



El Camino College Nursing Program

30 Unit Option



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Compton Center

FILING PERIOD: The El Camino College Nursing Program accepts applications twice a year beginning the third Monday in September and the third Monday in February. Each application period will last for three weeks.

Who is eligible for this option?

The Licensed Vocational Nurse may establish eligibility to take the state licensing examination to become a Registered Nurse in California only by completing a sequence of courses. **The Associate Degree is not awarded upon completion of this program and the nurse will always be considered a non-graduate.** Applicants are admitted as space is available. Potential candidates must possess a current California LVN/LPNs license for at least one year or more and employed as LVN/LPNs in an acute care or sub-acute setting within the last three years

Prospective nursing students must complete the following steps in advance of the application filing period:

1. Complete the requirements for admission to the college.
2. Graduate from high school or earn a passing score on the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or have earned an associate (AA) or higher degree.
3. Attend a nursing information session within one year of applying for admission to the program.
4. Possess a valid **Social Security or Tax Identification Number**. The state of California requires all RNs to have a valid social security or tax identification number. Applicants will be required to show proof of a valid social security or tax identification number to the nursing counselor **prior to receiving a proof of eligibility for admission consideration into the nursing program.**
5. **PREREQUISITES:** Complete the following prerequisite courses to the Nursing Program with a minimum 2.0 grade point average: **Physiology 31**(4 units with lab) and **Microbiology 33** (4 -5 units with lab). All science courses must have been completed within seven years prior to the date the application is submitted.
 - a. **For any course in which a grade of "C" or better was earned, the FIRST course grade will be utilized.** Failure to submit transcripts with all grades posted will result in disqualification from the application process.
 - b. **REPEATS:** No more than one repeat of any basic science prerequisite (Human Physiology, or Microbiology) will be allowed within seven (7) years of the application filing date.
6. **GPA:** Have a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.0** in all college courses since high school.
7. **TRANSCRIPTS:**
 - a. U. S. transcripts from **all** colleges attended since high school must be mailed to the ECC Torrance campus Admissions Office or the Compton education Center Nursing Department. **No hand carried transcripts will be accepted.**
 - b. All transcripts from outside the United States must be evaluated by the ECC-approved foreign evaluation service.
 - c. Transcripts must be received by the admissions office no later than August 1 for fall applicants and January 1, for spring applications.
 - d. Students must confirm with the Admissions Office that transcripts have arrived prior to making a counseling appointment



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8. **Nursing Counselors:** Student interested in entering the nursing program must schedule an appointment with a nursing counselor. Counseling appointments are scheduled as follows:
 - a. **El Camino College (ECC) Torrance** campus students may schedule counseling appointment on-line at MyECC. Appointments open up every Thursday @ 5:00 for the following week. The counselors do not make their own appointments, so please do not email them individually to make an appointment.
 - b. **ECC Compton Center** students may schedule general counseling appointments online at MyECC. Appointments open up every Friday beginning at 5:00 p.m. until all appointments are booked. Once all appointments are booked for the following week, the appointments will then reopen again at 5:00 p.m. the next Friday. **In addition, appointments may still be made in-person at the Counseling Office in the Administration Building or by telephone at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2076.**
9. **Applications:** Applications for admission consideration is given to potential candidates from the *Nursing Department* office; once the counselor has completed the student "Nursing Program Verification" form. Applications must be submitted to the campus of choice.

APPLICATION REVIEW

1. There is a limited enrollment for this program option.
2. Selected students will then be notified via **ECC email** that they have been conditionally accepted into the nursing program.
3. Upon receipt of a conditional offer, applicants should print out any attached documents and choose one of the following options: Accept the offer or decline the offer.
4. Acceptance or refusal of the conditional offer must be received **in writing** in the nursing office by the date specified in the email.
5. Failure to reply by the specified date will result in the removal of the applicant's name from the applicant pool.
6. Upon receipt of the applicant's signed acceptance letter and attendance at a mandatory orientation, the offer converts from a conditional place to a confirmed place.
7. There will be no waitlist.
8. Students who are not admitted to the program may reapply during the next application period.
9. **Any applicant who accepts placement and attends the orientation but does not attend the first day of class will be dropped from the program and will not be eligible to reapply.**

REQUIRED PROGRAM GPA:

Nursing students must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 to continue in the nursing program.

PROGRAM READMISSION AND COURSE REPETITION:

Students who leave the nursing program (self or faculty initiated) are eligible to be readmitted to the program subject to availability of space and the length of time out of the program. Only one single nursing course, in which a student has received a D or F grade, may be repeated. The repeat and stop out policy is available for review in the Nursing Office and is published in the Student Handbook. Student academic standing at the time of leaving the program will determine whether academic support courses will be prescribed for completion before re-entry. Students not eligible to re-enter the program may individually appeal their re-entry status through the Acceptance, Transfer and Progression Committee.



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CALIFORNIA STATE LICENSURE:

- All 30 Unit Option completers of the Nursing Program are eligible to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX) and must pass the exam to practice in California. The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) requires that all students applying for the NCLEX be fingerprinted and submit a fingerprint card with the licensing examination application.
- The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or misdemeanors which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions or duties. If the BRN determines that the denial of licensure is valid, it is the responsibility of the applicant to present sufficient evidence of rehabilitation.

Applicants who have questions regarding limitations related to licensure should contact the California Board of Registered Nursing at (916) 322-3350 prior to entering the program.

ACCREDITATION:

El Camino College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). The Nursing Program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

The El Camino Community College District is committed to providing equal opportunity in which no person is subjected to discrimination on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or retaliation.



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Curriculum for 30 Unit Option

The program includes advance experience in a health care setting that correlates with classroom instruction in theory. The student must perform satisfactory in the clinical area to receive credit in any nursing course. A grade of “C” (75%) or better is necessary in all nursing courses taken.

Nursing courses must be taken in sequence. Non-nursing courses are to be taken in the semester indicated, unless taken prior to entering the nursing sequence.

SEMESTER II

Nursing 149 – Preparation for Advanced Placement in Nursing

(8 weeks) Hours: 1.5 hours Lecture; 1.5 hours Lab - 2 Units

Nursing 154 - Intermediate Nursing Process and Mental Health

(8 weeks) Hours: 4.5 hours Lecture; 13.5 hours Lab - 4 Units

Total units for third Semester = 6.0

SEMESTER III

Nursing 251 - Legal and Ethical Considerations in nursing

(8 weeks) Hours: 2 hours Lecture - 1 Unit

Nursing 253 - Intermediate Nursing Process II (8 weeks)

Hours: 4.5 hours Lecture; 16.9 hours Lab - 4.5 Units

Total units for third Semester = 5.5

SEMESTER IV

Nursing 254 - Advanced Nursing Process I

(12 weeks) Hours: 4.5 hours Lecture; 18 hours
Lab - 7 Units

Nursing 255 - Advanced Nursing Process II

(4 weeks) Hours: 33.75 hours Lab - 2.5 Units

Total units for fourth Semester = 9.5

Total Program Units: 30 (Including Physiology and Microbiology)

For more information visit our website at: <http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/healthsciences/nursing/> on the El Camino College Torrance campus or <http://www.compton.edu/Academics/CTE/nursing/index.aspx> for the El Camino College Compton Center Campus.

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