



School of Nursing
Advanced Placement
Associate in Science
Pre-Nursing Application Handbook 2011-2012

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1. Associate Degree Program Overview

The Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) program at Edison State College (ESC) is offered within the School of Nursing to prepare qualified entry-level professional nurses to work in diverse healthcare settings. The program is comprised of general education courses as well as clinical nursing courses. The curriculum incorporates classroom instruction, clinical laboratory simulation, and clinical practice in area hospitals, long-term care facilities, and various community health centers. It is recommended but not required that all general education courses are completed before entering the nursing program. Graduates of the program will possess the knowledge, values, and skills essential to practice nursing in a dynamic and rapidly changing health care environment.

The ADN Program is designed to prepare the nursing student to enter the registered nursing profession. The course content provides the student with a thorough background in all aspects of nursing. Clinical practice and theoretical concepts are stressed in order to prepare the student to pass the NCLEX-RN examination. Basic Day Programs are offered on the Charlotte, Collier and Lee campuses. A Basic Evening Program is offered on the Lee campus only. Students are eligible to apply to the Basic Nursing Program which requires no previous experience in nursing.

The ADN program at Edison State College is nationally recognized as a high-quality program with rigorous standards to best prepare students for rewarding nursing careers. ESC's nursing program is unique in offering state-of-the-art technology in teaching and instructional techniques. The faculty in the nursing program is professionally qualified with a complement of those who are nationally certified educators, practicing nurses and nurse practitioners. An increasing number of nursing faculty members are in doctorate programs or have recently earned Doctoral degrees in Nursing.

The Edison State College Associate Degree Nurse graduate is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN, the graduate enters the noble profession of the Registered Nurse and obtains a state license.

The Registered Nurse provides hands-on daily care. With a distinct knowledge, nurses assess, diagnose, monitor, educate, manage and supervise. Registered Nurses coordinate health care teams, provide or facilitate care, develop policy, conduct research, and exercise expert clinical decision-making skills. They are a critical partner with physicians and a variety of other health care practitioners in the wellness arena.

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at Edison State College is accredited until 2017 by the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The NLNAC is located at 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, telephone (404)-975-5000).

2. Admission Deadlines

Charlotte Campus – Day Program	<u>Advanced Placement Day Program</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One application cycle per year- Class begins Fall session- 24 students accepted each year- June 1 deadline
Collier Campus – Day Program	<u>Advanced Placement Day Program</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One application cycle per year- Class begins Fall session- 12 students accepted each year- June 1 deadline
Lee Campus – Day Program	<u>Advanced Placement Day Program</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One application cycles per year- Class begin Fall session- 24 students accepted each year- June 1 deadline
Lee Campus – District Evening Program	<u>Advanced Placement Evening Program</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One application cycle per year- Class begins Spring session- Up to 24 students accepted each year- October 1 deadline

3. Information Sessions (Pre-Nursing Orientation)

Information Sessions are held on all three campuses during day hours and additionally in the evening on Lee Campus. These sessions are the best place to get questions answered and to get correct information from the School of Nursing representative about the nursing program of interest. A student does not have to pre-register for these sessions on the Collier and Lee Campus, just come to the designated location and sign in to get credit for the session. You must pre-register for this session at the Charlotte Campus. A Pre-Nursing Orientation is required to apply to the Associate in Science (AS) in Nursing Program. Please be punctual, as it is disruptive to others if people enter while the information sessions are in progress. For more information on the Pre-Nursing Information sessions, please visit the [Edison State College Nursing Program](#) web site and select the campus schedule for your preferred Pre-Nursing Orientation.

4. How do I get ready for application to the ADN nursing program?

ADMISSION PROCESS

There are usually more students that apply to the nursing program than seats available. The School of Nursing Associate Degree Program accepts students that have the highest points from the pool of potential nursing students applying. This process is called selective admissions. Because enrollment is limited, not all qualified applicants can be accepted. In the event there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, a point system for admission will be utilized. For example, if the program has 24 available seats for new students, the 24 students with the top admission points would be offered the seats. The admission points are explained in more detail below. The admission process established by the Nursing Program is designed to select those candidates with the best qualifications.

In addition to the admission requirements for the College, the following are requirements for finalist status in the admission process to the Nursing Program (full admission will be based on a clear background check and drug test). It is the responsibility of the applicant to complete all the requirements below **prior to the application deadline** to be considered for the Associate Degree in Nursing program.

There is no waiting list for the School of Nursing programs at Edison State College.

Students to Complete the Following:

1.	Apply to Edison State College (ESC). Perform College Testing.* *Completion of admission requirements to Edison State College (ESC), including application and testing. The PERT is used for placement in English & math. It is highly recommended that students review English & math before testing.
2.	Attend an informational Pre-Nursing Orientation. The schedule of Pre-Nursing Orientation sessions is located at http://www.edison.edu/academics/asnursing/nursing.php Attendance is mandatory at a Pre-Nursing Orientation. The information exchanged at the Pre-Nursing Orientation is vital to the applicant's understanding of the admission process. Call the Nursing Office for information: Lee Campus – 239-489-9315, Charlotte Campus – 941-637-5667, Collier Campus – 239-732-3748
3.	Completion of program prerequisites (listed below) prior to application deadline with a minimum grade of "C" or higher to be considered for admission to the nursing program. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MAC 1105 College Algebra or higher, or STA 2023 Statistics Important Announcement: MAC 1102 College Algebra will not substitute for MAC 1105 College Algebra to meet the Nursing requirement for a math course. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ BSC 1093C Anatomy & Physiology I*▪ BSC 1094C Anatomy & Physiology II▪ ENC 1101 English Composition I (Composition II is not accepted) * (Cellular Biology is a pre-requisite for Anatomy and Physiology I and Microbiology at ESC).

4.	<p>Maintain a 2.75 GPA for all prerequisite and co-requisite courses. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher in all required general education courses completed is mandatory to be eligible to apply to the Nursing Programs. The following is a list of Nursing co-requisites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HUN 1201 Nutrition ▪ PSY 2012 General Psychology ▪ DEP 2004 Human Growth and Development ▪ MCB 2010C Microbiology ▪ HUM elective Humanities (Part A or B - see college catalog)
5.	<p>Take the HESI Exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be eligible to sit for the HESI exam you must be a current ESC registered student. • You must pay for the HESI exam and then you may schedule your desired date. • Schedule through any Nursing Office (See HESI information on this web page). • You may attempt the test twice January - December spaced at least 30 days apart. • For more information on the HESI exam please consult the HESI Information section of this handbook. • Completion of the HESI test with a score of 74 or higher is required for admission. • HESI score is valid for 2 years from the date the test is taken. • The School of Nursing does not accept HESI exams taken at other colleges or venues. • Students who score less than 80 on the HESI test may be required to attend the Peer Enrichment Program or will be referred for tutoring once accepted into the Nursing Program.
6.	<p>Apply to the ADN program with an application obtained from the ESC Nursing web site http://www.edison.edu/academics/asnursing/nursing.php</p> <p>-Submit complete application packet to any ESC Nursing Office before the due date for Summer or for Fall.</p> <p>- Submit Official* transcripts from post-secondary institutions (including Edison State College) showing completion of any of the 9 required General Education classes. If transfer credit has already been posted to your ESC transcript then you would need to submit only your ESC official* transcript. One official transcript from outside institutions should be sent directly to the Registrar's Office and one official transcript must be attached to the Nursing application if the class you wish to be counted towards the AD nursing program pre-requisites or co-requisite requirements is not on your ESC transcript.</p> <p>NOTE: Evaluation of all transcripts from previous colleges is done by the ESC Records and Registration Department for transfer of credits.</p> <p>- Pay the Nursing Application fee at the Cashier's Office on any ESC campus or site. Attach a copy of the paid receipt to the nursing program application. Application fee is non-refundable.</p> <p>-Complete an Edison State College School of Nursing Required Student Legal Disclosure Form. This form can be obtained from the ESC Nursing web site http://www.edison.edu/academics/asnursing/nursing.php. Place the completed form in an envelope, seal the envelope, and label it with your name, and DISCLOSURE FORM on</p>

	<p>the outside. Submit with your application.</p> <p>* Official transcript: must be directly from the educational institution in a sealed envelope. You may have the transcript mailed to you to put with your application as long as the sealed envelope has not been opened. Faxed or unofficial transcripts will result in an incomplete application.</p>
7.	<p>The Nursing Program at Edison State College is a limited access program. Admission is based on a point system, involving grade points in the 9 pre-requisites and co-requisite classes (only); number of pre-requisite and co-requisite classes completed before the application deadline; and the composite score from the HESI examination. For more information on this topic please visit our website: http://www.edison.edu/academics/asnursing/nursing.php.</p>
8.	<p>Campus Choice. On the application the student may choose up to three campuses or programs by ranking them 1, 2, or 3. Number 1 is the first choice, 2 is the second choice and 3, third choice. If a Student does not choose 3 rankings and only checks one program, it will be assumed the applicant is saying they do not wish to consider admission to another program. Make your choices carefully. If you accept your 3rd choice, you will be attending that program on that campus for three semesters, for the AP program.</p>
9.	<p>Transfer policy: Under normal circumstances, transfers between campuses are prohibited. Should extenuating circumstances arise which are beyond the student's control, transfer requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis by a committee comprised of the Program Coordinators and the District Director of Nursing. All requests for transfer must include supporting documentation.</p>
10.	<p><u>Arrest Records</u>: Graduation from ESC Nursing Program does not guarantee that the Board of Nursing will allow you to take the NCLEX-RN. The Board of Nursing can deny application for licensure for certain reasons.</p>

5. Core Performance Standards*

Nursing involves the provision of direct patient care for individuals and is characterized by the application of knowledge in the skillful performance of nursing functions. Therefore, in order to be retained in the program before and after admission, all students must be able to demonstrate the following abilities:

ISSUE	STANDARD	EXAMPLES (not inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgment.	Competent assessment of patient in timely manner, correct interpretation of assessment, readily respond with appropriate interventions, treatment plans, ability to work alone and to make correct independent decisions.
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	Life and death situations, work with families stressed by the condition of a loved-one, working with other health-care providers in stressful situations.
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Can follow verbal and/or written instructions. Must communicate patient responses, document and interpret therapeutic procedures performed on patient, initiate health teaching, consult with other health care providers in professional manner.
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, and walk in hallways, maneuver in small spaces. Including the strength necessary to lift patients as needed.	Walking to and from departments to patient rooms, room to room to take care of all patients on a team, assisting in patient transport, administer CPR.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Perform vital signs, calibrate and use equipment, position patients, transport patients, physical assessment.
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Auscultation of BP, breath sounds, heart sounds, bowel sounds, hearing alarms, emergency signals, call bells, phones, cries for

		help, converse with patients, family, and staff
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.	Reading patient charts/flow sheet/electronic health monitoring devices, prepare and administer medications, assessing patient skin color, reading thermometers.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and to provide nursing intervention.	Perform palpation, giving injections, starting IV's, functions physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, i.e. urinary catheterization.
Strength/Stamina	Sufficient stamina to provide care and related responsibilities for extended periods of time (8-12 hours)	Adapt to shift work, lift without restrictions from standing position, ability to bend, position, and lift patients.

*Adapted from the Board of Directors of the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (SCCEN) guidelines for Nursing Education Programs. The Florida Board of Nursing requires criminal checks on all applicants for licensure and any nursing licensure applicant who has an arrest record to present those records. The Florida Board of Nursing is the state agency authorized to issue nursing licenses.

6. Technical Performance Standards

The School of Nursing complies with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any students requiring special accommodations or classroom modifications should first see the Coordinator for Students with Disabilities at Edison State College (<http://www.edison.edu/adaptiveservices/>). It is then the student's responsibility to communicate documented modifications or needs to the Coordinator/Professors at the beginning of each course.

Nursing at the associate degree level involves the provision of direct care for individuals and is characterized by the application of knowledge in the skillful performance of nursing functions. Therefore, in order to successfully complete the clinical and laboratory requirements, all students must possess:

1. Sufficient visual acuity such as is needed in the accurate preparation and administration of medications, and for the observation necessary for patient assessment and nursing care.
2. Sufficient auditory perception to receive verbal communication from patients and members of the health team and to assess health needs of people through the use of monitoring devices such as cardiac monitors, stethoscopes, IV infusion pumps, fire alarms, etc.
3. Sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly and implement the skills, including the manipulation of equipment required in meeting health needs.
4. Sufficient communication skills (speech, reading, writing) to interact with individuals and communicate their needs promptly and effectively as may be necessary in the individual's interest.

5. Sufficient intellectual and emotional functions to plan and implement care for individuals.

7. Physical, Emotional, and Mental Requirements

In order to provide direct patient care safely and to be able to utilize equipment in a variety of health care settings, the student must meet the following physical, mental and emotional requirements.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to perform repetitive tasks.
- Ability to walk the equivalent of five miles per day.
- Ability to reach above shoulder level.
- Ability to hear tape recorded transcriptions.
- Ability to distinguish colors.
- Ability to adapt to shift work.
- High degree of manual dexterity.
- Ability to work with chemicals and detergents.
- Ability to tolerate exposure to dust and/or fumes.
- Ability to grip.
- High degree of physical flexibility.
- Ability to bend knees.
- Ability to sit for periods of time.
- Ability to climb stairs or ladder.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time.
- Ability to lift 25 pounds.
- Ability to squat.
- Ability to perform CPR.

MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to cope with a high level of stress.
- Ability to make fast decisions under high pressure.
- Ability to cope with the anger/fear/hostility of others in a calm manner.
- Ability to manage altercations.
- Ability to concentrate.
- High degree of flexibility.
- Ability to cope with confrontation.
- Ability to handle multiple priorities in a stressful situation.
- Ability to assist with problem resolution.
- Ability to work alone.
- Ability to demonstrate a high degree of patience.
- Ability to adapt to shift work.
- Ability to work in areas that are close and crowded.

8. HESI Exam

The HESI is a standardized examination, used nationwide by nursing schools to assess college level knowledge in the areas of Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Math, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension and Grammar. A student is given a composite (overall average) score at the end of the exam. The student is aware of their score as soon as the test is completed. The score of this exam is one of the three categories used to compute admission scores for the ADN Program (See [Admission Score Sheet](#) available on the Edison State College School of Nursing website.). No other examination is accepted in place of the HESI.

The ESC bookstores sell the HESI approved study guide should students wish to purchase. There is also a company website: <http://evolve.elsevier.com>. Occasionally the ESC Continuing Education Department has a live HESI test review available. This live HESI review is not part of the Nursing Department. Please contact ESC Continuing Education for more information.

Each student is permitted to take the examination twice in a period from January 1 through December 31, but the two attempts must be a minimum of 30 days apart. The student may use the highest score from the two attempts and a copy must be attached to the student's application. Scheduling the examination is a first come, first scheduled, limited number of seats exam. The exam is held on the Lee County Campus in Room AA- 173 or AA-174. Students are given 4 hours to complete the six sections of the exam and a print out of the final grade will be provided to the student. Any exception to this 4 hour test limit would need a letter from the ESC Disability Office. The score is valid for two years and expires on the second anniversary of the test date. Should the test day fall short of the application period, the test will not be accepted and the student must provide a test result that is valid.

Currently the HESI examination cost to the student is \$60.00. This price may rise before the next printing of this handbook. The student should contact the Cashier's office to verify the current price of this exam. The following are the steps to pay and schedule the HESI examination:

- On Lee campus: Pay the campus cashier for the HESI exam. Bring the HESI receipt to building AA (The Nursing Building) Room 167 M (Sandy Krotov, Nursing Staff Assistant, M-F 0830 am – 4:30 pm) or you may fax your receipt to 239.489.9086 ATTN: Michelle. The student should also send a follow-up email to Michelle DeBona letting her know the receipt has been faxed (hesi@edison.edu). The student should include on the fax and email the student contact information and desired testing date. The student will receive a confirmation email.
- On Collier Campus: bring the HESI receipt to the nursing office, Nursing Staff Assistant. (Wendy Morris, M-F 8:30 am – 4:30 pm) The staff assistant will help you further.
- On Charlotte Campus: bring the HESI receipt to building "E" room 111 (Nursing Staff Assistant, M-F (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) the staff assistant will help you further.

8.1 HESI No-Show Policy

Guidelines:

The purpose of this policy is to summarize the policy for when a student does not show for a paid HESI exam after and making a reservation. This policy is necessary because when a student schedules an appointment for a HESI, there are limited seats available to take this exam. Once a student is confirmed no other student may schedule for that seat. When a person does not show for the exam, that seat could have been used by another student.

1. Student will follow all scheduling and registering policies for the HESI Exam.
2. Student will schedule and receive a confirmatory scheduling e-mail listing the testing date, location, time and date.
3. If the student does not show for the appointment, the student forfeits their HESI fee. This will not be considered one of the two yearly attempts for taking the HESI Exam.
4. Exceptions to this policy are illness with a Health Care Practitioner note or documented death or serious illness in the family. Family illness would require a note from the attending Health Care Practitioner.
5. A student may re-schedule the exam only until 10 days prior to the schedule date of the HESI exam. This is because the college is required to order and have these exams available a week prior to the examination by the HESI company.

Effective July 1, 2011

9. Criminal Background Screening

Certain health care practitioners are subject to criminal background screening at initial licensure. Currently, there are three different groups of background screening: statewide, national and level 2.

- Statewide criminal background screenings are performed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The results are reviewed by the applicant's respective health care board and used to decide whether to grant a license.
 - Registered Nurse applying for licensure by examination
 - Licensed Practical Nurse applying for licensure by examination
- Statewide and National criminal background screenings require fingerprinting and are performed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The results are reviewed by the applicant's respective health care board and used to decide whether to grant a license. This screening does not meet the definition of a Level 2 screening
 - Chiropractic Physician
 - Drug Wholesaler/Certified Designated Representative
 - Medical Doctor
 - Nurses
 - Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
 - License Practical Nurse applying for licensure by examination
 - Registered Nurse applying for licensure by examination
 - Othotist and Prosthetist
 - Osteopathic Physician
 - Pharmacy Owner
 - Podiatric Physician
 - Prescription Department Manager
- Level 2 statewide and national criminal background screenings are conducted pursuant to Chapter 435, F.S., and section 408.809, F.S., which require fingerprinting, and are performed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The results are reviewed for disqualifying offenses in sections 435.04 and 408.809, F.S., by the applicant's respective health care board and are used to determine whether to grant license and, where deemed appropriate, an exemption

- Certified Nursing Assistant (Results of this screening are provided to the Agency for Health Care (AHCA) electronically and are available for viewing on AHCA's Background Screening Results website)

Health care practitioners who are screened by ACHA for employment in a health care facility or as a provider in accordance with 408.809, F.S., may have disqualifying offenses. When AHCA identifies a disqualifying offense based on section 435.04, F.S., or section 408.809, F.S., the practitioner may request an exemption from disqualification through the respective licensing board.

Health care practitioners may request an exemption by submitting an Exemption from Disqualification form

- For ARNP, RN, LPN or CNA please visit:
http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mga.nursing/ap_exemption.doc
- All other professions please visit:
http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Long_Term_Care/Background_Screening/BGS_Exempt_ApplcForm.pdf

If the practitioner is not subject to criminal background screening by the licensing board, DOH may obtain a copy of the criminal background screening from AHCA, if available.

9.1 Criminal History Findings

Update to new Chapter Four in handbook

Any applicant or enrolled student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or guilty to, any offense under the provisions of Florida Statutes or under similar statutes of another jurisdiction will be disqualified from admission or continued enrollment in the Nursing Program.

Included offenses are:

- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Vehicular homicide
- Killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother
- Assault, if the victim of the offense was a minor
- Aggravated assault
- Battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor
- Aggravated battery
- Kidnapping
- False imprisonment
- Sexual battery
- Prohibited acts of persons in familial or custody authority
- Lewd and lascivious behavior
- Arson
- Theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony
- Fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony
- Incest
- Abuse or neglect of a disabled adult or elderly person
- Exploitation of disabled adult or elderly person
- Aggravated child abuse
- Child abuse

- Negligent treatment of children
- Sexual performance by a child
- Alcohol or Drug offenses which were a felony, or if the offense involved a minor
- Offenses indicating unfitness to serve as a health care professional

In addition, students or applicants with arrests pending disposition with any felony convictions and loss of civil rights, or students on probation will be disqualified from admission to the nursing program.

All records from the criminal history findings will be sent directly to the Nursing Program Criminal Background Check Representative. Background information will be provided to Clinical facilities as part of an attestation requirement by the facility.

9.2 Substance Use/Abuse Policy

Area health care agencies are drug- free places of employment. All health care agencies require a negative screen prior to hiring a new employee. The ESC School of Nursing has been asked to ensure that all nursing students have a negative drug test. Program applicants are required to obtain a substance abuse drug screen and are subject to random drug screens for cause upon admission to the program. Results of the drug screens are important for clinical rotations and subsequent completion of the nursing program. Applicants with a positive or adulterated result on the drug screen will be given an opportunity to explain the result. If the explanation is unacceptable or cannot be satisfactorily documented by the applicant's physician, the applicant shall not be accepted into the program. If already enrolled, the student will be dismissed from the nursing program.

The applicant may reapply and be considered for application to any health program after positive reference from a treatment team who has followed the applicant for at least two years, and has dealt specifically with the applicant's problem of chemical dependence.

10. Advanced Placement Program

10.1 [Advanced Placement Application](#)

10.2 Length of Program

Charlotte, Collier and Lee Nursing Program – three semesters after admission to the Nursing Program. This does not include summer sessions.

10.3 Charlotte, Collier and Lee Campus Nursing Program Schedule

Associate in Science Advanced Placement Nursing Day Program Class List

PREREQUISITES (Must be completed BEFORE applying to the Nursing Program) CREDIT HOURS

BSC 1093C	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
BSC 1094C	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
MAC 1105 (or higher <i>or</i> STA 2023)	College Algebra or Statistical Methods I	3

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO 2ND SEMESTER

PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
DEP 2004	Human Growth & Development	3

MAY BE TAKEN ANYTIME, BUT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ENTERING LAST SEMESTER

***Note: All Co-Requisite courses must be completed with a “C” or higher BEFORE entering last semester.**

HUM Elective	Humanities (Part A or Part B)	3
MCB 2010C	Microbiology	4
HUN 1201	Nutrition	3

MAY BE TAKEN ANYTIME AFTER FIRST SEMESTER BUT MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE ENTERING LAST SEMESTER

NUR 2140	Advanced Pharmacology	2
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FIRST SEMESTER

NUR 1204/1204L	Transitional Nursing Concepts	5
NUR 1932	Advanced Placement Seminar	1
NUR 1062/L	Health Assessment and Skills Practicum	3

SECOND SEMESTER

ASE 1000	Credits awarded for AP Nursing	10
NUR 1511	Intro to Mental Health Concepts	1
NUR 2310/2310L	Pediatric Nursing Concepts	4
NUR 2424/2424L	Maternal Nursing Concepts	3
NUR 2523	Mental Health: Nursing Across the Lifespan	1

THIRD SEMESTER

NUR 2260/2260L	Advanced Adult Nursing II	7
NUR 2530	Major Mental Health Disorders	1
NUR 2810	Professional Issues & Role Development	4
NUR 2941L	Preceptorship	

PROGRAM TOTAL 72 HOURS

***Peer Enrichment Program or referral for tutoring is mandatory for students who score less than 80 points on the HESI test and/or less than 80 in any of the above Nursing courses.**

Length of Program – approximately 1½ years after admission to the Nursing Program.

11. Mobility Admission Testing for Advanced Placement Applicants

An Articulation Agreement has been created to allow all Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) applicants to the Advanced Placement program who have earned their LPN in the Edison State College district programs, and were licensed within the previous 5 years. Applicants who graduated more than 5 years previous to application or who are Registered Cardiovascular Technologists (RCIS), Paramedics or Respiratory Therapists must take a Mobility Exam. The Exam consists of 180 questions related to nursing care. Applicants must earn at least 72% on this test and submit their results with their application. This is in addition to the HESI test required of all applicants.

9.1 Mobility Exam Study Guide

The examinee will be able to assess, prioritize, and intervene regarding:

- ❖ Patient care, documentation
- ❖ Client physiological needs
- ❖ Client psychological needs
- ❖ Safe, effective care environment
- ❖ Universal, standard precautions, chain of infection, nosocomial infection
- ❖ Cultural diversity
- ❖ Body mechanics
- ❖ Death and Dying, Grieving Process
- ❖ Communication skills and principles
 - open-ended responses, active listening
- ❖ General principles of drug administration
 - Medication therapy, interactions, toxicity, antidotes, conversions (metric, household measurements)
 - Anticoagulants
 - Vitamins
 - Hematologic agents
 - NSAID's
 - ASA
 - Analgesics
 - Nitroglycerine
 - Insulin therapy
- ❖ IV Therapy
 - site management, care, flow rates
 - central lines
 - complications
- ❖ General principles of diet therapy
 - nutrients (K+, Na, Ca++, low fat)
 - ADA recommendations
- ❖ Fluids and Electrolytes
- ❖ Lab values, diagnostic testing procedures
 - INR
 - K+
 - Cholesterol
 - Urinalysis
 - Glucose monitoring
 - ABG's (arterial blood gases)
 - CAT scan
 - MRI
 - Hgb, Hct
- ❖ Nursing Process

- Assessment (objective vs subjective data)
 - Techniques of assessment (inspection, auscultation, palpation, percussion)
- Analyze and Diagnosis
- Planning
- Implementation
- Evaluation
- ❖ Nursing Diagnoses (Goals, outcomes, assessment findings, evaluation)
 - Activity Intolerance
 - Anxiety
 - Constipation
 - Decreased cardiac output
 - Fatigue
 - Fluid volume deficit
 - Impaired gas exchange
 - Impaired swallowing
 - Ineffective tissue perfusion
 - Knowledge deficit
 - Nausea
 - Pain
 - Post Trauma Syndrome
 - Risk for infection
 - Risk for suffocation
 - Self-care deficit
 - Urinary Incontinence
- ❖ Patient teaching, evaluation
- ❖ Moral, legal, ethical issues
 - Abuse, neglect
 - Confidentiality
 - Health care proxy
 - Licensure, Board of Nursing
 - Living wills
 - Malpractice
 - Medical errors
 - Patients' rights
 - Restraints
- ❖ Delegation of patient care to UAP's (unlicensed assistive personnel)
- ❖ Growth and Development
- ❖ Physiologic Assessment, changes with age
- ❖ Care of the surgical patient, prevention of complications
- ❖ Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
- ❖ Risks, signs & symptoms, complications, interventions
 - Renal surgery
 - BPN
 - CVA
 - Hypertension
 - Hepatitis
 - Diabetes
 - Fractures
 - Seizures
 - Thyroidectomy
 - Renal calculi
 - Orthopedic surgery
 - Thrombophlebitis

- Osteoporosis
- Head, neck injury
- Tuberculosis
- ❖ Procedures, Nursing Care
- ❖ Dressing changes, wound care, irrigations
- ❖ NG tube maintenance, enteral feedings
- ❖ Foley catheter care, maintenance
- ❖ Endoscopy
- ❖ Basic care, hygiene
- ❖ Burn care
- ❖ Vital signs, pulse pressure
- ❖ Heat, cold applications
- ❖ Postural drainage
- ❖ Positioning patients
- ❖ Complications of bedrest

Sample Questions:

A nurse can foster a positive self-image in a client who has had an amputation by all of the following *EXCEPT*:

- a. encourage the client to care for the residual limb
- b. allowing the expression of grief
- c. introducing the client to local amputee support groups
- d. encouraging family and friends to refrain from visiting temporarily because this may increase the client's embarrassment

L.G., 62 year old male, admitted to the hospital with a suspected diagnosis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). While doing your data collection, which of the following symptoms would you expect L.G. to present:

- a. muscle twitching
- c. difficulty in swallowing
- b. respiratory dysfunction
- d. impaired intellect

After administering the analgesic meperidine HCL (Demerol), the nurse should:

- a. remain with the patient until she is comfortable
- b. return in 20 minutes to determine the effectiveness of the medication
- c. check the client's chart for the current order when charting the medication as administered
- d. inform the client that she will feel relief of pain in approximately 40 minutes

The nurse is monitoring Mr. B's postoperative vital signs and records the following on his charge: B/P: 110/80 pulse: 80 respirations: 24

Fifteen minutes later the nurse observes different readings. Which set of vital signs would be worthy of intervention/follow up?

- a. B/P: 90/60 pulse: 100 respirations: 10
- b. B/P: 100/70 pulse: 86 respirations: 30
- c. B/P: 110/80 pulse: 70 respirations: 20
- d. B/P: 120/92 pulse: 66 respirations: 16

The physician orders morphine sulfate grs 1/8. How many millimeters would you administer if there are 10 mg. in 1 ml?

- a. 0.75 ml
- b. 7.5 ml
- c. 0.075 ml
- d. 0.705 ml

The physician orders 2000 ml D5 ½ NS over the next 24 hours. Each liter contains 1 ml. of MVI and 2 ml. of Vitamin C. The drip rate factor is 20. At how many drops per minute would you regulate the IV flow?

- a. 14 gtts/min
- b. 20 gtts/min
- c. 28 gtts/min
- d. 83 gtts/min

You are covering J.B.'s weight for his surgery chart. He weighs 42 lbs. This is _____ kgs.?

- a. 9.2
- b. 19
- c. 38
- d. 92

Mr. M. 2 days post TURP complains of pain as you prepare his breakfast tray. Your *first* action would be to:

- a. check his chart to see when his last pain medication was given
- b. tell him to eat his breakfast and then you'll give him his medication
- c. notify the head nurse immediately and document the occurrence
- d. check the catheter to assure patency and free flow of drainage

12. Approximate Costs for the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Edison State College 2010-2011

ADN Nursing Students

	<u>Florida Resident</u>	<u>Non-Florida Resident</u>
Per credit hour *	\$104.48	\$388.52
Based on 72 credit hours (Basic)	\$7,522.56	\$27,973.44
Based on 62 credit hours (AP)	\$6,477.76	\$24,088.24
Liability insurance	\$79.50	\$79.50
General Ed Books (9 classesX\$150)	\$1,350	\$1,350
Nursing Books (9 classesX\$150)	\$1,350	\$1,350
Uniforms/equipment	\$300.00	\$300.00
Practicum Fees (Basic)	\$340.00	\$340.00
Practicum Fees (AP)	\$170.00	\$170.00
Course Fees – Basic	\$600.00	\$600.00
Course Fees – AP	\$500.00	\$500.00
Simulation Fees (Basic & AP)	\$150.00	\$150.00
Clinical Lab Fees (Basic student)	\$1850.00	\$1850.00
Clinical Lab Fees (AP student)	\$1505.00	\$1505.00
Testing Fees (Basic & AP)	\$267.00	\$267.00
Certified Background Check	\$87.00	\$ 87.00
Physical Exam/Immunizations	\$370.00	\$370.00
CPR Certification	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Total Cost Basic	\$14336.06	\$34786.94
Total Cost Advanced Placement	\$12676.26	\$30286.74

*Approximate; Tuition costs are subject to change yearly.

The current specific additional fees that are charged supplemental to the nursing class are listed with the following link: <http://www.edison.edu/district/board/budgets.php> specific to nursing on page 54.

The state licensing and examination will cost approximately \$390.00 after graduation from the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Clinical Experience Environment

Nursing student clinical rotations will be provided in various settings. The student should be prepared to travel to all hospitals in the county and varying hours throughout the day. Other experiences will occur in physician offices, and other outpatient settings. Clinical rotations will be required and attendance at clinical rotations is mandatory.

The days and hours of clinical experiences changes each semester. In general, clinical experience for each course is 1-2 days a week and generally 7-8 or up to 12 hours each day assigned.

13. Important Contact Information

Lee Day Basic and Advanced Placement Program Coordinator Lee Staff Assistant	Susan Holland Sandy Krotov	sholland1@edison.edu skrotov@edison.edu
Charlotte Basic and Advanced Placement Program Coordinator Charlotte Staff Assistant	Chitra Paul-Victor Wendy Morris	cpaulvictor@edison.edu wwilliams3@edison.edu
Collier Advanced Placement Coordinator Collier AP Staff Assistant	Gayle Wetzel Elinor Langlois	gwetzel@edison.edu elanglois@edison.edu
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14. Advanced Placement Application ([Go to top](#))



SCHOOL OF NURSING
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION/ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

APPLICATION YEAR: _____ SEMESTER APPLYING: Spring _____ Fall _____
 CAMPUS: Spring-Lee _____ Fall-Collier _____ Fall-Charlotte _____ Fall-Lee _____

Date you attended Pre-Nursing Orientation: _____

1. NAME _____
 Other last name(s) records may be listed by _____

2. ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

3. TELEPHONE NUMBERS
 HOME (_____) _____ CELL (_____) _____
 WORK (_____) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

5. PROFESSION: LPN _____ Respiratory Therapist _____
 RCVT _____ Paramedic _____

FL Professional License/Certificate Number _____

**Attach a current copy of license or certificate to application*

6. Year graduated from LPN, Paramedic, CVT or RT Program: _____
 School Attended _____

7. Number of years experience in above profession: From: _____ To: _____
 Where _____
 (Optional)

8. Certified Nursing Assistant? **attach current copy* Yes _____ No _____

9. Date of HESI Exam (attach results) _____

10. Are you currently an ESC student? Yes _____ No _____
 If no, have you applied for admission to the college? Yes _____ No _____

11. Please indicate the grades you received in the prerequisite courses. Note the letter grade or challenge score.
 (This will be verified by means of your transcript.)

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name of school where taken</u>
BSC 1093C (Anatomy and Physiology I)	_____	_____
MAC 1105 or STA 2023 (College Algebra or higher or Statistics)	_____	_____
ENC 1101(English Composition I)	_____	_____
BSC 1094C (Anatomy & Physiology II)	_____	_____

12. Please indicate which general education courses required for Nursing you have taken, the grade you received and at what school the class was taken (this will be verified by means of your transcript.)

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name of school where taken</u>
DEP 2004 (Human Growth and Development)	_____	_____
PSY 2012 (General Psychology)	_____	_____
MCB 2010C (Microbiology)	_____	_____
HUN 1201 (Nutrition)	_____	_____
HUM Elective (Part A or B)	_____	_____
Humanities Course Name and Number	_____	_____

13. Please indicate the score you received on the NLN Nursing Mobility Profile I Exam:

_____ (This will be verified by the Nursing Program)

Exempt from Nursing Mobility Profile I Exam: _____

(LPN graduate from Lee, Charlotte, Collier or Sarasota County Vo-Tech within 5 years)

IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE NURSING PROGRAMS. THIS INCLUDES TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING EDISON COLLEGE.

Please submit this application along with receipt for the \$15 application fee to Nursing Programs by 4:00 p.m. June 1st for fall term admission (Collier/Charlotte/Lee), and October 1st for spring term admission (Lee).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **Arrest Records:** Graduation from ESC School of Nursing does not guarantee that the Board of Nursing will allow you to take the NCLEX-RN. The Board of Nursing can deny application for licensure for certain reasons.
2. **Point System:** In the event that there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, a point system for admission will be utilized.
2. **Transfer Policy:** "Under normal circumstances, transfers between campuses are prohibited. Should extenuating circumstances arise which are beyond the student's control, transfer request will be considered on a case-by-case basis by committee comprised of Coordinators and the District Director of Nursing. All requests for transfer must include supporting documentation."

I CERTIFY that this application, attached transcripts, standardized test results, and legal disclosure form are complete and accurate. I understand that these documents are being used to make an academic decision regarding admission to the Associate in Science in Nursing program at Edison State College, which is a limited access program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

**Edison State College
School of Nursing
Required Student Legal Disclosure**

Requirement to Disclose

The Edison State College (ESC) School of Nursing requires you to complete the attached **Student Disclosure Form**. Pursuant to state law, an applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse must not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice nursing competently nor have committed an act that would constitute a ground for disciplinary sanction under state law.

While a criminal history is not an automatic barrier to consideration for admission to Edison State College School of Nursing, each applicant will be considered on a case by case basis. Serious crimes, such as crimes of violence or dishonesty, are particularly disfavored. Applicants are advised that the School relies on third parties, such as hospitals and other health facilities, to provide clinical education and that a criminal history can affect the School's ability to find a placement. ESC School of Nursing has no control over these third parties and the School makes no guarantee that it can place any student, with or without a criminal history.

Candor about the applicant's criminal history is highly important: failure to disclose may result in the withdrawal of acceptance or, in the case of an accepted or matriculated student, dismissal from Edison State College School of Nursing.

You are required to notify the ESC School of Nursing Program Coordinator on the campus to which you are seeking or granted admission on an annual basis, or more frequently, of any changes in your status.

Full Disclosure Required

Applicants are required to disclose any arrests, charges, convictions, or probation/diversion in writing (even if a charge has been dismissed). You must report **anything** that may come up on a national or Florida state background check. You must complete this form to the best of your ability. If in doubt, disclose the charge. This means that your answers must be truthful, accurate, and complete. If you know of certain information yet are unsure whether to disclose it, you must disclose the information.

1. I understand that if I am a finalist for admission that I must submit to and pay any costs required for criminal background checks. I understand that information obtained from a criminal history check may result in a failure to be approved for required placement assignments, and as such may result in my inability to progress through the ESC School of Nursing program.
2. I understand a clinical agency may require additional components of a criminal background check, other than those required by the School of Nursing, as well as drug screening. I understand I am required to pay for any and all criminal background checks and drug screens required.
3. The School of Nursing and/or campus may review the Florida Sex Offenders Registry for each nursing student prior to admission and may do so periodically after admission. I understand that the results of such check will affect my ability to participate in ESC School of Nursing program.
4. I understand I must disclose in writing any convictions of any misdemeanors or felonies in Florida, any State, or other jurisdiction. I understand if an assigned clinical agency does not accept me as a nursing student based on my criminal background, it may result in an inability to progress through the ESC School of Nursing program, as such required agency placements are prerequisites to the completion of any School of Nursing degree.
5. I understand the ESC School of Nursing reserves the authority to determine my eligibility to be admitted to the program and/or progress in the program. I understand that my criminal background check and drug screen will be a factor used to determine if I will be admitted to the program.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Student ID Number

Edison State College School of Nursing Student Disclosure Form

Applicants to the Edison State College School of Nursing are required to disclose to the Admission Committee any arrests, charges, convictions, or probation/diversions (even if a charge has been dismissed):

1. Name of Student (Print): _____

2. Maiden Name, if Applicable (Print): _____

3. Enter All Other Names Used (Print): _____

4. Student ID: _____

5. Date of Birth: _____

6. Have you ever been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of, any criminal offense? Yes No
If the answer above is "yes," set forth the dates and details here (*use additional sheets if necessary*):

7. Are there any pending criminal charges that have been filed against you? Yes No

If the answer above is "yes," set forth the dates and details here (*use additional sheets if necessary*):

8. Have you ever participated in a first offender, deferred adjudication or pretrial diversion or other probation program or arrangement where judgment or conviction has been withheld? Yes No

If the answer above is "yes," set forth the dates and details here (*use additional sheets if necessary*):

I understand that providing false or misleading information regarding my criminal history, failing to disclose the requested information, or not successfully passing any required criminal history check may result in the withdrawal of admission or, in the case of accepted or matriculated students, dismissal from the Edison State College School of Nursing.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR NURSING APPLICATION, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT:

_____ You have applied to Edison State College.

_____ You have correctly and completely filled out the Nursing application.

_____ Your grades are marked correctly for all general education courses you have completed.

_____ You have signed and dated your application.

_____ All transcripts from other institutions have been sent from previous schools to Edison's Registrar, if you have not done so previously.

_____ You have included an official Edison transcript in a sealed envelope with your application. Make sure it has all the classes you want considered toward admission on it. If not, you will need to include an official sealed transcript from your other school/s with your application. THIS IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY.

_____ You have paid the \$15.00 application fee at the Cashier's office and included the receipt with the application.

_____ You have included your HESI test score sheet.

_____ You have included the completed Disclosure Form in a sealed envelope with your name and DISCLOSURE FORM on the outside.

You may submit your completed nursing application at any campus nursing office or you may send your application to:

Basic Nursing Program Application
Edison State College
8099 College Parkway SW
Fort Myers, FL 33919

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