



**EASTERN
ARIZONA
COLLEGE**

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing

***Nursing Application
and Information Guide***

Eastern Arizona College
Thatcher, AZ 85552-0769
(928) 428-8396

Accredited– Spring 2016- Spring 2029
Accreditation Commission for Education in
Nursing (ACEN) 3343 Peachtree Road NE,
Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
Phone: (404) 975-5000
Fax: (404) 975-5020
Email: info@acenursing.org
Web: www.acenursing.org



A listing of ACEN approved institutions can be accessed at:
<https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs/>

**** Please read completely prior to beginning your nursing application! ****

1. You must include copies of all required documents, as indicated in the application, **OR** a receipt documenting that the required pre-requisite is “in progress.”
2. Please make sure that you have all the required documents PRIOR to beginning the application, for verification.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- Arizona DPS Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card OR receipt showing it is “in progress.”
 - Reading Placement Test (one of the following):
 - Accuplacer Next Gen (ANG) score of 263 or higher
 - Accuplacer Classic (AC) score of 81 or higher
 - Compass (COM) score of 76 or higher
 - TEAS Reading score of 72.4% or higher
 - SAT score 480 or higher; ACT score 22 or higher
 - College Degree (Associates or higher)
 - Current American Heart Association CPR/Basic Life Support (BLS) card OR receipt showing it is “in progress.”
 - NUR100 or current Arizona Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) in good standing OR receipt/transcript showing it is “in progress.”
 - TEAS Nursing Entrance Exam with a minimum of proficient score (taken within 2 years of application)
 - Unofficial transcripts showing completed pre- and co-requisite courses, from all attended institutions.
3. **You must complete the application in ONE sitting** – you will not be able to save your information and come back later. You may also “time out” if you leave your computer idle for too long. This application may take anywhere from 15 – 30 minutes to complete.

** Call 928-428-8396 or email nursing@eac.edu with any questions. **



EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE

Nursing Applicant Information Guide

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree (AAS Nursing 20702)

Program Description

This Arizona Board of Nursing approved program is designed to prepare the student for beginning employment as a staff nurse providing direct care to patients. Upon successful completion of the program, an Associate degree of Applied Science (AAS) 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. Acceptance into the Nursing Program requires formal application process.

Course Plans

Current course plans for the ADN and RN-BSN program tracks can be found online in the EAC College Catalog: eac.edu or online at the [Nursing home page](#). Students must complete all prerequisite courses as described in the [course plan](#) before applying to the program. Further, students must complete non-nursing (co-requisite) courses prior to or during the semester indicated in the degree plan. Successful completion of these courses with a minimum grade of "C" is required for progression to the next core nursing course of the program.

Program Length

The Associate Degree of Applied Science in Nursing requires a total of 72 credits. All credits must be completed to [apply for graduation](#), typically within two to three years. General education courses may be taken concurrently with the specified semester nursing courses or prior to admittance into the Nursing Program according to the [Course Plan](#).

Program Requirements

Nursing is a rigorous program of study. Students intending to pursue a degree in nursing should expect to spend a minimum of 45 hours per week for each nursing course to include skills labs, clinicals, classroom time, and study. If additional pre- or co-requisite classes are needed, additional time is strongly encouraged for successful completion. 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. It is recommended that students limit additional activities and employment as needed to be successful in the Program.

During clinical experiences nursing students must be able to perform essential physical activities. At a minimum, students must be able to lift 50 pounds, stand for several hours, perform bending activities, hear and differentiate heart and breath sounds, and identify variation in skin tones. At times, the clinical experience may induce significant mental and emotional stress as students undertake responsibilities and duties that impact clients' lives. Students should be prepared to demonstrate rational and professional

behavior under demanding conditions. Individuals should carefully consider the mental and physical demands of the program prior to applying.

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. Theory and clinical components of each course are interdependent. If a student fails to meet competency in either, both components must be repeated.

Nursing Program Course Plan

Pre/Co-requisites and nursing courses should progress in the following sequence:

First Semester		Credit Hours
*NUR 120	Nursing One	9
BIO 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
NUR 219	Pharmacology for Nursing	3
	Total	16
Second Semester		
*NUR 130	Nursing Two (pre-req BIO 202 & NUR219)	9
ENG 101	Written Communications I	3
HCE 240	Human Pathophysiology	4
	Total	16
Third Semester		
*NUR 240	Nursing Three	9
HCE 241	Nutrition	3
ENG 102	Written Communications II	3
	Total	15
Fourth Semester		
*NUR 250	Nursing Four	10
BIO 205	Microbiology	4
	Total	14

*must be taken in sequence

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 candidate 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 selected. These candidates maintain their alternate status until the first day of class.

Alternates not chosen and applicants not selected into the nursing program must reapply.

Application Requirements

- Completed Nursing Program Application for Admission submitted by the due date
- EAC Reading Competency Test (Accuplacer NEXT GEN score) of 263 or greater or TEAS Reading Score of 72.4% or higher, OR a College Degree of Associate's or higher.
- TEAS Assessment Nursing Entrance Exam with a minimum composite score of Proficient. For information about testing dates and times, see [Nursing Program Homepage](#). There is a limit to the TEAS testing, two times per semester, and four times within a year. The TEAS test must be dated within two years of application. Study guides are available through the bookstore or online.
- DPS level one fingerprint clearance card

Admission Requirements

(For students who are selected to start the nursing program, documentation of admission requirements are due per the due dates in the Admission Packet, 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 One Fingerprint Clearance Card
- Transcript verification of the following **prerequisites with grades of "C" or better:**
- CHM 130 or higher (CHM 138 Preferred)
- MAT 100 or higher OR Math placement score into MAT 154
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
- BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I

****Waivers may be available-EAC nursing staff will assist students to work through the clinical partner to request waivers. Note that not all clinical partners have a defined process for requesting an exemption.***

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 not valid. The college will send information on how and when to obtain these requirements once a student is admitted to the program. Enrollment is contingent on a passing disposition of the background check. Once admitted, students have a duty to immediately report to the Program Director any arrests, convictions, placement on exclusion databases, suspension, removal of the DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card or 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 One 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.”

Progression/Retention in the Program

Students advance through the nursing program when each nursing core **and** co-requisite course is successfully completed (indicated with * in Course Sequencing). General study courses may be taken at any time but must be completed prior to taking the PN or RN NCLEX. All nursing courses must be passed with a grade of “B” or better in core nursing (NUR) and “C” or better in general education courses are required.

Theory and clinical components of each course are interdependent. If a student fails to meet competency in either, both components must be repeated.

Graduation Requirements

Students advance through the Nursing Program when each nursing core **and** co-requisite course is successfully completed (indicated with * in [course plan](#)). A degree check and/or [petition to graduate](#) by Eastern Arizona College must be completed prior to taking the NCLEX PN or NCLEX RN.

In addition to the graduation requirements contained in the [EAC College Catalog](#) the prospective nursing graduate must:

- Complete all general courses listed in the official course plan with a minimum grade of “C”.
- Complete all core nursing courses listed in the official course plan with a minimum grade of “B”.
- Complete all nursing courses in sequence, with a minimum of the least 16 nursing credit hours completed in the EAC Nursing Program.
- Have transcripts from all other colleges sent to EAC Records for evaluation, if student has taken courses at other colleges that apply to the course plan.
- Apply for graduation according to College policies.

Occupational Information

Licensing requirements are the exclusive responsibility of individual state boards of nursing. In Arizona, it 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 cost for application, testing, and fingerprinting in Arizona is approximately \$556.00. Contact the [Arizona Board of Nursing](#) for further information.

Students are eligible to apply for licensure as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) upon successful completion of BIO 201, BIO 202, NUR 219, ENG 101, ENG 102, HCE 241, NUR 120, NUR 130, NUR 240. **The NCLEX-PN Preparation Exam is required** with a score of 80% or greater highly recommended.

The RN is educated as a generalist who has competencies to provide nursing services to clients in various health care settings. Students are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse (RN) upon successful

completion of the AAS Nursing Degree.

Transfer of College Credit

Students are responsible for initiating an **official** transcript review at EAC Records to ensure transfer courses are accepted at EAC. Students requesting transfer evaluation must also submit course descriptions, objectives, and documentation of number of class and clinical contact hours (if applicable). Courses will be accepted for transfer if evaluated by the as equivalent to required courses in the [Nursing Program Course Plan](#).

Receipt of transcripts may take up to two to three weeks. Please verify receipt and status through the EAC Records. A copy of the transcript evaluation 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.

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

Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult an [EAC Academic Advisor](#) concerning course transferability prior to enrolling in any course at another institution. For transfer of general education (non-nursing) courses the applicant must submit an official transcript from the transferring college with a request for transcript evaluation to the Records Office.

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

[See Admission and Application Guidelines](#) and Transfers and Advanced Placement for more information.

Transfers and Advanced Placement Guidelines

Advanced Placement (AP) students are those who have their Arizona LPN, are in good standing with the AZBN, and have either graduated from an approved program within the last 5 years or have been employed as an LPN. To be considered, potential students must have met the requirements for admission to EAC and **submitted an application seeking AP in the Nursing Program, as well as meet the requisites for NUR130 which include: BIO 201, BIO 202, ENG 101, NUR 219.** Applicants requesting AP must apply at least 60- 90 days prior to the start of the semester and will be considered as space is available.

Transfer students are those who have successfully completed at least the equivalency of NUR120 Fundamentals at another college, and have also met the requirements for admission to the Nursing Program, and the requisites for NUR130 or the semester to which they wish to transfer.

Applicants requesting to transfer from another nursing program to EAC nursing must apply at least 60-90 days prior to the start of the semester and will be considered as space is available. Official transcripts from other institutions should be sent by the time the student submits a program application.

For transfer of coursework to be considered, the applicant must:

- Submit an **official** transcript from the transferring college with a request for transcript evaluation to Records.

- Students must submit copies of course descriptions, objectives, and documentation of number of class and clinical contact hours to Records for evaluation.
- After transcript evaluation by Records, status is directly accessible to the nursing office. A copy of evaluation 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. See [Transfer of College Credit](#).
- Satisfactorily pass a skills evaluation from the previous semester to which the candidate is applying. Skills rubrics will be given to the applicant and test dates for the evaluation and exam will be determined after the application is accepted.
- Earn a minimum acceptable score on a standardized exam covering course content of the previous semester to which the candidate is applying. For entry into:
 - NUR120, Fundamentals → file traditional [application](#) as a new student candidate
 - NUR130, MedSurg → take Fundamentals Exam

Eligible candidates should apply for [Transfer/Advanced Placement](#). Students will be considered as space is available.

See also [Reasons for Denial of Readmission or Advanced Placement](#) in the Nursing Student Handbook for more information.

Students advance through the Nursing Program when each nursing core (NUR) **and** co-requisite course is successfully completed (indicated with * in [Course Plan](#)). General study courses may be taken at any time but must be completed prior to taking the NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN. All core nursing courses must be passed with a grade of “B” or better, and “C” or better in general education courses are required.

Immunization Policy

Nursing students must comply with Arizona law and clinical facility requirements related to immunizations. Students must provide a copy of immunization records at the time of admission. Students should retain a copy of all submitted documentation for their own records. The nursing office is not able to supply students/graduates with copies of immunization records. The [Immunization Checklist](#) must remain current. All students are required to update as indicated in MCE each semester by the due date to continue enrollment.

EAC’s clinical partners dictate vaccination requirements. Although some clinical partners allow for exemptions of certain immunizations, EAC cannot guarantee that a clinical partner will grant an exemption. EAC Nursing will provide students with an [Immunization Checklist](#) and assist students seeking an exemption, if needed.

EAC Nursing may be unable to place a student in a clinical rotation if the student has not met the applicable clinical facility’s requirements for proof of immunization.

The student has been advised and understands that Eastern Arizona College has no duty to seek out alternative clinical experiences to accommodate a student’s immunization history but will guide students to obtain needed forms from clinical agencies.

Students are responsible for remaining in compliance with all clinical partner mandated immunizations and must adhere to all deadline requirements for demonstrating compliance with immunization requirements or approved exemption from participating clinical facilities. Students who have upcoming expirations for any requirements that will occur during the semester must renew the requirement prior to expiration. Copies of immunization records and updated immunization documentation, or approved exemptions, must be submitted to MCE after admission in order to continue in the Program.

The immunization requirements are the requirements of clinical partners and not the college itself. Any student who cannot provide documentation of all required immunizations must have an approved exemption from a participating clinical partner on file with Eastern Arizona College to demonstrate compliance with requirements and to meet all deadlines. Employees and students may [request accommodations for disabilities](#) and may also obtain forms for a medical or religious exemption from a vaccine by contacting [EAC Counseling](#). An exemption must be approved by the clinical partner and not by the college. Approved requests for vaccine exemptions may be submitted in place of proof of the relevant vaccination.

Communication

Students should expect communication by email through EAC's Monster Mail and/or Canvas for class announcements, study materials, and communication needing student follow-up. Students are responsible to check their email daily.

Program Outcome Goals

- 45% of all students that begin in the first nursing course, after acceptance into the program, will complete the program within four (4) semesters, which is 100% of the usual timeframe for the nursing program. In addition, 65% of all students that begin in the first nursing course, after acceptance into the program, will complete within six (6) semesters, which is 150% of the usual timeframe for the nursing program.
- The most recent annual pass rate will be at least 90% for all first-time test-takers from January 1 to December 31 every year.
- 90% of all graduate respondents will report employment as registered nurses within twelve (12) months of graduation.

Student Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate safe performance of nursing skills of a registered nurse.
- Students will manage patient care using the nursing process.
- Students will incorporate evidence-based practice into patient care.
- Students will exemplify legal and ethical behaviors of a registered nurse.
- Students will be prepared to take the nursing licensure exam.



Nursing Program Fees 2023 – 2024 Academic Year

Item	Amount
DPS Criminal Background Check	\$70
CPR Course	\$50
Background & Toxicology Screening	\$104
Physical Exam/Immunizations	Varies
Required Textbooks / Online resources	\$1,400
Lab & Technology Fees per semester	\$525
MyClinicalExchange per semester	\$20
TracPrac per semester	\$45
ATI fee per semester	\$140
Tuition Az res 2023-2024AY 9credits/12credits	\$882/\$1176
Uniforms/Shoes/Clinical Supplies	Approx \$200
RN Licensing in NUR250	\$550
Travel for out-of-town clinical experiences: Fuel, food, lodging per semester	Varies

Additional fees may include: Travel expenses vary greatly based on distance from clinical site and lodging situation. Students travel to the Phoenix area at least three weekends, minimum, per semester in NUR130, NUR240, and NUR250. Students are expected to obtain their own health insurance while enrolled in the nursing program. The cost of tuition is based on the number of credit hours you enroll in each semester. The tuition you pay is determined by whether you are an in-state resident or a non-resident. Refer to the [Admission Tuition and Fees schedule](#).