Application Process

Application Filing Period:

The ECC nursing program accepts applications twice a year beginning the third week of the fall and spring semester during a three-week period. Applicants interested in applying for admission consideration, must obtain a "Verification of Eligibility" package from the nursing counselor. The "Verification of Eligibility" package and completed Applications for admission consideration must be submitted to the nursing department during the specified application-filing period. "Verification of Eligibility" and Admission Applications **are not** accepted on weekends or holidays. No late or misdirected forms are accepted. The committee will only review completed applications.

- The fall 2019 application filing period for spring 2020 admission has closed.
- The spring 2020 application period is scheduled to **begin** on Monday, March 2, 2020 and **ends** Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12 Noon.
- Students interested in applying for admission consideration to the Associate Degree Nursing program must schedule an appointment with the nursing counselor to obtain a verification form, verifying eligibility to apply for admission consideration.
- Students can schedule Nursing Counseling appointments by going to http://www.elcamino.edu/student/studentservices/counseling/ and look for the link that says "**Nursing Counseling Application Appointments."**

After all applications have been received, the nursing department will review each application for the following:

1. Prerequisites courses taken, applicants must have received a grade of "C" or better in all prerequisites courses.
    a. Applicants with more than one (1) repeat in the three science courses (Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology) will be considered ineligible.
    b. Grades of C, D, or F are considered repeats.

2. Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 ad a science (Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology) GPA of 2.5.

The ECC nursing program utilizes the **Multi-Criteria Screening Process criteria** approved in AB 1559 (Berryhill) (Chapter 712, Statutes of 2007 Public Postsecondary Education: Degree Nursing Programs, Section 78261.5) for applicants applying for admission to the Generic ADN program. The multi-criteria score is determined for each candidate based on previous degrees/certificates, work or volunteer experience in the healthcare setting, GPA in identified coursework, life experience or special circumstances, foreign language proficiency and diagnostic

assessment. Program admission will be offered to the highest scoring eligible applicants to fill available seats.

To be eligible for admission to the El Camino College Associate Degree Nursing Program, applicants must complete program pre-requisites and basic science courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better and complete an application during the application period. This process is student driven, which means applicants are responsible for supplying all transcripts and supplemental documentation required, as well as keeping the Nursing Department informed of any changes in applicant name, address, and/or phone number. All complete applications are reviewed and ranked according to **Criteria 1-5** of the **Multicriteria Screening Guidelines**. Applicants with the highest points will be selected. Should several applicants have the same points, the Cumulative GPA will then be considered as the tie breaker.

The Readiness Assessment Test used by the ECC nursing program is the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) a diagnostic test that show a reliable picture of student preparedness for the nursing school and provides valuable insights into the academic strengths and weaknesses of a student. During the ATI TEAS exam, students answer multiple-choice questions, measuring preparedness in reading, math, science and English and Language usage. The questions are designed to test the basic academic skills students will need to perform in class.

TEAS EXAM EVALUATE BASIC ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE IN:

TEAS exam is a 209-minute timed assessment consisting of 170 multiple-choice questions with 20 unscored pre-test questions. The exam is normed at the National and program level.

- Reading (53 questions)
- English and Language usage (28 questions)
- Math (36 questions)
- Science (53 questions)

The minimum passing score on the TEAS exam is 62%. Students who fail the TEAS exam will be required to complete remediation. Students will only have one additional opportunity to take and successfully pass the TEAS exam. Students who take the TEAS at ECC are required to complete the required remediation and retake the TEAS exam at ECC.

El Camino College offers ATI TEAS exam on an invitation-only basis to qualified applicants. Administration of the TEAS exam occurs approximately 3-4 weeks after the application period closes each semester. Dates and times for the TEAS exam will be disseminated to qualified candidates **ONLY**. Applicants who have already taken the ATI TEAS exam at another location will be requested by the Nursing Department to send

their first score (first attempt) electronically from ATI. You will need to go to www.atitesting.com online store and request that your official ATI result to be sent directly to the Nursing Department by the specified testing date in order to be considered for admission consideration.

NOTE: Students must pass the TEAS test with a cut score of 62% or higher on their first attempt. Students who score less than 62% on the TEAS exam will be required to complete individualized prepared remediation plan before being eligible to retake the TEAS exam. Students will only have one additional opportunity to take and successfully pass the exam. Students who take the TEAS at ECC are required to complete the required remediation and retake the TEAS exam at ECC. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND TEAS RESULTS UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO SUBMIT YOUR TEST RESULTS.** Results submitted prior to the application period will be discarded at the applicant's expense.

TEAS will be offered by ECC on an invitation-only basis to qualified applicants. Please visit www.atitesting.com to obtain review materials, you should allow 6-8 weeks prep time to prepare for the TEAS exam. The most robust TEAS prep is the ATI TEAS SmartPrep, an online tutorial and question bank that allows students to study smarter, not harder. The package comes with the SmartPrep tutorial, two online practice exam and the official TEAS study guide. The study manual contains the key concepts needed to be successful on the TEAS exam. The diagnostic exam helps to determine what you need to know and what you do not know. Based on the results from the diagnostic exam, a study plan is created based on each student's individual needs; which allows the student to focus on their weaknesses instead of reviewing content they have already mastered.

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