El Camino College ADN Nursing Program (Generic)

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

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. **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.**
4. **INFORMATION SESSION:** Attend a mandatory general information session for prospective nursing students.
5. **PREREQUISITES:** Complete the following prerequisite courses to the Nursing Program with a minimum 2.5 grade point average: **Anatomy 30 or 32, Physiology 31, or Anatomy 34A/34B and Microbiology 33.** All science courses must have been completed within seven years prior to the date the application is submitted. In addition, complete English 1A. English 1A is not included in the prerequisite GPA.
   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. Note: Completion of a college-level Chemistry course with a lab is a prerequisite to both Physiology 31, A&P 34A/34B Microbiology 33 at El Camino College. A waiver for the Chemistry prerequisite (for Microbiology, Physiology, Anatomy 34A and 34B) may be requested if the student has passed a high school Advanced Placement Chemistry Test with a score of 4 or 5 or has passed the ECC Chemistry Placement Test.
   c. **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 7 years of the application filing date.
6. **GPA:** Have a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.5** in all courses completed since high school.
7. **MATH:** Complete Intermediate Algebra (Math 73 or 80 or equivalent) or pass the Math Competency Exam.
8. **READING ASSESSMENT TEST (DRP):** Complete a reading assessment test with a passing score of 60 or greater. (If a student receives a score below 60, the student must complete remediation which includes enrolling in Academic Strategies 1abcd and completing the required 54 class hours). ***PLEASE NOTE: The DRP test cannot be taken more than one time. If you do not pass with a score of 60 or above after one attempt, you must remediate before you can progress into the nursing program. This includes students who have taken the DRP test prior to Fall 2009.**
9. **NURSING 145 and NURSING 48:** Complete or have in progress Nursing 145 "Introduction to Nursing" and Nursing 48 "Dosage Calculation". If these courses are in progress, student must provide documentation of completion of the courses to the Nursing Office by the end of the semester. **(These courses can only be taken here at El Camino College, Torrance or Compton Center.)**
10. **TRANSCRIPTS:**
    a. U.S. transcripts from **all** colleges attended since high school must be mailed directly to the ECC Crenshaw 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 an ECC-approved foreign evaluation service.
    c. Transcripts must be received by the admission office no later than August 1 for Fall applications and February 1 for Spring applications.
    d. Students must confirm with the Admissions Office that transcripts have arrived prior to making a counseling appointment.
11. **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 - 10 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 Crenshaw campus or the Nursing Office on the Compton Education Center campus.

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

READINESS ASSESSMENT (TEAS): The California Community College Chancellor's Office has approved the use of Nursing Program Readiness tests throughout California. In order to enhance student success and reduce attrition, ECC will implement this test effective Spring 2009. Students who have completed the Test of Essential Academic Skills at another campus must go to www. Atitesting.com online store and request that your official TEAS result be sent to ECC. If a prospective student receives a score below the state recommended score, the student will be required to complete remediation. (Please see separate document entitled "ECC Nursing Program Readiness Testing and Remediation").

APPLICATION REVIEW

All complete applications will be reviewed and ranked according to **Criteria 1-IV** of the Multicriteria Enrollment Criteria. Students at the top of the ranking who have not taken the TEAS will be invited to take the TEAS test. Following completion of the TEAS, student points will recalculated including all five criteria. 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 2.0 to continue in the nursing program, graduate and receive an Associate in Science degree. Nursing Assistant certification is highly desirable for entry into 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. 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:

The Nursing Program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326. 404.975.5000.

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