



Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing

Nursing Applicant Information Guide

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Arizona Board of Nursing approved program is designed to prepare the student for beginning employment as a professional registered nurse providing direct care to patients. Upon successful completion of the program, an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing is awarded and the graduate is eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Classes are offered in Thatcher and through a partnership with Gila County Community College in Globe and Payson. The program permits students to enter or exit the program based on student needs, space availability, and time limitations. Entry into the nursing program requires formal admission. Admission procedures can be obtained from the Nursing Department, (928) 428-8396 or at eac.edu.

ADMISSION SELECTION

Selection for admission is competitive and based upon completion of all admission requirements including **prerequisites with grades of “C” or better**. Anonymity is assured by removing all applicant identifying factors before submission to the Nursing Admissions and Review Committee. Completion of pre-/co-requisites, health care work experience, pre and co-requisite grades of A or B, and higher math, reading, and Nursing Entrance exam scores improve applicant ranking but do not guarantee acceptance. Top ranking applicants are accepted into the program. A list of alternates is also designated. Candidates maintain alternate status through the first week of classes pending admission space. Non-selected alternates and applicants must reapply.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed Nursing Program Application for Admission
- EAC Reading Competency Test (Accuplacer NEXT GEN score) of 263/equivalent or greater
- TEAS Assessment Nursing Entrance Exam with a minimum composite score of proficient or higher. For information about testing dates and times call 928-428-8396 for the Thatcher campus, (928) 425-8481 for Globe and (928) 468-8039 for the Payson campus. TEAS testing administered through EAC is limited to two times per semester, four times within a year. The TEAS test must be dated within one (1) year of application.
- Study guides for the TEAS test are available in the EAC bookstore, online, or at the Nursing Education Center in Thatcher.
- Background check with a valid DPS level one fingerprint clearance card **AND** a background check processed through Corporate Screening - www.VerifyStudents.com use code EAST95A7
- Applicants working in healthcare, desiring additional points toward admission, may provide a letter from their employer indicating position held, work quality, responsibility, and duration of employment at that healthcare facility. Work in healthcare must be current (within the last two years).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Documentation of admission requirements are due in the Thatcher nursing office no less than 2 business days prior to the start of the semester or the applicant's admission slot will be forfeited.

- Meet admission requirements to Eastern Arizona College
- Current American Heart Association CPR Basic Life Support (BLS) card
- Current **Arizona Licensed Nursing Assistant** number in good standing
- Meet the minimum math requirements set forth by the nursing program by demonstrating competency through testing or course completion (HCE 116) in addition to math requirements outlined below
- Complete Immunization Record and Nursing Physical Form
- Urine drug screen through www.VerifyStudents.com (Corporate Screening)
- Level 1 fingerprint clearance card and background check through Corporate Screening
- Transcript verification of the following **prerequisites with grades of "C" or better**:
 - CHM 130 or higher (CHM 138 Preferred)
 - MAT 100 Applied Mathematics or math placement score into MAT154
 - PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
 - BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I

BACKGROUND CLEARANCE

All Eastern Arizona College healthcare students are required to complete a criminal background check and drug screen. Previous background checks and drug screens are considered invalid. The college will communicate how and when to obtain these requirements. Enrollment is contingent on passing disposition on the background check. Once admitted, students have a duty to immediately report to the nursing director: arrests, convictions, placement on exclusion databases, suspension, removal of the DPS fingerprint clearance card, removal or discipline imposed on any professional license or certificate at any time during enrollment in the program. Any student who loses eligibility to participate in clinical experiences due to inability to meet program requirements will be withdrawn from the program.

At all times during enrollment students must obtain and maintain BOTH a valid Level 1 fingerprint clearance card and a passing disposition on the certified background check. Admission requirements related to background checks are subject to change as mandated by clinical experience partners.

NOTE: (Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606(B)(16), an applicant for professional or practical nurse license by examination is not eligible for licensure if the applicant has one or more felony convictions and who has not received an absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions three or more years before the date of filing an application. If the applicant cannot prove that the absolute discharge date is three or more years before the date of filing the application, the Board of Nursing cannot process the application.) ARS§ 32-1663 Section A "the Board may DENY any license applied for under this chapter if the applicant commits an act of unprofessional conduct."

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICATION

Completed applications (with required documentation of all application requirements) must be submitted to the Eastern Arizona College Nursing Office, located in the Nursing Education Center (615 N. Stadium Avenue, Thatcher, AZ 85552-0769) by 5:00 PM **October 1st** for January admission and by 5:00 PM **March 1st** for August admission. **Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applicants are responsible for verifying completeness before the deadline by contacting the nursing office at (928) 428-8396.**

TRANSFERS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students requesting transfer from another nursing program or advanced placement will be considered as space is available. Applicants must pass skills evaluation for the specific level of admission. In addition to the skills evaluation, advanced placement students must pass the standardized exam of the course previous to the one they are testing into with a score of 80% or above. Test dates for the exam and skill evaluation will be communicated after application due dates.

Students transferring credits from other colleges must have **official** transcripts sent directly to the EAC Records Office, Eastern Arizona College, 615 N. Stadium Avenue, Thatcher, AZ 85552 for evaluation. Students transferring credits from out-of-state schools must also submit course descriptions. Receipt of transcripts may take up to 2-3 weeks. Verification of receipt can be made by calling the Records Office at (928) 428-8270. If transcripts have not been received, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the former institution(s). Following transcript evaluation, information will be available to the nursing office and a copy will be sent to the applicant. Please allow two to three weeks for this process. Only credits from regionally accredited institutions identified in the EAC Academic Catalog will be evaluated. Transfer credit may be awarded for courses at the freshman level (100 level) or higher with grades of "C" or better.

Transcripts to EAC from other colleges must be on the student official course record at Eastern Arizona College to receive points.

A student transferring to another institution must be aware that credits earned from Eastern Arizona College are transferable to other colleges and universities at the discretion of the receiving institutions. It is beneficial for students to complete the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Nursing degree, as most universities will accept this degree. If a student desires to transfer prior to completion of the AAS Nursing degree, courses will be evaluated individually by the accepting institution.

LPNs seeking advanced placement are eligible to apply for NUR 130. Applicants must meet the following prerequisite requirements: BIO 201, 202, ENG 101, 102, HCE 241, NUR 219 and provide proof of LPN in good standing.

Additional information can be obtained from the EAC Nursing Office located in the Nursing Education Center or by calling (928) 428-8396.

Course Sequence for Accepted Applicants

Nursing courses must be completed with a “B” or better and co-requisites with a “C” or better for advancement to the next phase of the program.

Uncompleted co-requisites and nursing courses should progress as follows:

First Semester		Credit Hours
NUR 120	Nursing One	9
BIO 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
NUR 219	Pharmacology for Nursing	<u>3</u>
Total		16
Second Semester		
NUR 130	Nursing Two	9
ENG 101	Written Communications I	3
HCE 240	Human Pathophysiology	<u>4</u>
Total		16
Third Semester		
NUR 240	Nursing Three	9
ENG 102	Written Communications II	3
HCE 241	Nutrition	<u>3</u>
Total		15
Fourth Semester		
NUR 250	Nursing Four	10
BIO 205	Microbiology	<u>4</u>
Total		14

OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION

Students are eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) upon successful completion of the AAS Nursing Degree. The RN is educated as a generalist who has competencies to provide nursing services to clients in various health care settings.

Licensing requirements are the exclusive responsibility of individual state boards of nursing. In Arizona, this is the Arizona State Board of Nursing (AZBN) (Nurse Practice Act Sections 32-1632, et. seq.). Licensing fees and requirements are determined by and are the sole responsibility of the individual boards of nursing. The approximate cost for application, testing, and fingerprinting in Arizona is \$556.00. Contact the Arizona Board of Nursing at <http://www.azbn.gov> or 602-889-5150 for further information.

COST ESTIMATE FOR THE EAC NURSING PROGRAM

Tuition (\$810.00- \$1080.00) full time tuition x 4 semesters; Arizona resident)	\$3240.00- 4320.00
Nursing Fee (\$375 per semester X 4 semesters)	\$1500.00
Technology Fee (approximately \$100 per semester X 4 semesters)	400.00
ATI Fee (approximately \$100 per semester X 4 semesters)	400.00
Textbooks estimate	\$1500.00
Corporate Screening Costs	\$ 104.00
Nursing pin estimate (Optional)	\$ 50.00
Uniforms, clinical supplies and clinical travel and lodging expenses (estimate)	<u>\$1500.00</u>
Total estimated cost of EAC nursing program	\$8694.00-\$9774.00

Fees may vary by location and the above is only an estimate

ADDITIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

Nursing is a rigorous course of study. Students should expect to spend a minimum of 45 hours per week in nursing and co-requisite classes, skills labs, clinicals, and study. Students may participate in class activities via interactive television or Zoom. Clinical experiences consist of 8-12-hour day, evening, or weekend assignments which may include several out-of-town rotations per semester. Students are responsible for their own transportation and travel expenses. **All nursing courses must be passed with a “B” or better and all pre- and co-requisites must be passed with the minimum of a “C” for students to remain in the program.** It is therefore important that additional activities and employment be limited.

During clinical experiences nursing students must be able to perform a number of physical activities. At a minimum, students will be required to lift 50 pounds, stand for several hours at a time, bending/twist, hear heart and breath sounds, and differentiate skin tones. The clinical nursing experience also places students under considerable mental and emotional stress as they undertake responsibilities and duties impacting clients’ lives. Students must be able to demonstrate rational and appropriate behavior under stressful conditions. Individuals should carefully consider the mental and physical demands of the program prior to application.

Select student information (such as immunizations, CPR certification, etc.) may be shared with clinical partners to meet regulatory requirements. Requirements **MUST** be uploaded to MyClinicalExchange to be eligible for clinicals.



Nursing Program Application for Admission

Due by October 1st for January Admission and by March 1st for August Admission

Name _____ EAC ID # _____ Date of Birth _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail _____
Applying for which campus(es): (Rank in priority order) Thatcher Globe Payson

Submit copies of documentation for the following requirements

- 1. ATI TEAS test date taken _____ (Provide copy of test results)
- 2. EAC reading placement test score _____ Date Taken _____
- 3. American Heart Association CPR Basic Life Support certification card, Expiration Date _____
- 4. AZ Licensed Nursing Assistant _____ Expiration Date _____
Certification Number (must be a LNA number in good standing)
- 5. If LPN Advanced Placement: LPN License # _____ Expiration Date _____
- 6. Background Screening at www.VerifyStudents.com (use code EAST95A7)
- 7. DPS Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card
- 8. Prerequisite courses or equivalent CLEP tests with at least a grade of "C"
 - HCE 116 or Medical Dosage Score Grade _____ Date Completed _____ College _____
 - CHM 130 or higher _____ Grade _____ Date Completed _____ College _____
 - PSY 101 Intro to Psychology _____ Grade _____ Date Completed _____ College _____
 - MAT 100 or placement test _____ Grade _____ Date Completed _____ College _____
 - BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I _____ Grade _____ Date Completed _____ College _____

Co-requisite courses. (For courses in progress, must provide proof of status from instructors.)

Course Number and Title	Grade	Date Completed or check box <input type="checkbox"/> if In Progress
BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II	___	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> College _____
BIO 205 Microbiology	___	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> College _____
ENG 101 Written Communications I	___	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> College _____
ENG 102 Written Communications II	___	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> College _____
HCE/FCR 241 Nutrition	___	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> College _____
HCE 240 Pathophysiology	___	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> College _____
NUR 219 Pharmacology	___	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> College _____

I certify that all the information provided by me is true, complete and accurate. I am responsible for provision of all requested information. Failure to provide proper documentation may adversely affect my evaluation. I acknowledge that admission into the program is conditional upon successfully completing all requirements.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Submit Application and documentation to: Nursing Office, Eastern Arizona College, 615 N. Stadium Ave Thatcher, AZ 85552

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