



NURSING PROGRAMS

Associate in Science Degree

Lee Evening Basic Program

The Lee Evening Basic Nursing Program at Edison College is offered to assist individuals to obtain an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. 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 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. Graduates are eligible to take the licensure examination (NCLEX-RN) administered by the State Board of Nursing in Florida.

ADMISSION PROCESS

The Nursing Program has 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. 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 admission to the Nursing Program:

1. Graduation from high school or receipt of a General Educational Development certificate (GED).
2. Completion of admission requirements to Edison College (EC), including application and testing.*
3. Completion of all Learning Assistance courses, if required, by the start of the program.
4. Completion of Math and Science prerequisites: MAC 1105 (College Algebra) or higher, *or* STA 2023 (Introductory Statistics), BSC 1080 (Human Anatomy), and BSC 1093C (Anatomy & Physiology I) **prior to application deadline.**
5. Attainment of a minimum grade of "C" or above in all general education courses, including prerequisites, required in the Nursing Program.
6. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher in all required general education courses completed.
7. **Testing:** Completion of the HESI test with a score of 74 or higher is required for admission. Until 6/30/08 ACT test scores of 17 or higher will be accepted in lieu of HESI.
8. Submission of **Official** transcripts from *all* post-secondary institutions including Edison College to the Registrar's Office **and** to the Nursing Program.
9. Evaluation of all transcripts from previous colleges by the EC Records and Registration Department for transfer of credits.
10. Attendance at a Pre-Admission Nursing Orientation.**
11. Completion of the Nursing Basic Program Application along with the receipt from the \$15.00 application fee (by specified date).
12. Application deadline: June 30.

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 either the Basic or Advanced Placement Program Coordinators and the District Director of Nursing. All requests for transfer must include supporting documentation.

*The FCLEPT is used for placement in English and Algebra. It is highly recommended that students review English & Algebra before taking this test.

**Students must attend a pre-admission nursing orientation. The information exchanged is vital to applicant's understanding of the admission process. Please call the Department of Nursing Lee Campus (239)985-8316, Charlotte Campus (941)637-5667, or Collier Campus (239)732-3748 to make arrangements to attend.

CURRICULUM PLAN
LEE EVENING BASIC RN PROGRAM

PREREQUISITES

BSC 1080	Human Biology	2
BSC 1093C	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
MAC 1105 <i>or</i> STA 2023	College Algebra <i>or</i> Statistics	3

FALL (16 WEEK TERM) – SEMESTER ONE

NUR 1010	Introduction to Nursing	2
NUR 1142	Introduction to Pharmacology & Math Calculations	1
NUR 1061/L	Health Assessment	3
BSC 1094C	Anatomy & Physiology II	4

SPRING (16 WEEK TERM) – SEMESTER TWO

NUR 1022	Fundamentals of Nursing	5
NUR 1022L	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	0
NUR 1023L	Fundamentals of Nursing Lab	1
NUR 1511	Introduction to Mental Health Nursing Concepts	1
ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3

SUMMER (12 WEEK TERM) – SEMESTER THREE

NUR 1211	Adult Nursing I	7
NUR 1211L	Adult Nursing I Clinical	0
NUR 2140	Advanced Pharmacology	2
DEP 2004	Human Growth & Development	3

FALL (16 WEEK TERM) – SEMESTER FOUR

<u>Fall C</u>		
HUM	Humanities Elective (Part A or B)	3
MCB 2010C	Microbiology	5
<u>Fall A</u>		
NUR 2424	Maternal Nursing Concepts	3
NUR 2424L	Maternal Nursing Concepts Clinical	0
<u>Fall B</u>		
NUR 2310	Pediatric Nursing Concepts	4
NUR 2310L	Pediatric Nursing Concepts Clinical	0
NUR 2523	Mental Health Nursing Across The Lifespan	1

SPRING (16 WEEK TERM) – SEMESTER FIVE

<u>First 12 Weeks</u>		
NUR 2260	Advanced Adult Nursing II	7
NUR 2260L	Advanced Adult Nursing II Clinical	0
NUR 2530	Clients With Major Mental Health Disorders	1
NUR 2810	Professional Issues & Role Development	4
<u>Last 4 Weeks</u>		
NUR 2941L	Preceptorship Clinical	0

*****ALL GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED WITH GRADES OF “C” OR HIGHER PRIOR TO THE LAST SEMESTER OF NURSING COURSEWORK.**

In order to progress in the Nursing Program, a student must achieve a grade of “C” or higher in all Nursing courses. Any grade below a 77 percent is a failing grade.

Criminal Background Check

Required for applicants who are provisionally accepted into the Nursing Program

Each applicant is required to inform the District Director of Nursing in writing of any criminal charges on his/her record in any state or national jurisdiction upon submission of an application for enrollment to the program. This information needs to include an explanation of circumstances for possible review by an admissions committee.

Applicants notified of provisional acceptance into the Nursing Program are required to complete and send a Request for Civilian Criminal Records Inquiry to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). This criminal background screening ensures consistency with the requirements of Chapter 435, Florida Statutes, by health care agencies with which Edison College has clinical affiliation agreements. Background screening must be completed before final acceptance to the Nursing Program can be approved. The Request for Civilian Criminal Records Inquiry requires payment of a processing fee of \$23 to the FDLE at the applicant's expense. The criminal background check report(s) must be forwarded directly from FDLE to the Nursing Program Office.

Applicants with criminal records are forewarned that the Florida Department of Health-Division of Medical Quality Assurance requires any licensure applicant who has ever been convicted or found guilty of a felony, regardless of adjudication, to explain the circumstances. The same is true for other states with licensure statutes as well as national certification boards. These individuals will need to gain clearance from these agencies before they are allowed to take state licensure and national certification examinations that are usually required for employment.

Criminal History Findings

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 may be disqualified from admission or continued enrollment in the Nursing Program.

Those 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

Upon notification of provisional acceptance into the Nursing Program., each applicant will be provided with a detailed procedure for completing the Request for Civilian Criminal Records Inquiry.

Health Record / Ability to Meet Technical Standards

A completed medical health form and self assessment of Program Technical Standards must also be submitted and approved by the District Director of Nursing prior to admission to clinical rotations. This health record will contain results from a physical examination and laboratory tests including immunization records. An updated health record verified by a licensed physician or designee must be submitted on a yearly basis before attending clinical courses.

Nursing students who do not meet the standards of good physical and mental health, as required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, may reapply and be considered for application to the Nursing Program after resolution of the health problem. Additionally, student drug screens, criminal history reports, and medical records, when submitted, will become the property of Edison College, and will not be available for copying or for use to meet the requirements of outside employers or other agencies/persons. Students who are out of their program for six months or more must submit new records.

Appeal Process

If a review of a criminal background check or a medical health report deems an applicant or student ineligible for admission or continuation in the Nursing Program, an appeal can be filed. The College's published appeal process is to be followed as found in the current *Catalog* under "Student Rights and Responsibilities".