



El Camino College ADN Nursing Program Upward Mobility Program (LVN-RN and Transfer Applicants)

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?

Individuals eligible for this program include Licensed Vocational Nurses/Licensed Practical Nurses (LVN/LPN) and transfer students from accredited nursing program.

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. Possession of a current California LVN/LPNs license (if applicable) and employment as LVN/LPN in an acute care setting for at least one year or more.
4. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** The state of California requires all RNs to have a valid social security number. Nursing students will be required to show proof of a valid social security number **prior to entry into the nursing program.**
5. **INFORMATION SESSION:** These sessions are for students who are close to or ready to apply. Attendance of a nursing information session within 1 year of application is a requirement to apply to the El Camino College Associate Degree Nursing program.
6. **PREREQUISITES:** Complete the following prerequisite courses to the Nursing Program with a minimum 2.5 grade point average: **Anatomy 32, Physiology 31, or Anatomy 34A/34B and Microbiology 33 and English 1A.** 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 EARLIEST 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 substandard grade in the basic science prerequisites (Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, or Microbiology) will be allowed within 5 years of the application filing date.
7. **GPA:** Have a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.5** in all college courses completed since high school
8. **MATH:** Complete Intermediate Algebra (Math 73 or 80 or equivalent) or pass the Math Competency Exam. **NOTE:** Students who entered ECC before fall 2009 and have maintained continuous enrollment (catalog rights) will meet the math competency by completion of Elementary Algebra (Math 40 or 43 or equivalent).
9. **NURSING 48** Effective summer 2010, N48 Dosage Calculations will become a two unit class. N48 will be a Nursing Program requirement. Nursing 48 may be in progress or taken prior to applying to the Nursing Program. If this course is in progress, student must provide documentation of completion of the course to the Nursing Office by the end of the semester. **NOTE:** This course can only be taken at El Camino College, Torrance or Compton Center campuses.
10. **TEAS Exam for N149 Entrance:** Effective fall 2014, all upward mobility students (LVN and transfer students) will be required to take and successfully pass the TEAS exam prior to entering the Associate Degree Nursing program. Students who fail the TEAS test will be required to complete remediation. The TEAS must be passed on the first or second attempt. Students will not be

considered for entry into the nursing program if they have failed the TEAS a total of two or more times at any location. *Students who take the TEAS at ECC and complete ECC remediation must retest at ECC.

11. **TRANSCRIPTS:**

- a. U.S. transcripts from **all** colleges attended since high school must be mailed directly to the ECC Torrance campus Admissions Office or the Compton Education Center Admission Office. **No hand carried transcripts will be accepted.**
- b. All transcripts from outside the United States must be evaluated by an ECC-approved foreign evaluation service.
- c. Transcripts must be received by the admission office no later than August 1 for fall applications and January 1 for spring applications.
- d. Students must confirm with the Admissions Office that transcripts have arrived prior to making a counseling appointment.

12. **Transfer Credit:** Credit for nursing courses completed at another college will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Director of Nursing or the Director's designee. Credit can be achieved through the petition process.

13. Transfer applicants from an accredited ADN nursing program must submit proof that he/she was a student in good standing and eligible to return to the institution from which the transfer is taking place.

14. An appeals process is available to students who are ineligible to return to the previous nursing program. The Appeals Process must be resolved **BEFORE** further consideration of the application is possible.

15. **NURSING COUNSELORS:** Contact the counseling center to schedule an appointment with a nursing counselor.

- a. Appointments should be scheduled well in advance of the application deadline but only after completing steps 1 - 14 above.
- b. Counselors will review applicant's documentation and if documentation is deemed complete, counselors will:
 - i. Complete a Nursing Program Verification form.
 - ii. Give the student a Nursing Program Application Form.
- c. Students should submit the completed application form to the Admissions and Records office on the ECC Torrance campus or the Nursing Office on the Compton Education Center campus.

16. **APPLICATIONS:** Applications for the ECC Compton Center will be given to the student by the ***Nursing Department office***. Applicants for the ECC Torrance campus will be given an application by the ***Nursing counselors***. Applications for both campuses are only given once the counselor has completed the student "Nursing Program Verification" form.

APPLICATION REVIEW

1. Students who successfully pass the TEAS exam will be admitted into the program via random drawing.
2. Selected students will then be notified via **ECC email** that they have been conditionally accepted into the nursing program. 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. Acceptance or refusal of the conditional offer must be received **in writing** in the nursing office by the date specified in the email. Failure to reply by the specified date will result in the removal of the applicant's name from the applicant pool. 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.

There will be no waitlist. Students who are not admitted to the program may reapply during the next application period. Any applicant who accepts a place and attends an 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 2.5 to continue in the nursing program.

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING (BRN) REQUIREMENTS:

The BRN has approved a set curriculum at ECC which includes, in addition to nursing classes, Sociology, Psychology and a course in Communication and Analytical Thinking. (Please see document entitled, *Sample Curriculum for Associate Degree Nursing Program*. Note: these additional classes are not required for entry into the nursing program but must be completed prior to graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these classes prior to entry into the nursing program.

ECC ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE:

In addition to the Nursing Department and Board of Registered Nursing course requirements, students must meet the ECC A.S. degree general education requirements outlined in the college catalog. Please consult with nursing counselor if you have questions

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.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING:

Students intending to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing should consult a Nursing counselor.

CALIFORNIA STATE LICENSURE:

- All graduates 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, (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.

Curriculum for Upward Mobility and Transfer Program

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is a demanding, rigorous program that requires advanced academic preparation, personal commitment, and a considerable amount of time in study and preparation outside of class. Mandatory general orientation sessions are available each semester to assist prospective applicants so they may learn more about careers in nursing, the El Camino nursing program and its requirements, and how to formulate an educational plan to become a qualified applicant. Nursing courses must be taken in sequence. Students intending to pursue a BSN should consult a nursing counselor for transferability of science courses and additional course requirements of the four-year institution.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Nursing 48 - Calculating Drugs and Solutions (8 weeks)

Hours: 3.0 hours Lecture; 3.4 hours Lab - 2 Units

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

Nursing 155 - Health Assessment (8 weeks)

Hours: 1 hour Lecture; 3.4 hours lab - 1 Unit

Nursing 156 - Advanced Nursing Pharmacology (8 weeks)

Hours: 2 hours Lecture - 1 Unit

Total units for second Semester = 8

SEMESTER III

Nursing 250 - Intermediate Nursing Process and The Family (8 weeks)

Hours: 6.8 hours Lecture; 16.9 hours Lab - 5.5 Units

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 = 11

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: 28.5 – 37.5

Upon admission to the Nursing Program and after successfully completing Nursing 149, the upward mobility student will be integrated into the generic program.

In addition to the Nursing Department and Board of Registered Nursing course requirements, students must meet the ECC A.S. degree general education requirements outlined in the college catalog. General Education requirements can be taken during or before applying for the Nursing Program. **NOTE:** Students who enrolled beginning fall 2006 through spring 2009 will need to take a course from Area 2A or 2B of the A.S. General Education requirements. Please consult with a nursing counselor if you have any questions regarding the degree requirements.

General Education Requirements

English 1B

Hours: 3.4 hours Lecture- 3 Units

Psychology 5

Hours: 3.4 hours Lecture - 3 Units

Sociology 101 - Introduction to Sociology

Hours: 3 hours Lecture - 3 Unit

Communication & Analytical Thinking

Hours: 3.4 hours Lecture - 3 Units

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> or the El Camino College Compton Center campus

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