

## ECC Nursing Program Admission Policies and Procedures Effective January 16, 2011

Policies and Procedures are subject to change, check the ECC Nursing website prior to submitting your application.

### WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING THE NLN PRE-ADMISSION EXAM.

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). After completion of the first year of the nursing program, students may earn a Vocational Specialist Certificate (VS) in Practical Nursing. Graduates earning the VS certificate are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN state licensure exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

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

### POLICIES:

Students are held to policies and procedures of the nursing program as published in the Student Handbook of the Nursing Program's Policies and Procedures; see [www.elgin.edu/nursing](http://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 nursing 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 25<sup>th</sup> percentile or above (the 8 PSB sub-scores will be averaged to obtain a composite score)
    - <http://www.psbtests.com/site/products/hoaeref.html>
  - **Sciences** – All sciences must be completed within 10 years of application to program (with the exception of BIO 110) and completed with a "C" or better.
    - **Chemistry** with a lab within the last 10 years (prior to application) (High School – 2 semesters or CHM 101, 112, or 142)
      - 1 semester of college chemistry or
      - 2 semesters of high school chemistry
    - **Biological Sciences**
      - BIO 110 or its equivalent (prior to application); **if you have already completed A&P and Micro at another institution, BIO 110 is not required**
      - BIO 240 or BIO 245 & BIO 246 within the last 10 years prior to submitting application
      - BIO 265 or its equivalent within the last 10 years must be completed prior to entering 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of the nursing program
  - **General Education**
  - **Prerequisites** - check individual nursing course descriptions in ECC Catalog for concurrent or prerequisite requirements
- Students must pay for and provide their required uniforms, transportation, completed medical forms, health insurance, CPR certification, drug testing, and criminal background checks;
- Students must attend a Nursing Orientation Session after acceptance to the program or they will be removed from the acceptance list
- Microbiology must be completed before entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of the nursing program.

## **RANKING CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM**

A specialized and competitive admission procedure is required for the nursing program. Students must submit admission materials and meet admission requirements before their application is considered for screening. The applicant is responsible to make sure all requirements have been met. Once application packets are screened for the required admission criteria, students who meet the admission requirements will be ranked according to the following criteria:

- Score in 25<sup>th</sup> percentile or better in each section of the **PSB-HOA exam** (may be taken two times, at least 30 days apart, recommend 6 months apart) – a composite will be calculated based on all scores. **(30%)**
- ACT composite score of 21 or greater (completed within the past two years) and completion of Anatomy and Physiology with a grade of C or better. If you have earned 12 hours of college credit, the ACT will no longer be considered for admission.  
**OR**  
Once 12 credits or more of nursing general education courses, including human anatomy and physiology are completed with a C or better, the Grade Point Average score of those courses will be used to calculate applicant's ranking.  
*For both of the above scenarios, if a two course sequence in Human Anatomy and Physiology is selected, both courses must be completed; the 2 grades are averaged for 1 grade. (30%)*
- GPA of all required sciences (required for admission and within program) including completion of Chemistry (High School – 2 semesters or CHM 101, 112, or 142 or transfer equivalent) **(30%)**
- Number of nursing general education courses completed **(10%)**

**Negative criminal background check and urine drug test (after acceptance to the program)**

## **ADMISSION STEPS AND PACKET**

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

1. Submit completed ECC application .
2. Attend a Nursing Information Session.
3. Request an official evaluation of all transcripts applicable to the nursing program.
4. Submit ACT scores, if appropriate.
5. See an ECC Counselor to develop an educational plan.
6. Take the PSB - Health Occupations Aptitude Exam

## **NURSING ADMISSION PACKET**

Submit the following by January 15 or August 15 to Records Department, SRC 128.

1. Copy of ECC Health Professions application and receipt for payment of \$10.00 non-refundable fee
2. Copy of an ECC official evaluation of transcripts for the nursing program.

## **LIST OF RESOURCES**

Information Sessions	847-214-7385	Nursing Admissions	847-214-7453
Counseling	847-214-7390	Health Professions	847-214-7350
Testing Center	847-214-7150		

[www.elgin.edu/nursing](http://www.elgin.edu/nursing) (catalog and nursing handbook/program information and policies)