



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 Applied 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:

Nursing Assessment Exam:

All applicants applying to the Nursing program must take the ATI TEAS exam. Previous TEAS scores are valid for three years prior to the beginning of the academic year for which you are applying. More information on the TEAS exam can be found on the Nursing page of the Eastern website.

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 (see below).

Vaccine Requirement- Following are required:

- Tuberculosis per Affiliation Agreement
- Hepatitis B

- MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) 1 & 2
- Varivax (Chickenpox) 1 & 2
- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis), Tetanus/Diphtheria every 10 years.
- Hepatitis B Positive Titer
- Influenza

MMR, Varicella antibody is acceptable.

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. College transcripts must be submitted directly to Eastern from the other institution.

College Level English

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 1st semester fall 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 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 Ed Elective:

Section II: 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 60 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 or College GPA 3.50 or higher:

Earned Allied Health Certification:

College Degree from accredited agency:

Military Service (honorable discharge; DD214):

TOTAL POINT AVAILABLE: 100 POINTS