



Welcome to the Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation

Rio Grande Campus



Mission Del Paso Campus



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Specialized Admissions

Overview

The Nursing programs currently under the Specialized Admissions requirements are as follows:

Nursing –Associate of Applied Science

Vocational Nursing-Certificate of Completion

In progress for conversion to the Specialized Admissions process is the LVN-RN Transition –Associate of Applied Science degree. Projection date is June 2023.

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Overview



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

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

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End of Orientation Quiz

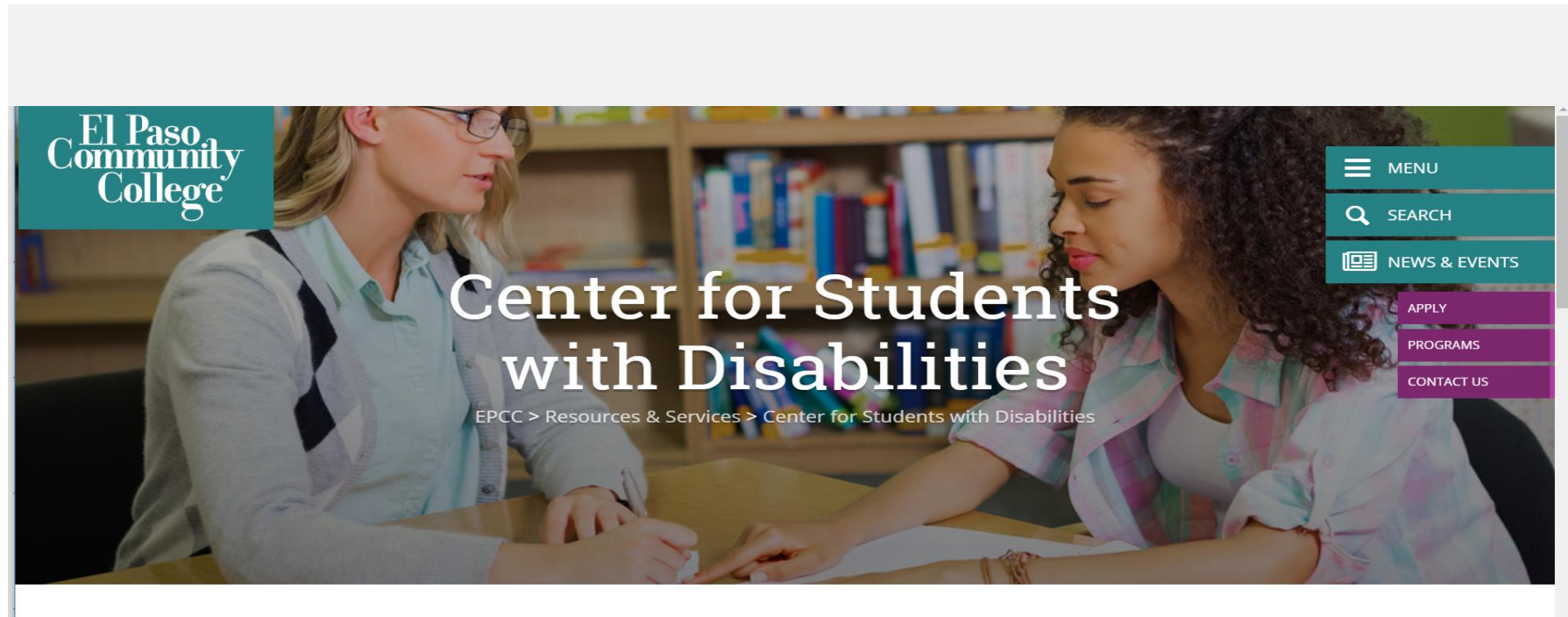
Upon completion of this Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation power point presentation, you will need to return to the main page and take a Quiz.

- An **85% passing rate** will be required for you to receive proof of successful completion of the orientation.
- Verification of Completion documentation will need to be sent to the nursingclearance@epcc.edu with Titer Lab results and any vaccine records you have up to this point to start a clinical file. Include a Nursing Transmittal form along with your documents.



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Center for Students with Disabilities



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

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Health Careers Majors



- Meet with your designated **Health Careers Counselor** as you progress through the Specialized Admissions process.
- **Identify different requirements** for qualification and ranking into those programs.
- Work with a designated **Nursing Counselor** to fulfill the requirements for qualification and ranking into the Nursing program.
- **Health Careers majors** have to **meet minimum passing scores in the TSIA2 assessment** rather than ATI TEAS assessment as required by the Nursing discipline.



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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.



Let's discuss.....

Nursing Qualifications for Ranking

*Students need to complete all
Specialized Admissions requirements to
qualify for ranking.*



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Qualification and Ranking Process



- This criteria 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.

1

- First part requires that you complete all general requirements, program specific requirements, ATI TEAS assessment and mandatory course work.

2

- Second part is the ranking of qualified applicants.
 - Ranking is based on most recent ATI TEAS scores and grades received on the specific program ranking courses.

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General Requirements

*General requirements need to be
documented and officially received by
El Paso Community College.*



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General Requirements

Applicant must:	Transcripts	Assessment	Health Careers Orientation and Application
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be accepted by El Paso Community College as an academic credit student 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request official transcripts from high school or GED scores and all prior colleges/ universities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate minimum composite competency levels on the ATI TEAS assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a mandatory Health Careers Orientation online Submit a completed Health Careers Application and pay a \$10 application fee <i>Call -915-831-2107 to pay the \$10 fee over the phone.</i> Submit completed application to the Specialized Admissions office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possess a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transliteration of foreign coursework is required 		

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Additional General Requirements

It is the student's responsibility to assure 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.



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Application & Declaration of Nursing Major

*Complete an on-line Health Careers Orientation
to declare your major for ranking purposes only.*



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Application Process for Applicants

1. Nursing applicants 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 orientations required of the nursing applicants.
 - *Second orientation is the Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation you are currently watching* 
2. Complete a mandatory **Health Careers Orientation on-line**
 - Complete the application to **declare Nursing as a secondary major**.
 - Submit the application, along with a \$10 application fee
 - Declare a **Non- Health Major** such as ***Biological Sciences, etc.*** until official acceptance into a nursing program is received.
 - Declare up to **two secondary** Health Careers and/or Nursing majors.
3. After successfully completing the orientation, you will receive your Health Careers Specialized Admissions Application via email

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Assessment

- Completion of the ATI TEAS with a minimum of a 57% composite scores is required to qualify for ranking.
- Student is responsible to assure official scores are received by EPCC Testing Center.
- A minimum of a 57% ATI TEAS composite score is need to qualify for ranking , but may not be competitive depending the applicant pool at the time of ranking.



Specialized Admissions Assessment

ATI TEAS- Assessment

Minimum Composite Passing Scores: **57%**
Banner Posting Scores: **0570**

- Official scores **must contain all four (4) subject areas**
- Reading, English and Language Usage, Math, and Science.
- Contact a Nursing Counselor for testing and re-testing guidelines.
- TEAS Study Guide can be purchased at: www.atitesting.com

If you are qualifying and ranking into the Nursing Programs, you will need to take the **ATI TEAS assessment**.



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ATI TEAS Assessment-Preparation

TSIA 2 & TEAS

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
www.epcc.edu/Services/PREP

(Click on Get Connected)



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CONTACT US

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



Preparing for your TEAS assessment

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ATI TEAS Assessment

Technical Requirements for PROCTORIO

- ▯ Microphone: any mic, either internal or external
- ▯ Webcam: 320 x 240 VGA resolution (minimum) internal or external
- ▯ Desktop or Laptop computer (no IPads, tablets, or phones are to be used) with the ability to download Google Chrome
- ▯ For technical support contact 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 atitesting.com
- 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>

ATI TEAS STUDENT FLYER-

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

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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



ATI TEAS Content and Subsections

Let's break things down even further

The table below provides the number of questions and time limits for each section of the TEAS.

	READING	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE USAGE
NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	53	36	53	28
TIME LIMIT (MINUTES)	64 min	54 min	63 min	28 min
SPECIFIC CONTENT COVERED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Key ideas & details<input type="checkbox"/> Craft and structure<input type="checkbox"/> Integration of knowledge & ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Numbers & algebra<input type="checkbox"/> Measurement & data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Human anatomy & physiology<input type="checkbox"/> Life & physical sciences<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Conventions of standard English<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of language<input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary acquisition <p>Source: ATI website</p>

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ATI TEAS-Qualification and Ranking

- Minimum passing **composite score** for qualification and ranking is **57%** with all subjects tested during one sitting. Reading ;Math; English & Language Usage; Science

- All four competency levels must be met: Reading, English and Language Usage , Math, Science.
- Students **must take all four subject areas at one time.**

- TEAS will carry a **total weighted percentage of 40%** weighted at ranking
- Minimum **composite passing scores** were approved by Nursing discipline

- Only ATI TEAS will be accepted
- Unofficial **TEAS** scores can be used **ONLY** for advising purposes
- Cost of the ATI TEAS will be **\$102 plus-(subject to change)**

- Official scores will be available in Banner **48 hours after testing after**
- Taking **all subject areas or a portion** of ATI TEAS will count as **one** attempt.

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ATI TEAS-Qualification and Ranking

- Students may re-test **every 21 days**
- Students can test and/or re-retest a **total of four times**.
- If you **re-test prior** to the **21 day waiting period**, your ATI TEAS scores will be **invalid** for EPCC qualification and ranking.

- If a student is unsuccessful after their **fourth attempt**, they will need to sit out for **6 months** and re-qualify for ranking.
- A **6 month** period is defined as **6 months** from the student's **last attempt** of taking the ATI TEAS.

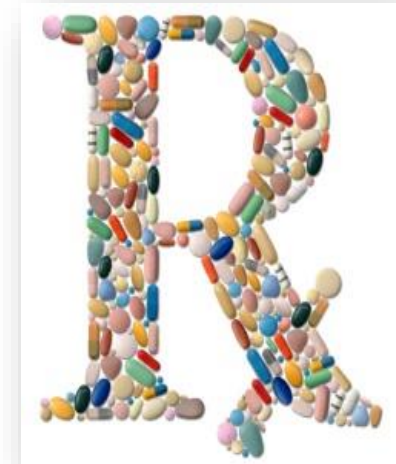
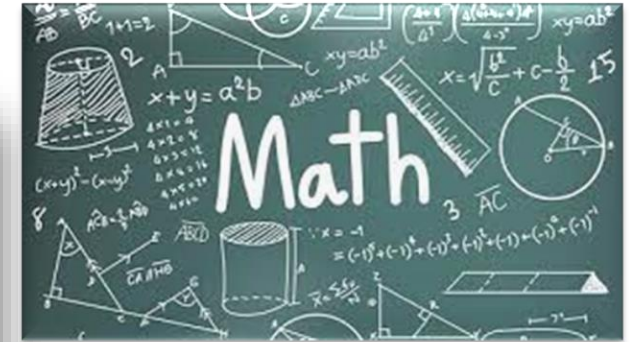
- The ATI TEAS scores are valid for **two years** for qualification and ranking purposes.
- Only the most **RECENT** test scores will be used for qualification and ranking.

- If taken at another institution, official ATI TEAS scores will need to be sent to EPCC. Go to the ATI TEAS website. Request an official transcript be sent to the EPCC Testing Center
<https://atitesting.com/>
- Official ATI scores taken outside of EPCC, need to be sent to EPCC Testing Center along with your student Id number. These scores may take longer than 48 hrs. to upload once EPCC receives them.

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Mandatory Courses

Mandatory courses are courses a student must successfully complete to qualify for ranking.



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Mandatory Course Work



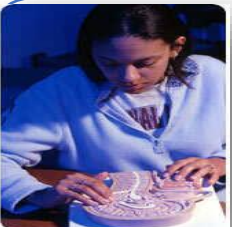
- Mandatory courses must be successfully completed prior to ranking
- Mandatory courses require a minimum grade of “C” or higher in order to qualify for ranking.



- The mandatory courses for RN and VN Nursing programs are:
BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, RNSG 1301 and MATH 1314 or MATH 1324 or MATH 1342



- The following mandatory courses have a **10 year expiration date**: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 and RNSG 1301
- Mandatory courses **cannot be substituted**

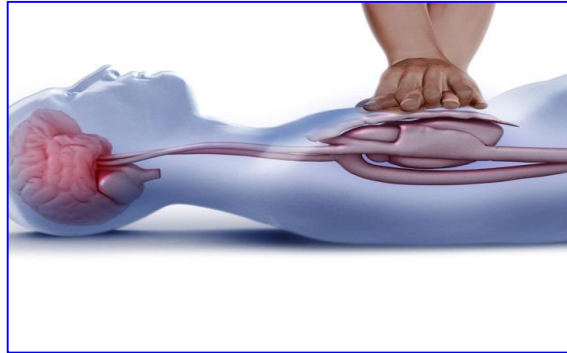


- Applicants who do not successfully complete mandatory course work **will not** be eligible for ranking.

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Pre-Program Specialized Admissions Requirements

- Pre-Program Specialized Admissions requirements need to be completed to qualify for ranking.
- Submit Pre-Program documents to nursingclearance@epcc.edu with a Transmittal form one month prior to ranking.
- Pre-Program requirements must be maintained current throughout each semester.
- Questions concerning Pre-Program Specialized Admissions requirements should be addressed to the nursingclearance@epcc.edu



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Pre-Program Specialized Admissions Requirements

Applicants must meet Pre-Program Specialized Admissions requirements prior to qualifying for ranking into the Nursing program.

- Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation-Online-Web link:

<https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/nursing-specialized-admissions-orientation>

- **Current CPR Certification-**

- 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

- **Nursing Disclosure Form-** Web Link:

https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Nursing_Disclosure_Form.pdf

- **COVID 19 vaccine, 2 doses plus one (1)** is now required by all hospitals. Medical or religious exemption is allowed but proof of either is expected.



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Pre-Program Specialized Admissions Requirements

IMMUNIZATIONS

- **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** or Heplisav-b
- **Positive Titer** required for each: measles, mumps, rubella, (MMR) and varicella ; 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*)
- **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

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Pre-Program Specialized Admissions 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. Implementation is pending for the Nursing Program. Students will be expected to pay all fees that are associated with the American Databank COMPLIO tracking system.



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Pre-Program Specialized Admissions Requirements

Rio Grande Border Health Clinic

Location

Rio Grande Campus

Room: [H105](#)

Phone Nursing Clinic: (915) 831-4016

Dental, Sonography, & Physical Therapy

Phone: (915) 831-4017

Link: <https://www.epcc.edu/Services/RGBHC>



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Pre-Program Specialized Admissions Requirements



- Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation- **you are currently viewing this orientation**
 - Pre-Program Specialized Admissions documents require a Nursing Transmittal form for submission to:
nursingclearance@epcc.edu
- Submit Pre-Program Specialized Admissions documentation as you progress through the requirements.
- Pre-Program Specialized Admissions need to be completed and documented at least **one month** prior to the ranking date.
- **Start a Clinical Nursing folder:** The Nursing Discipline creates a clinical folder when you submit the Positive Titer Lab results with any other vaccine documents that you have at this point to review them and make sure what clinical documents you are pending for ranking. (Documents are not accepted without a Transmittal form)
- **Do not submit this Certificate of Verification if you have not started a file with the Nursing Discipline**

Pre-Program Specialized Admissions requirement documents should NOT be sent to the Nursing Counselors.

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Pre-Program Specialized Admissions Requirements-Document Submission



Documentation Needed to Clear for Qualification and Ranking

All Pre Program Specialized Admissions 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 Program Specialized Admissions requirements listed **on page 3 of Nursing Program Information Guide**
- Submit all Pre-Program Specialized Admissions documentation to nursingclearance@epcc.edu
- Include a completed Transmittal form along with your documents. Select the documents you are submitting for review.
- 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, i.e. Questions, without documents, should include EPCC student Id and full name

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Pre-Program Specialized Admissions Requirements-Document Submission

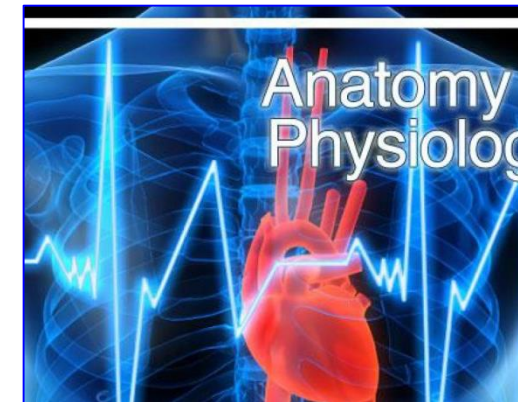
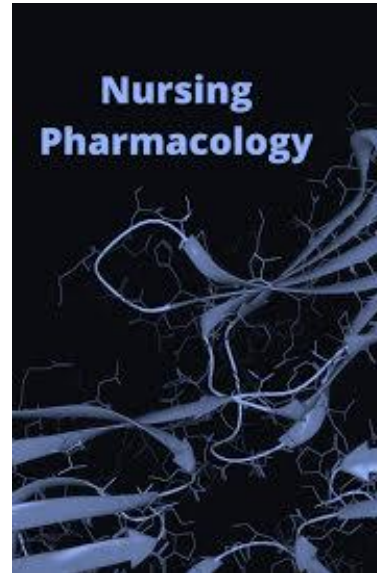
- Pre Program Specialized Admissions requirement questions, i.e. Titters, CPR, Immunizations, Physical Technical Standard form, etc. should be **directed to the Nursing Discipline** at nursingclearance@epcc.edu
- **Do not send** any medical documents to the Nursing Counselors, as we don't have authorization to validate your documents.
- Pre Program Specialized Admissions Clearance documentation should be submitted to the Nursing Discipline at nursingclearance @epcc.edu
- Documents **will not** be accepted without a Transmittal form which can be found on the Nursing website.
- The Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation certificate **is not accepted** if you don't have a clinical nursing folder with the Nursing Discipline.



Let's discuss.....

Ranking Courses

- *Ranking courses are courses that are part of the calculation for ranking and selection.*
- *Ranking courses cannot be substituted.*
- *If a Ranking course is repeated, only the **MOST RECENT** grade is considered for ranking.*



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Ranking Courses

Ranking Courses:

- are identified by the Nursing discipline
- require a grade of “C” or higher
- cannot be substituted
- 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.**



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Ranking Courses



Example of Ranking courses for the ADN-Nursing (RN) program.

- BIOL 2401 - Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2402 - Anatomy and Physiology II
- RNSG 1301- Pharmacology

Example of Ranking courses for the VN Certificate program.

- BIOL 2401- Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2402 - Anatomy and Physiology II
- RNSG 1301- Pharmacology

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

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Ranking Criteria and Process

- *Once an applicant completes all Specialized Admissions requirements, ranking occurs in June for Fall entry or in October for Spring entry.*
- *Ranking is automated in our Banner system.*



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Ranking Criteria

- Applicants need to satisfy all Specialized Admissions requirements, including:
 - General Admissions requirements
 - Pre-Program Specialized Admissions 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.)**



- 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**.

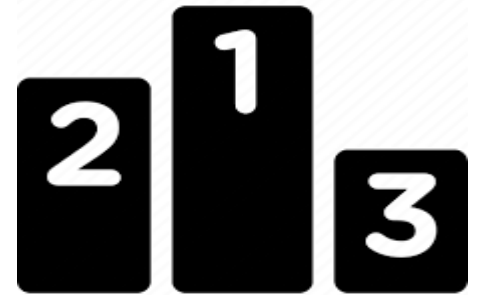
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Ranking

On specific ranking dates, 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**.

- **60 %** of points come from **GPA of Ranking Courses** which equals **720 maximum points**.
- **40 %** of points come from **ATI TEAS composite scores** which equals **480 maximum points**.

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



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Calculating Your Ranking Course Grade Point Average (GPA)

Sample for **RN-Associate of Applied Science** program Ranking Courses:

BIOL 2401 A = 4 grade pts. = 16 pts.

BIOL 2402 B = 3 grade pts. = 12 pts.

RNSG 1301 B = 3 grade pts. = 9 pts.

Total = 11 credit hours = 37 pts.

Formula:

37 points divided by 11 credits = **3.3 Ranking Course GPA**

Sample for **VN Certificate** program Ranking Courses:

BIOL 2401 A = 4 grade pts. = 16 pts.

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RNSG 1301 B = 3 grade pts. = 9 pts.

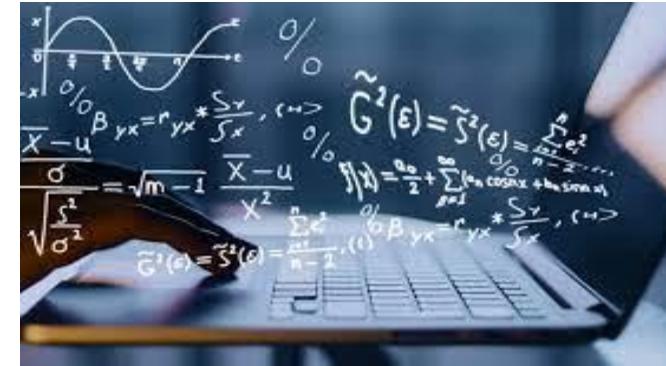
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Calculating the **Factor** for Ranking Courses



Ranking Courses have a 60% weight:

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 = (11hrs. for both RN and VN programs).**

Sample for both RN and VN Course Ranking Factor:

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

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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:

- 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**

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What happens on the Ranking Date?

- The Nursing program ranks in **June and October** each year.
- On ranking day, the Banner system locks in all students who have completed all Specialized Admissions requirements.
- As you test and complete the ranking courses, points are automatically generated through the Banner system.
- The evening of the ranking date, the computer will generate the total points off the most recent **ATI TEAS** scores and most recent grades received on the specific **program ranking courses**.
- The top students are selected on a maximum 1,200 total point scale.

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

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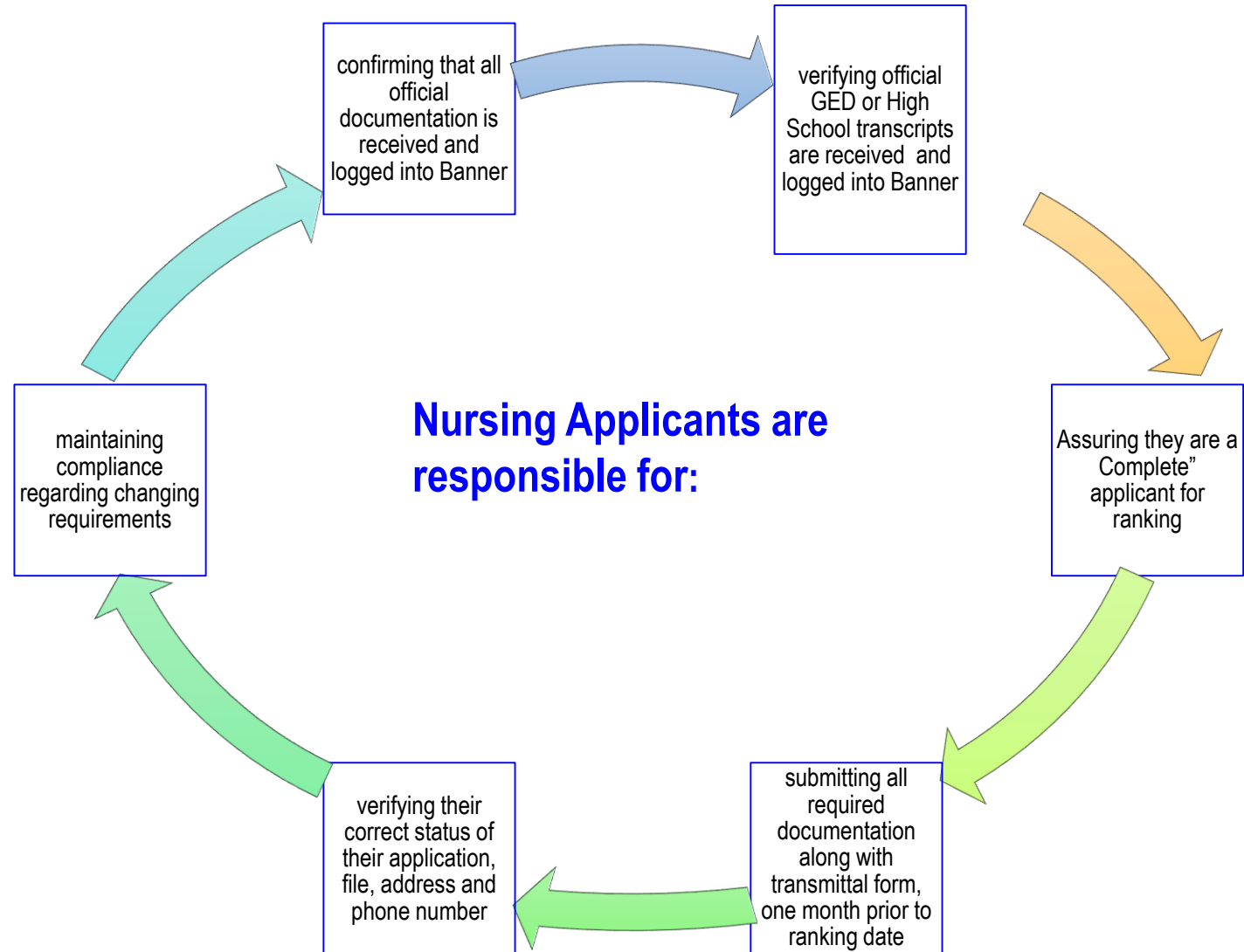
Applicant Responsibility

- *Students are responsible to assure all required documents are received by El Paso Community College and deadlines are met for document submission.*
- *Students need to work with a designated Nursing Counselor throughout their progression of the Specialized Admissions requirements.*



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Applicant Responsibility



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Notification of Acceptance

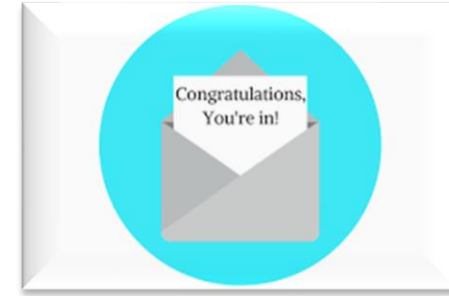
The Specialized Admissions Office will send an official letter of acceptance, (Acknowledgement form) if you are one of the top candidates.

- *You will have 10 days to accept or decline your seat.*
- *Acknowledgement form, (Acceptance letter) will need to be submitted to the Specialized Admissions office.*



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Notification of Acceptance



- Qualified ranked students who are the top candidates will be offered a seat.
- 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.
- Students must satisfy all Post-Program Specialized Admissions 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)
- VN program accepts a maximum of 25 students each Fall and Spring semester (unless otherwise noted)

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Applicant Responsibility for Accepting or Declining a seat

- *Student is responsible to meet Acknowledgement form–(Acceptance letter) deadline.*
- *If you do not get offered a seat, you will not receive a letter from the Specialized Admissions Office.*
- *If you are an alternate, you will need to work closely with your Nursing counselor.*



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Notification of Acceptance



1. Students declining or failing to respond to an offer of a seat into a Health Careers program will be removed from the qualified pool as an applicant for that program(s).



2. A student who has declined acceptance into a specialized program and desires to be considered for other health majors, will be required to submit a change of major form with a Health Careers counselor.



3 After a student accepts a seat in a particular Health Careers program, the student will then be removed from all other existing Health Careers pool.



4. 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.

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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?

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



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Post Specialized Admissions Requirements

- Students are required to complete Post Specialized Admissions requirements *AFTER* receiving an acceptance into the Nursing Program.
- Post Specialized Admissions documents are submitted to the Nursing Discipline at nursingclearance@epcc.edu with a Transmittal form.



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Post Specialized Admissions Requirements

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

- Program Orientation-1 day- in person or virtual
- Community Wide Orientation – online
- Specialized equipment, uniforms and lab supplies required
- Liability Insurance
- HIPAA Training- online
- Substance Abuse screening
- Two Background clearances
- **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 form 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 completed by 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 specifically for students who are already licensed or certified in any area

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

Substance Abuse Screening

- Results sent directly to Dean of Nursing
- 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 one-year.
- Substance Abuse Screening website: www.elpasoex.com



Let's discuss.....

Registration for Nursing Clinical Courses

- *Registration for Nursing students is done by the Nursing Counselors as Nursing courses are blocked.*
- *Registration activities are coordinated with the Nursing discipline, Admissions Office and Nursing Counselors.*
- *Student are responsible to remove any holds that may prevent them from registration.*



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Registration For Nursing Clinical 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:

- Submit your Post Specialized Admissions documentation to the Nursing Discipline at nursingclearance@epcc.edu with a Transmittal form by designated deadline.
- On the Transmittal form indicate name, ID, email address and check boxes for only the documents you are attaching. Also in the Subject area on the email indicate whether you are trying to clear for June or October . **Sample: June Clearance**
- Obtain Clinical Clearance from the Nursing Discipline at nursingclearance@epcc.edu
- Once all your Post Specialized Admissions documents are validated and met, the Nursing Discipline will provide a Clinical Clearance for you to present to the Counseling Center.
- Work with your Nursing Counselor to identify specific dates for the Group Registration Sessions .

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Planning For Success as a Nursing Student

- *As a Nursing student you want to plan ahead to be successful.*
- *The Nursing program is very intense and will require a full-time commitment.*
- *Advance planning and time management will be of the essence for this program.*



Post Admissions Information

Additional Program Fees and Requirements

Students are expected to pay all fees associated with ATI standardized testing.

Fingerprinting with a background from the FBI is required by the Texas Board of Nursing to complete licensure requirements and take NCLEX Exam.

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 American Databank COMPLIO tracking system.

All Post specialized admissions requirements will need to be successfully met to gain clearance for registration into nursing clinical courses.

Additional fees associated with specialized equipment, uniforms, and supplies will be the student's responsibility.

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Associate of Applied Science - Program Map - 2022-2023 Health Sciences Nursing



Program Description

This articulated classroom and clinical education program prepares students to become eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Program graduates provide professional nursing care, patient teaching, effective communication, and management of patient care. Successful completion of the first semester of courses allows students to apply to take the examination for Certified Nursing Aides through the Texas Nurse Aide Registry. Successful completion of the AAS program allows graduates to take the NCLEX-RN exam.

Career Opportunities

Potential Careers: Graduate/Generalist Nurses • Registered Nurses (Hospitals, Emergency Rooms, Operating Rooms, Physicians' Offices, Clinics, etc.) • Specialty Nurses (Medical, Surgical, Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Mental Health, etc.)

Potential Salary: \$70,000 to \$113,930/year nationally, depending on career, education, location, and experience.

For more information on possible careers, education requirements, and salaries, please visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov

Preferred Course Superscripts

¹MATH 1342 is required by TTUHSC-SON;

MATH 1324 is required by UTEP SON;

MATH 1314 may be required by other BSN programs.

²PHIL 2306

Check the course catalog to view all applicable courses and information and/or visit your counselor/advisor to review your options.

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Certificate of Completion - Program Map - 2022-2023-Health Sciences Vocational Nursing



Program Description

This articulated classroom and clinical education program prepares students to become eligible to take the Licensure Examination for Practical (Vocational) Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Vocational Nurses perform routine nursing procedures under the supervision of a Registered Nurse or physicians. These procedures include observation, reporting, and the environmental and physical management of patients. Successful completion of the first semester of VNSG courses allows students to apply to test for Certified Nursing Aide through the Texas Nurse Aide Registry. Applications are available in the Nursing Division Office.

Career Opportunities

Potential Careers: Graduate Vocational Nurses • Licensed Vocational Nurses (Nursing Homes, Skilled Facilities, Rehabilitation Centers, Mental Health Clinics, State/Federal Prisons, Home Health, Senior Health Services, and Local Acute Care Hospitals, etc.)

Potential Salary: \$28,530 to \$46,240/year nationally, depending on career, education, location, and experience.

For more information on possible careers, education requirements, and salaries, please visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

Preferred Course Superscripts

MATH 1342 is required by TTUHSC-SON;

MATH 1324 is required by UTEP SON;

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Student Planning

Nursing program is intense-be ready to commit 40-50 hours per week



Take advantage of ATI instruction



Support system-family, friends, colleagues



Take advantage of Retention sessions held by Nursing Faculty



Establish study groups

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Financial Planning

RN Program Costs

Approximate RN Program costs are \$12,353.20 for four semesters. These are approximate costs which are subject to change and do not reflect the cost of prerequisite courses nor out of state tuition fees.



VN Program Costs

Approximate VN Program costs are \$9,503.39 for three semesters. These are approximate costs which are subject to change and do not reflect the cost of prerequisite courses nor out of state tuition fees.

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Financial Aid and Nursing Applicants

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

- “Effective Fall 2011, based on new federal regulations, students are not allowed to repeat previously passed courses more than once.”
- Students may want to check with the Financial Aid Office to inquire how a repeat course (s) may impact their financial aid or veteran’s assistance.
- Students should meet with a counselor to determine how a repeat course(s) may impact his/her academic, prerequisite, specialized admissions or transferability of courses.



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Nursing Counselor and Coordinator Contact Information

- *Students should work with Nursing Program designated counselors who are located at the RG and MDP campus.*
- *Dean of Nursing and ADN Program Coordinator are located at RG Campus.*
- *VN Program Coordinator is located at MDP campus.*



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General Counselors

General Counselors are located through out the district. They will :

- provide general academic advising for Nursing and other Health Careers programs
- refer to the designated Nursing program 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



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Designated Nursing Counselors

ADN -Nursing Counselors

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Counseling Center
(915) 831-4636;831-4036;831-4155**

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Designated Nursing Counselors

VN- Nursing Counselors

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Mission Del Paso Campus
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Counseling Center
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Nursing Program Coordinators

Contact Information



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Nursing Program Dean of Nursing and Lab Facilities Supervisor

Contact Information

Dean of Nursing

Gail Meagher

Health Science Bldg., Room H222
Rio Grande Campus



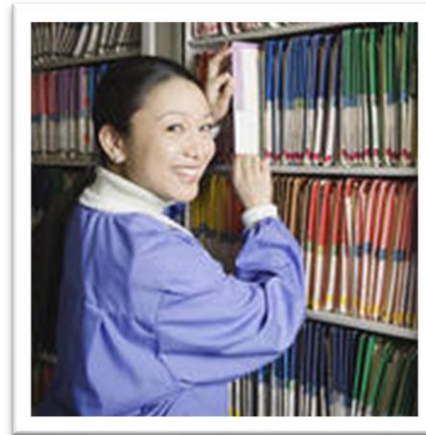
Nursing Lab Facilities Supervisor

Pat Chavez Montes

Health Science Bldg., Room H221
Rio Grande Campus

Phone: 915- 831-4010

Email: nursingclearance@epcc.edu



Specialized Admissions

Specialized Admissions Office Personnel



Specialized Admissions Office link:

specialized.adm@epcc.edu

Location:

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

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Who do I go to for answers?

1. Continue to work with a designated Nursing Counselor as you progress through the Specialized Admissions requirements for qualification and ranking into the Nursing programs. Questions concerning academics need to be addressed with Nursing Counselors.
2. Continue to work with the Nursing Discipline for Pre and Post Program Specialized Admissions requirements clearance.
3. Questions concerning Pre and Post Admissions requirements and/or documents need to be addressed at nursingclearance@epcc.edu

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Quick Reminders



- Work with a designated Nursing Counselor located at the Rio Grande campus or at the Mission Del Paso Campus.
- Review the Nursing Program Guide thoroughly.
- If the **hyperlinks do not open** go to the Nursing website for those documents
 - Go to epcc.edu>>>on Search button type Nursing>>>click on Documents located on left hand side of page
- **Start a Clinical Nursing folder:** The Nursing discipline creates a clinical folder when you submit the titer lab results with any other vaccine documents that you have at this point to review them and make sure what clinical documents you are pending for ranking. (Documents are not accepted without a Nursing Transmittal form)
- The Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation Certificate of Verification is **not accepted** if you don't have a clinical nursing folder.
- Complete the Health Careers Orientation Application and submitted to the Specialized Admission Office. (contact a Nursing counselor for further questions on this orientation.)
- Contact the Nursing Clinical Compliance personnel if you have questions concerning the Pre-and Post Admissions Specialized Admissions requirements. Nursing counselors will address questions concerning the academic portion of the specialized admissions requirements such as testing, ranking, registration, etc.

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Quick Reminders



- E-mail pre-clinical clearance paperwork to nursingclearance@epcc.edu with a Nursing Transmittal form. (**Documents are not accepted without a Nursing Transmittal form**)
- Click the following link to get the Nursing Clinical Clearance Requirement List https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Nursing_Clinical_Clearance_Requirements.pdf
- Click the following link to get the Nursing forms and information: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/documents>
- Click the following link to get the Nursing Transmittal Form to e-mail nursing clinical compliance documents: http://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/Nursing/Documents/Nursing_Pre-Clinical_Clearance_E-mail_Transmittal_Form.pdf
- E-mail ADN Program Coordinator, Pauline Ballesteros, pballes1@epcc.edu, for **Titer procedure questions if you get negative Titters**
- Students must comply with the clinical clearance part with the Nursing Clinical Compliance personnel at nursingclearance@epcc.edu and the academic component with the Nursing Counselors.
- Contact Nursing counselors if you have a testing, orientation, or other academic questions. For ranking outcome status questions or to find out if you are accepted and what the next steps you need to take for registration, contact the Nursing counselors. For Pre and Post Admissions requirement questions, contact the Nursing Clinical Compliance personnel.

Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation Power point Completed!

Upon obtaining an 85% quiz score, you will receive a Certificate of Verification for the Orientation, through the email account provided.

You may review the following documents found on the [Nursing website](#).

- Nursing Program Information Guide
- Nursing Pathways Maps
- ATI TEAS Fact Sheet



- ✓ Submit the Certificate of Verification for the Orientation document along with the Nursing Transmittal form to: nursingclearance@epcc.edu
- ✓ The Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation certificate is not accepted if you don't have a clinical nursing folder started with the Nursing Discipline.