



NURSING PROGRAMS

Associate in Science Degree

Basic Program

The Basic Nursing Program at Edison State 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. The Basic Day Program is offered on the Charlotte, Collier and Lee campuses. The Evening Program is offered on the Lee campus.

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 Programs 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 State College (EC), including application and testing.*
3. Completion of all Learning Assistance courses, if required, by the start of the program.
4. Completion of program prerequisites: MAC 1105 (College Algebra) or higher, *or* STA 2023 (Introductory Statistics), 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 70 or higher is **required** for admission. ACT test scores of 17 or higher taken within 2 years of application, prior to 6/30/08, will be considered in lieu of HESI. Students who score less than 80 on the HESI test will be required to attend the Peer Enrichment Program once accepted into the Nursing Program.
8. Submission of **Official** transcripts from post-secondary institutions (including Edison State College) showing completion of any of the 8 required General Education classes. One official transcripts should be sent to the Registrar's Office **and** one official transcript must be attached to the Nursing application.
9. Evaluation of all transcripts from previous colleges by the ESC 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 \$15.00 application fee receipt (by deadline).
12. Application deadlines: April 1 for Summer Day Program (on Charlotte, Collier and Lee campuses) and June 30 for Fall Day Program (on Collier and Lee campuses) and Evening Program (on Lee campus).

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 prior to applying to the Nursing Program. The information exchanged is vital to applicant's understanding of the admission process. Please call the Nursing Office Lee Campus (239)489-9239, Charlotte Campus (941)637-5667, or Collier Campus (239)732-3748 to make arrangements to attend.

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ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
BASIC PROGRAM

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

BSC 1080	Human Biology-Overview for Health science Professionals	2
BSC 1093C	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
MAC 1105 (or higher <i>or</i> STA 2023)	College Algebra or Statistics	3

INTRODUCTION SEMESTER

NUR 1010	Introduction to Nursing	2
NUR 1142	Introduction to Pharmacology and Math Calculations	1

FIRST SEMESTER

NUR 1022	Fundamentals of Nursing	5
NUR 1022L	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	0
NUR 1023L	Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum	1
NUR 1061	Health Assessment	2
NUR 1061L	Health Assessment Lab	1
ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
BSC 1094C	Anatomy & Physiology II	4

SECOND SEMESTER

NUR 1211	Adult Nursing I	7
NUR 1211L	Adult Nursing I Clinical	0
NUR 1511	Introduction to Mental Health Concepts	1
NUR 2140	Advanced Pharmacological Concepts	2
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
DEP 2004	Human Growth & Development	3

MAY BE TAKEN ANY TIME BUT MUST BE TAKEN 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

THIRD SEMESTER

NUR 2424	Maternal Nursing Concepts	3
NUR 2424L	Maternal Nursing Concepts Clinical	0
NUR 2310	Pediatric Nursing Concepts	4
NUR 2310L	Pediatric Nursing Concepts Clinical	0
NUR 2523	Mental Health Across The Lifespan	1

FOURTH SEMESTER

NUR 2260	Advanced Adult Nursing II	7
NUR 2260L	Advanced Adult Nursing II Clinical	0
NUR 2530	Major Mental Health Disorders	1
NUR 2810	Professional Issues & Role Development	2
NUR 2941L	Preceptorship	2

PROGRAM TOTAL

72 Hours

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

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.

The Edison State College Nursing Program is fully approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee FL 32399-3252, (850) 488-0595 and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York NY 10006, (800) 669-1656. Accreditation reviews are available upon request.

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 State 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 \$24 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 State 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".