



ECC Nursing Program Admission Policies and Procedures – Effective Fall 2016

Policies and Procedures are subject to change at any time. Check the ECC Nursing website prior to submitting your application.

Elgin Community College offers an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing. After completion of the two-year AAS degree, graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN state licensure exam to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

ECC's program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation <http://www.idfpr.com/> and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, GA 30326 Phone: 404.975.5000 <http://www.acenursing.org/>

**** The Vocational Specialist Certificate in Practical Nursing (LPN) will no longer be offered in the nursing program for new/incoming students who start the program in the Fall of 2016 or after.*

POLICIES:

Students are held to policies and procedures of the nursing program as published in the Nursing Program Student Handbook; see www.elgin.edu/nursing. All students are subject to the following policies:

- Preference is given to candidates who are legal residents of Community College District 509. Working in-district does not meet this requirement;
- Criminal background checks and drug testing are required. Students demonstrating a positive background check or drug test will be denied admission to the nursing program. Students demonstrating a positive background check or annual drug test while enrolled in the nursing program will be dismissed;
- Students must achieve a grade of "C" or better in all nursing and general education courses in order to complete the program;
- **Nursing program applicants must show evidence of the following:**
 - **PSB-Health Occupations Aptitude Exam** scores in each category must be at 25th percentile or above (the 8 PSB sub-scores will be averaged to obtain a composite score). Must be completed prior to submitting application <http://elgin.edu/students.aspx?id=684>
 - **Sciences** – All sciences courses must be completed within 10 years of application to program (with the exception of BIO 110) and completed with a "C" or better.
 - **Biological Sciences**
 - BIO 110 or its equivalent-- no time limit (prior to application); The ECC biology department requires a student to complete BIO 110 prior to registering for BIO 245, BIO 246 and BIO 265.
 - BIO 245 within the last 10 years with a grade of C or better **prior to submitting application**
 - BIO 246 or equivalent must be completed prior to nursing program admission or taken concurrently with first semester nursing courses. A grade of C or better within the last 10 years is required. **Completion of BIO 246 is strongly recommended prior to submitting application**
 - BIO 265 or equivalent must be completed with a C or better within the last 10 years prior to entering the second semester of the nursing program. **Completion of BIO 265 is strongly recommended prior to submitting application**
 - **Pre-Admission General Education Courses** – The following nursing general education courses are required prior to submitting application:
 - PSY 100 is an admission requirement and must be completed with a grade of C or better
 - PSY 218 is an admission requirement and must be completed with a grade of C or better



- **General Education Courses for Nursing Degree Completion** – The following courses must be completed with a “C” or better and will be considered in the admission process: ENG 101, ENG 102, and Liberal Education Elective.
**SOC 100 or equivalent will no longer be required

- Students must provide their own uniform and transportation to and from all clinical sites. Students must submit medical forms, health insurance, American Heart Association CPR Healthcare Provider certification, and complete the drug testing and criminal background check at Physicians Immediate Care within 30 days of starting the nursing program.
- Students are required attend a Mandatory Nursing Orientation Session after acceptance in the program.

RANKING CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

A competitive admission procedure is used in the nursing program. Students must submit admission materials and meet entrance requirements before their application is considered for screening. Applicants are responsible for making sure all requirements are complete. Students who meet the admission requirements will be ranked according to the following criteria:

- PSB-HOA composite score (30%)
- Grade Point Average scores of Science pre-requisites (30%)
- GPA of Science courses required for admission and within program (25%)
- GPA of pre-requisite General Education Nursing Courses (10%)
- Number of nursing general education courses completed for degree completion (5%)

ADMISSION STEPS

All nursing applicants must complete the following steps prior to applying for admission to the nursing program:

1. Submit completed [ECC application](#)
2. See an ECC Advisor/Counselor to develop an educational plan
3. Request an official evaluation of all transcripts applicable to the nursing program
4. Complete all required nursing courses for admission
5. Complete nursing courses required for degree completion (*strongly recommended*)
6. Take the PSB - Health Occupations Aptitude Exam

* Students are recommended to attend a Nursing Information Session

NURSING ADMISSION SUBMISSION

Submit the following by **January 15 (for Fall Admission) or August 15 (for Spring Admission)** to Records Department, Building B, Room 105 → [ECC Health Professions application](#) and receipt for payment of \$10.00 non-refundable fee

RN to BSN COMPLETION

Elgin Community College Nursing Program maintains a partnership with Northern Illinois University's RN to BSN Completion Program. Students interested in applying to NIU's RN to BSN Degree Completion Program or other RN to BSN completion programs are *strongly encouraged* to take general education courses towards their BSN degree prior to completing the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing at Elgin Community College. Students can contact their ECC academic advisor or the Director of Nursing Program regarding RN to BSN completion programs.

LIST OF RESOURCES

Admissions and Recruitment	847-214-1385
Registration and Records Office	847-214-7386
Academic and Transfer Advising	847-214-7390
Health Professions	847-214-7350
Testing Center	847-214-7150

www.elgin.edu/nursing (catalog and nursing handbook/program information and policies)