El Camino College Associate Degree Nursing Program
Associate Degree Nursing Admission Requirements

FILING PERIOD: The El Camino College (ECC) Nursing Program accepts applications twice a year beginning the third week of the fall and spring semester for a three week period.

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/AS) or higher degree.

3. Attend a nursing information session within one year of applying for admission consideration to the program.

4. Possess a valid **Social Security Number** 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 verification of eligibility for admission consideration into the nursing program.

5. **PREREQUISITES:** Complete the following prerequisite courses with a minimum 2.5 grade point average: **Anatomy 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. **Effective Spring 2016** Anatomy 30 is no longer accepted as a prerequisite science course for admission consideration into the nursing program.
   a) **Any course in which a grade of "C" or better was earned, the EARLIEST course grade will be utilized.** Failure to submit transcripts for prior courses taken will result in disqualification from the application process.
   b) **REPEATS:** No more than one repeat of the basic science prerequisites (Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, or Microbiology) will be allowed within 5 years of the application filing date.

   NOTE: Students who entered ECC before spring 2015 and have maintained continuous enrollment (catalog rights) will be given consideration for Anatomy 30 course.

6. **MATH:** Complete Intermediate Algebra (Math 73 or 80 or equivalent) with a "C" or better grade or pass the Math Competency Exam.

7. **ENGLISH 1A:** Complete with a "C" or better grade prior to applying for admission consideration.

8. **NURSING 48:** **Effective spring 2018** Nursing 48 Dosage Calculation must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" or better prior to applying for admission to the Nursing Program. This course must be taken at ECC, Torrance or Compton Center.

9. **NURSING 145**: **Effective spring 2018** Nursing 145 Introduction to Nursing must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" or better prior to applying for admission to the Nursing Program. This course must be taken at ECC, Torrance or Compton Center.

10. **TRANSCRIPTS:**
    Official college transcripts from regionally accredited institutions must be sent directly to ECC Torrance campus or Compton Center Admissions and Records. All transcripts from outside the United States must be evaluated by an ECC-approved foreign evaluation service and evaluations must be sent directly to ECC Admissions and Records. Students must confirm with the Admission Office that their transcripts have been received prior to making a counseling appointment. **Torrance campus**: 16007 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance, CA 90506 **Compton Center**: 1111 E. Artesia Blvd, Compton, CA 90221.

    Note: Transcripts must be received by the Admissions Office no later than **August 1** for fall applications and **January 1** for spring applications.

11. **TRANSFER CREDIT**:
    a) 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.
    b) Credit can be achieved through the petition process.
    c) Transferring to the ECC Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program **will not** be accepted beyond the second semester.
    d) Transfer applicants from an accredited ADN program must be in good standing and eligible to return to the institution from which the transfer is taking place.
    e) Students are required to complete the appeals process for admission consideration into the ECC nursing program.
    f) The Appeals Process must be resolved **BEFORE** further consideration of the application is possible.
    g) Students requesting credit for courses taken at another college must submit a substitute wavier upon admission into the nursing program. A waiver submitted after the start of the semester will not be honored.

12. **NURSING COUNSELORS**: Meet with a Nursing Counselor. **NOTE**: Counselors do not make their own appointments, so please do not email them individually to make an appointment. **El Camino College (ECC) Torrance** campus students may schedule counseling appointments on-line at MyECC. Appointments open up EVERY Thursday at 5:00pm for the following week. **ECC Compton Center** students may schedule general counseling appointments online at *MyECC*. Appointments open up EVERY Friday beginning at 5:00pm for the following week. **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.**

13. **APPLICATIONS:** Potential candidates may obtain an application for admission consideration from the Nursing Department once the counselor has completed the student "Nursing Program Verification" form. Applications must be submitted to the campus of choice.

14. **TEAS EXAM: Effective fall 2017 TEAS V examination has been replaced with the "ATI TEAS."** The nursing program will no longer accept TEAS Version V as the Readiness Assessment Test. The Readiness Assessment Test (TEAS Exam) will be scheduled by the Nursing Department after all applications have been reviewed. The Nursing Department will email the scheduled dates and times for the TEAS exam. Please visit www.atitesting.com for review materials.

    NOTE: 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.

15. **REQUIRED PROGRAM GPA:** A minimum overall GPA of 2.5 is required to continue in the nursing program.

16. **GENERAL EDUCATION:** All general education courses completed towards the nursing degree must have a minimum grade of "C". It is strongly recommended that you complete these courses prior to beginning the nursing program. Equivalent courses taken at another college may be used to meet these requirements.

    a) English 1B or (English 1B, 1C or Communication Studies 100, 120,130, or 140 or a Humanities course may be substituted)
    b) Psychology 5 or Psychology 5H
    c) Sociology 101

APPLICATION REVIEW

1. All complete applications will be reviewed and ranked according to **Criteria 1-3** of the Multicriteria Enrollment Criteria.
2. 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 be recalculated including all five criteria.
3. Selected students will then be notified via **ECC email** that they have been conditionally accepted into the nursing program.
4. 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.
5. Acceptance or refusal of the conditional offer must be received **in writing** in the Nursing Department by the date specified in the email.
6. Failure to reply by the specified date will result in the removal of the applicant's name from the applicant pool.
7. 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.
8. There will be no waitlist.
9. Students who are not admitted to the program may reapply during the next application period.
10. **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.**

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.

CALIFORNIA STATE LICENSURE:

1. All graduates of the nursing program are eligible to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX) and must pass the exam to practice in California.
2. The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) requires that all students applying for the NCLEX must complete the live scan fingerprinting process and submit with the licensing examination application.
3. 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.