



Nursing Program Standards & Requirements for  
Application & Admission

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**Introduction:**

The nursing program at Eastern West Virginia Community College is a two-year day program that leads to an Associates in Science Degree in Nursing whereby graduates are eligible to sit for the NCLEX examination which upon successful passing of that exam graduate nurses can apply for licensure within their state of choice.

Nursing is a professionally recognized health career that adheres to certain professional and ethical standards. Nursing students enrolled in the program are expected to adhere to these same standards of professionalism and health related ethics. Nurses are licensed health professionals and as such must comply with certain state regulations and requirements to obtain and maintain a professional nurse license. It is very important for students pursuing a career in nursing to fully understand some of these requirements and examine whether or not that will adhere and consider them prior to applying to the program.

**Program Admission Standards & Requirements:****Drug Screen:**

All students accepted into the nursing program must submit to a drug screen. A positive drug screen for an illegal narcotic (without a prescription) could result in termination in the program.

**Criminal Background Check:**

All students accepted into the nursing program must submit to a criminal background check. Presence of a criminal history may impact a student's ability to gain clinical experiences at clinical sites which could lead to failure to complete the required clinical experiences and failure to complete the program. Clinical affiliates have a right to determine whether they want to allow students with a criminal history into their hospitals. In most instances, clinical sites may deny a student access if they have a violent felony on their criminal record. A criminal misdemeanor typically will not impact a student's ability to access a clinical site. Likewise, a state licensure board may deny a state license depending on the severity of the criminal background. Hospitals and other health entities also may refuse to hire someone who has a significant criminal background.

**Vaccinations & Medical Health Physical:**

All students accepted into the nursing program must have a complete medical physical on file and appropriate vaccinations. Vaccinations include yearly TB titer, and MMR record. Clinical affiliates may mandate additional vaccinations such as influenza and Covid vaccines. It is highly recommended that you get the flu vaccine each year and complete your Covid vaccinations and booster. Hospitals and health care facilities can deny students access to patient care if they fail to meet the minimum vaccine mandates established by that facility, state or federal agency.

**Transcripts:**

In order to accurately process your nursing admission application, applicants should submit applicable

high school and/or college transcripts at the same time they are submitting their application to the program, or prior to.

**HESI Nursing Assessment Exam:**

All applicants applying to the nursing program must take the HESI Nursing Assessment Entry Exam. The exam will be provided to all applicants at a set date and time. Applicants can re-attempt to take the exam to try and improve their score a second time. All required fees for the exam need to be paid in advance of taking the assessment. The exam fee is \$65.

**College Level English and Math**

Students applying into the nursing program must be eligible to enroll in college level English and Math at the start of the first nursing semester. Students cannot be accepted into the program if they are still in need of remedial English and/or Math courses. It is preferable that student's complete college level English prior to the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester nursing program. College English could be taken through Early Entrance or in the summer prior to the start of the fall.

**Program Travel & Costs**

As part of the required clinical experience of the nursing program, students are required to travel to certain clinical sites. Student must have the ability to travel and the expense to travel to sites is the student's responsibility. Students can car pool if the students in the clinical group have a common schedule. There are other associated costs such as purchase of uniforms and equipment that may be required as part of the nursing program.

### **Program Selective Admission Criteria & Ranking:**

The nursing program at Eastern is a selective admission program and can take up to 30 students every other year into a new cohort. Selective admissions mean it is a competitive process to enter into the program based on a set of criteria that all students are subject to. The criteria are established to be as objective as possible in order for the admission process to be fair to all applicants. The following is the weighted criteria areas for submission and how ranking is calculated:

- I. Previous completion of college coursework in a specific set of classes
- II. Performance score on the Nursing HESI Assessment Examination
- III. Additional Areas of Applicable Credit

#### **Section I: College Coursework (Maximum of 50 total points) [50% WEIGHTED]**

[Points assignment: A = 10 points, B = 8 points, C = 6 points]

Anatomy & Physiology (Bio 124):

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English Composition I:

General Psychology:

General Education Elective: 2023 – 2024 college catalog pages 47 and 48

#### **Section II: HESI Nursing Assessment Examination (Maximum of 40 total points) [40% WEIGHTED]**

For students to have an increased chance of selection into the program, a minimum score of 75 on this examination is recommended. Students have up to two attempts on this exam.

#### **Section III: Additional Areas of Applicable Credit (10 max points- Select One Category only) [10% WEIGHTED]**

High School GPA 3.50 or higher:

Earned Allied Health Certification:

College Degree:

Military Service:

**TOTAL POINT AVAILABLE: 100 POINTS**

The HESI exam will be administered on **Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 10 AM** and **Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 10 AM**. The HESI exam is a computerized test which includes Reading, math and critical thinking. Cost (\$65 per exam) is the responsibility of the applicant and a **check or money order** (please DO NOT send cash) payable to EWVCTC **must** be paid prior to exam registration. **The \$65 fee is non-refundable**. An applicant who has already achieved a successful score on the HESI within the **past three years** does not need to repeat the test BUT must ensure that an official score is available for the program director.

**The HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, 5th Edition published by HESI is the recommended review book for the HESI exam; ISBN: 9780323582261**

**The Review Guide may be purchased on-line.**

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