



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 March. Each application period will last for three weeks.

Who is eligible for this option?

Individuals eligible for this program includes Licensed Vocational Nurses/Licensed Practical Nurses (LVN/LPNs), Licensed Psychiatric Technicians, 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/LPNs 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:** Attend a mandatory general information session for prospective nursing students.
6. **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. 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. Note: Completion of a college-level Chemistry course with a lab is a prerequisite to both Physiology 31 and Microbiology 33 at El Camino College. A waiver for the Chemistry prerequisite (for Microbiology and Physiology) 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.
7. **GPA:** Have a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.5** in all remaining general education courses required for graduation.
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. **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). You must schedule an appointment with the Testing Office located in the Student Services Center. A copy of the DRP score must be submitted with the application. ***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.**

10. **NURSING 48** Effective summer 2010, N48 Dosage Calculations will become a two unit class and will be a Nursing Program requirement. Students applying to the nursing program in fall 2010 must have N48 completed or in progress. **(These courses can only be taken here at El Camino College, Torrance or Compton Center.)**
11. **Challenge Exam for N149 Entrance:** Effective fall 2010, all upward mobility students (LVNs and transfer students) will be required to pass a challenge exam prior to entering N149. The Challenge exam will be based on the content from N150, N151, N152 and N153. Candidates will have two opportunities to take the challenge exam. If students fail the exam on the first attempt, they may retake the exam after a period of one semester. If students fail the exam a second time, they will not be considered eligible for the upward mobility program and must apply to enter the generic ADN program under the revised admission criteria.
12. **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.
13. **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 or challenge process
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. **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 - 13 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.
17. **APPLICATIONS:** Applications for Compton will be given to the student by the **Nursing Department office**. Applicants for the Crenshaw 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 **CHALLENGE** 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 2.0 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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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 Units 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) OPTIONAL

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 30.5 Units (Nursing)

Upon admission to the Nursing Program (NURS 149), the upward mobility student will be integrated within the generic program. However, the upward mobility student may receive credit by examination through the challenge process for the following nursing courses: N155, N156, N250, N251, N253, N254, and N255. Consult the Nursing Student Handbook for challenge protocol.

Nursing course syllabi for all courses are available for purchase in the college bookstore.

If a student is unsuccessful in the challenge process the student will be required to enroll in and successfully complete that course in order to progress through the program. Assignment will be made to any course that was challenged unsuccessfully based on the availability of space. Students in the challenge process who become eligible for the same course simultaneously will be chosen via random drawing if space is limited

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/curriculum.asp>

Upward Mobility: February 18, 2010