



## NURSING PROGRAMS

### Associate in Science Degree

### *Advanced Placement Program*

The Advanced Placement Nursing Program at Edison College (EC) is designed to assist practicing Licensed Practical Nurses, Paramedics, Respiratory Therapists, and Cardiovascular Technicians to obtain the 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. Graduates 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 through the State Board of Nursing in Florida. This program is offered on the Collier, Charlotte and Lee campuses.

### ***ADMISSION PROCESS***

The admission process established by the Nursing Programs is designed to select those candidates with the best qualifications. Enrollment is limited and not all qualified applicants can be accepted. To be eligible to apply to the Advanced Placement Nursing Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Graduation from high school or receipt of a General Educational Development (GED) certificate.
2. Completion of admission requirements to Edison College, including application and testing.\*
3. Completion of all Learning Assistance courses, if required, by start of program.
4. Completion of the Nursing Advanced Placement Program Application along with \$15.00 application fee receipt (by specified date).
5. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher in all required general education courses completed.
6. Completion of program pre-requisites: MAC 1105 (College Algebra) or higher, or STA 2023 (Introductory Statistics), BSC 1093C (Anatomy & Physiology I), BSC 1094C (Anatomy & Physiology II), and ENC 1101 (English Composition I) prior to application deadline.
7. A minimum grade of “C” or above on all general education courses, including prerequisites, required in the Advanced Placement Nursing Program.
8. Successful completion of the NLN Nursing Mobility Profile Exam (if applicable).\*\*
9. **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.
10. A current Florida LPN license, or current Florida State Certificate for Paramedic, or current Florida Respiratory Therapy License, or registration for CVT (RCVT).
11. Preferably one year experience in nursing within the past three years (if LPN), or one year experience as a paramedic, CVT, or RT within the past three years.
12. Current Florida Nursing Assistant Certificate (CNA) for CVT, RT or Paramedic applicants.
13. Submission of **Official** transcripts from post-secondary institutions (including Edison College) showing completion of any of the 8 required General Education classes. Transcripts should be sent to the Registrar’s Office **and** to the Nursing Office.
14. Attendance at a Pre-Nursing Admission Nursing Orientation\*\*.

**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.

**Please Note:** In the event there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, a point system for admission will be utilized. After students have been admitted, a health evaluation form verifying overall health and ability to meet performance standards must be submitted as well as a current CPR card (BLS Healthcare Provider – American Heart Association or CPR for Professional Rescuer – American Red Cross).

\*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 the applicant’s understanding of the admission process. Please call the Nursing Program: Lee Campus (239)985-8316, Charlotte Campus (941)637-5667, or Collier Campus (239)732-3745 to make arrangements to attend.

\*\*Students must successfully complete the mandatory required nursing entrance exam and achieve a minimum grade of 72%. It is recommended that this exam be taken the year the applicant plans to enter the nursing program, but results are accepted for 5 years. Articulation Agreements have been developed to exempt recent graduates (within 5 years) of area LPN schools. We recommend that CVT’s, RT’s, and Paramedics complete the CNA course before attempting the Nursing Mobility Examination.

**CHALLENGE PROCESS: *(Offered for Edison Advanced Placement Nursing Program Only)***

\*LPNs applying to the Advanced Placement Program can challenge Anatomy and Physiology by taking the Anatomy and Physiology test that is offered by the Nursing Program. Successful completion will result in the awarding of a grade of “S” for BSC 1093C and BSC 1094C after admission and successful completion of NUR 1204/1204L. *We do not recommend challenging A&P, if you plan to go on for a BSN. You may need a grade to transfer the course.*

Challenge exams are offered by Nursing and administered on all three campuses. They are administered once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester on each campus. Applications to take the examination and exam dates are available through the Nursing Office. A fee is charged for each examination. Please call the Nursing Office Lee Campus 239-489-9239, Charlotte Campus 941-637-5667, or Collier Campus 239-732-3745 for information.

**ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS  
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

<b>PREREQUISITES</b>		<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
BSC 1080	Human Biology-Overview for Health Science Professionals	2
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 Statistics	3

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO 2<sup>ND</sup> 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	5

**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
Advanced Placement Credit (awarded after successful completion of NUR 1204/1204L, NUR 1932 and NUR 1062C)		10

**SECOND SEMESTER**

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**

**ADMISSION DEADLINE**

Nursing applicants must complete all the admission requirements and submit a Nursing Application and college transcripts by March 15 (Phase I) and May 15 (Phase II-only if needed) on the Collier and Charlotte Campuses, and by September 15 on the Lee Campus. A \$15.00 application fee must be paid at the Cashier's Office.

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

**Edison College Nursing Program is fully approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee FL 32399-3252, 850-488-0509, and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York NY 10006, 800-669-1656. Accreditation reviews are available upon request.**

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## **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".