing Programs are selective programs with Special application requirements, "Specialized Admissions Requirements"
- O Students must meet all Specialized admissions requirements before being eligible to rank into the Nursing Programs.
- Complete/Qualified applicants are ranked from highest to lowest points and admission is based solely on this ranking.

Applicant Responsibility confirming that all verifying official GED or High official School transcripts documentation is are received and received and logged into Banner logged into Banner maintaining ensuring they are a compliance Complete" applicant regarding changing requirements for ranking submitting all verifying their required correct status of documentation thru their application, COMPLIO, one file, address and month prior to phone number ranking date



What Happens on Ranking Day?

- O Ranking occurs twice a year; June and October
- The Banner system locks in all students who have completed all Specialized Admissions requirements.
- The evening of ranking the computer will generate the total points off the **most recent** ATI TEAS assessment score and grades received on the ranking courses.
- The top students are selected from highest to lowest points.

Note: It is important to make sure you have been working with a designated Nursing Counselor to review your applicant status and ensure that you are a "Complete" applicant prior to the ranking date.



Notification of Acceptance

- Qualified ranked students who are the top candidates will be offered a seat.
- O Letter of Acceptance will be sent officially from the Specialized Admissions Office through regular mail.
- You will be given 10 days to respond to the letter.
- O Students must satisfy all Post-Program Specific requirements to gain a full acceptance and clearance for the clinical nursing courses.
- RN program accepts a maximum of 75 students each Fall and Spring semester (unless otherwise noted)
- O VN program accepts a maximum of 25 students each Fall and Spring semester (unless otherwise noted)
- LVN-RN Transition program will accept 20 students each Fall and Spring semester (unless otherwise noted)



Student Who Did Not Get Accepted

- Students who were not selected will remain in the qualified pool as long as they continue to satisfy all current specialized and program specific admissions requirements.
- Students declining or failing to respond to an offer of a seat into a Health Careers or Nursing program will be removed from the qualified pool as an applicant for that program(s).
- O If student wishes to rank into other Health Career or Nursing program, it is recommended to contact the designated Health Careers or Nursing Program Counselor.



Notification of Acceptance

- Students declining or failing to respond to an offer of a seat into a Nursing program will be removed from the qualified pool as an applicant for that program(s).
- O A student who declines acceptance into a specialized program and wants to be considered for <u>other Health Careers or Nursing majors</u>, will be required to submit a change of major form with a Nursing counselor.
- O After a student accepts a seat in a specific Nursing program, the student will then be removed from all other existing pools.
- O Students who were <u>not</u> selected will remain in the qualified pool as long as they continue to satisfy all current specialized and program specific admissions requirements.



Notification of Acceptance

What does Alternate Status mean?

If you are not one of the top applicants once ranking occurs, you will be considered an "alternate". Seats are not guaranteed as an alternate.

What can I do as an "Alternate" student?

- O You will need to work very closely with the Nursing counselors to make a decision on whether you will complete all the Post Admission requirements should a seat opens up, you may be considered only if you have completed all Post Admissions requirements. Any seat that opens up will be offered in the order of your ranking status.
- o If you select not to complete the Post Admissions requirements, you may want to discuss your strategy for re-ranking.



Post Specialized Admissions Requirements

Students are responsible for the following requirements **AFTER** accepting a seat in the program.

- Program Orientation-1 day
- Community Wide Orientation online
- Specialized equipment, uniforms and lab supplies required
- Liability Insurance
- O HIPAA Training- online
- Substance Abuse screening
- Two Background clearances
- COVID 19 vaccine plus one booster is now required by all hospitals.
 Medical or religious exemption is allowed but poof of either is expected.
- Proof of Personal Medical Insurance to meet affiliate requirements.

- 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, single is to be done annually) or chest x-ray (as needed) (or as requested by clinical facilities)
- Fingerprinting- Upon accepting a seat into the program, your name is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). The BON will email the student the Texas Fingerprint Service Code Form which enables the student to make an appointment with IdentiGO to get their fingerprinting completed. 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.

Post Specialized Admissions Requirements

Criminal Background Clearance

Two Background Checks will be required of each student.

- Upon qualification into the program, your name is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing .
- Students are responsible for the second background investigation which must be conducted through: http://www.elpasoex.com
- Your Criminal Background Clearances will be sent directly to the Dean of Nursing.

There are two levels of Criminal Background Clearance

- < Level 1 includes all students
- < Level 2 is for students who are already licensed or certified in any area.
- O The Joint Commission which accredits healthcare facilities across the country enforced background screening in September 2004. Students in a healthcare field must now complete the same background check as hospital employees.



Post Specialized Admissions Requirements

Substance Abuse Screening

- Results sent directly to Dean of Nursing
- O Students who cannot participate in clinical rotations due to adverse activities revealed through substance abuse screening cannot complete course or program requirements.
- Students who fail to obtain a clearance may be prohibited for admissions or enrollment in nursing courses for oneyear.
- Substance Abuse Screening website: <u>www.elpasoex.com</u>





Registration For Nursing Program Courses

Upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance and successful completion of all Post Specialized Admissions requirements you will be authorized to register for Nursing clinical courses.

Registration Process:

- Once all your Post Admissions documents are met, the Nursing discipline will send a list of students who have met the Post Admissions requirements and are ready for registration to the Counseling department.
- O Nursing counselors in collaboration with the Nursing discipline and the Admissions Office will identify the registration dates for the 1st semester cohort.
- The registration will be done in coordination with Nursing and the Admission Office on the designated dates identified each semester.
- O Students will be notified through email of their registration status by a Nursing counselor.



Once in the Nursing program...

Students are informed to:

- o expect a 40-50 hour/week commitment once in the Nursing program
- o manage your time; set priorities
- have their financial obligations in order, prior to entering nursing program
- o develop a support system and study groups immediately

Note: If a student is lacking any <u>nonclinical courses</u> it is advised to take them in the summer, but hopefully take them prior to entry into the Nursing program



EPCC Nursing Program

Highlighting aspects of the EPCC Nursing programs.

- Hands on experience- lecture courses are tied to a clinical experience
- Smaller class size
- Only (8) eight non-nursing courses identified for AAS-Nursing
- Once in the Nursing program...
 - VN program is (1) one year commitment
 - O RN program is (4) semesters, (2) two years commitment; no summers
 - LVN-RN Transition program is (2) two semesters
- Low tuitions rates

EPCC Nursing Programs are all accredited:

- Texas Board of Nursing-BON
- Accrediting Commission on Education in Nursing –ACEN
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges –(SACSCOC)



Nursing Guided Program Maps

Certificate of Completion - Vocational Nursing- Program Map



Associate of Applied Science - Nursing — Program Map



Associate of Applied Science -LVN-RN Transition Nursing – Program Map



Nursing applicants should review their specific Nursing Program Map which provides more detailed information concerning the Nursing degree requirements, Career opportunities, etc.

Information found on the Nursing website.

- Program Description
- Career Opportunities
- Degree plans
- Things To Know
- Marketable Skills
- o Requirements
- Preferred Course Superscripts



Financial Aid and Nursing Applicants

Nursing applicants may want to repeat a course for competitiveness in ranking, however financial aid funding may be affected.

- O All Federal programs pay once for a class previously passed with a grade of "D" or better. (A "D" grade is not acceptable for the Nursing program.)
- O It is the student's responsibility to check with the Financial Aid Office to inquire how a repeat course (s) may impact their financial aid or veteran's assistance.



General Counselors

- General Counselors are located through out the district. They will:
 - provide general academic advising for Nursing and other Health Careers programs
 - o refer to the designated Nursing Counselors
- Nursing majors need to work with the designated Nursing Counselors located at either Rio Grande Campus or Mission del Paso Campus. Designated Nursing Counselors:
 - work closely with Nursing Program Coordinators and Faculty
 - attend monthly Nursing Discipline meetings to keep abreast of changes
 - are included in Nursing specific Nursing discipline committees
 - have Nursing program changes prior to general Counselors.



Designated ADN Program Counselors

The ADN designated Nursing program counselors are located at the RG campus. If you are a ADN program student you will work specifically with the ADN program counselors.

A current listing of the ADN program counselors is found on the Nursing website.

Rio Grande Campus 103 Montana Student Services Bldg. Counseling Center



Designated VN Program Counselors

The VN designated Nursing program counselors are located at the Mission Del Paso campus. If you are a VN program student you will work specifically with the VN program counselors.

A current listing of the VN program counselors is found on the Nursing website.

Mission Del Paso Campus 10700 Gateway East Counseling Center



Nursing Program Contact Information

Dean of Nursing

Dr. Hafid Guerrero

Health Science Bldg., Room H 222

Phone: 915-831-4529

Rio Grande Campus





Nursing Lab Facilities Supervisor

Cynthia Gonzalez

Health Science Bldg., Room H221

Rio Grande Campus

Phone: 915-831-4010

Email: nursingclearance@epcc.edu

Nursing Program Contact Information



Nursing Contact Information can be found on the Nursing website at www.epcc.edu>>Nursing>>General Inquiries

General Inquiries

- Dean of Nursing and Program Coordinators
- Clinical Clearance
- Nursing Counselors



Admissions and Registrars Office Personnel



Contact: specialized.adm@epcc.edu

Campus Location:

Valle Verde Campus 919 Hunter Student Enrollment Services Center Admissions and Registration Office

Congratulations! You have finished the Power point.

- This is the end of the Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation.
 Get ready to take a quiz!
 - After successfully completing the exam, don't forget to print the Verification of Completion Certificate.
- Verification of Completion Certificate will need to be submitted to COMPLIO along with the other required documents such as Titer Lab results, vaccine records, etc.