

# **Associate Degree Nursing Program**

Associate Degree Nursing offers a rewarding career as a Registered Nurse (RN) in a profession that is highly valued and respected. The program is designed to educate students to meet the challenges of an exciting and dynamic career in nursing.

The graduate of the Associate Degree Nursing Program is prepared for the entry level that provides nursing care to diverse populations in a variety of health care settings.

#### Admission Requirements:

- Apply for regular admission/readmission and be accepted by the college.
- Submit a completed application for the Associate Degree Nursing program to the Office of Healthcare Education in the Phil A. Sutphin Hall.
- Achieve an ACT composite score of 18 and a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Complete prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better in each course prior to taking the first nursing course: Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs (or upper-level equivalents with labs) and Microbiology with lab (or upper-level equivalent with lab).
- Complete HESI A2® with Critical Thinking Pre-entrance Test and complete a satisfactory criminal history background check with the Office of Healthcare Education.

#### Scholarships and Financial Aid:

Financial assistance, which may include Pell Grants®, College Work Study, scholarships and loans are available to qualified East Central Community College Students. For more information contact the Office of Financial Aid at 1-877-462-3222, extension 218.

### Faculty:

Highly qualified faculty are dedicated to the mission of the college in preparing students to meet national and state accrediting agency competencies and passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) examination.

### Health Care Alliances:

A variety of healthcare setting rotations are used to enhance students' knowledge, skills, and abilities throughout the two year nursing program.

## Where do I begin?

## Visit our website at

http://www.eccc.edu/associatedegree-nursing.html

# When:

Nursing applications will accepted between **January 2 until March 31** of each year for fall admission.

East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Education In Nursing (ACEN) at 3343 Peachtree Road, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Telephone (404) 975-5000. <u>www.acenursing.org</u> and the Mississippi Institute of Higher Learning (MS-IHL) at 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211. Telephone: 601-432-6486.

http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/nursing/



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Meeting minimum ADN admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Admission is based on academic records, criminal history background, and available space. When the number of applicants who meet minimum requirements exceed the number of available spaces, the most-qualified applicants will be chosen for admission. Qualified applicants will be considered by the admissions committee on a competitive basis using Points Category criteria.

	PO	INTS	POINT
1. Lives within the ECCC district or previously enrolled at ECCC receives   1 point.		4. Each required science course (A&P I, A& II, Microbiology) completed with: A=3 points, B=2 points, C=1 point.	
-		Sciences completed with labs. Point	nts
2. *Cumulative Colleg GPA	ge GPA.	Anatomy & Physiology I	
3.5 - 4.0	4	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	
3.0 - 3.49	3	Anatomy & Physiology II	
2.5 - 2.99	2	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	
2.0 - 2.49	1	Microbiology — Microbiology Lab	

Points	Category
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3. ACT comp	. ACT composite score.		
ACT composite score		Points	
Above 27		6	
24-26		5	
21-23		4	
18-20		3	

\*Students who have received a grade of "D" or "F" in more than 6 hours in the ADN Program of Study will receive a 10-point deduction. Courses include English Composition I and II, Human Growth and Development, General Psychology, Public Speaking, Introduction to Sociology, and Fine Arts or Humanities Elective.

### 5. HESI-A2® Preadmission Examination

Pre-entrance exam cumulative	Points
score	
85% or Above	5
80% - 84%	4
75% - 79%	3
70% - 74%	2
65% - 69%	1
Below 65%	0

TOTAL POINTS

#### **CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS**

Associate Degree Nursing candidates are required to schedule fingerprinting with the Office of Healthcare Education prior to admission. Fingerprints are submitted to the MS Department of Public Safety and run through the Mississippi Criminal Information and Federal Bureau of Investigation databases for criminal history background checks. A satisfactory background report is expected of all students. If a student has a disqualifying event, the student is personally responsible for seeking removal of the event. Program admission eligibility may be rescinded based on review of the criminal background check and will be rescinded upon refusal to submit to a criminal background check.

If the person has ever been convicted of a felony, or pleaded guilty to, or pleaded no contest to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offence listed in Section 45-33-23 (f), child abuse, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust or aggravated assault, felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult they will not be eligible to participate in required clinical experiences. Other offenses may be classified as disqualifying based on the Mississippi Attorney General's Office of interpretation. The list is not all inclusive of felony offenses and may include misdemeanors.

Students who are dismissed from a Healthcare Education Division program have the opportunity and are encouraged to seek admission into another educational program at East Central Community College.



#### Associate Degree Nursing Program Program of Study

Academic C	Calendar	Course	Credit Hours
Pre-requisites	5	BIO 2514: Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab or	4.00
_		upper level equivalent	
		BIO 2524: Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab or	4.00
		upper level equivalent	
		BIO 2924: Microbiology with Lab or upper level	4.00
		equivalent	Total: 12.00
Year 1	Fall	NUR 1102: Pharmacology	2.00
		NUR 1118: Fundamentals of Nursing Practice	8.00
		NUR 2120: Nurse Seminar	0.00
		ENG 1113: English Composition I	3.00
		EPY 2533: Human Growth & Development	3.00
			Total: 16.00
	Spring	NUR 1219: Adult/Child Health Nursing I	9.00
		NUR 2120: Nurse Seminar	0.00
		ENG 1123: English Composition II	3.00
		*Fine Arts or Humanities Elective	3.00
			Total: 15.00
Year 2	Fall	NUR 2319: Adult Health Nursing II	9.00
		NUR 2120: Nurse Seminar	0.00
		PSY 1513: General Psychology	3.00
		*SPT 1113: Public Speaking I	3.00
			Total: 15.00
	Spring	NUR 2410: Advanced Concepts of Nursing Practice	10.00
		NUR 2401: NCLEX-RN® Review	1.00
		NUR 2121: Nurse Seminar	1.00
			Total: 12.00

#### \* These courses may be taken in any sequence.

Enrollment in nursing courses is limited to students who have been admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. Courses must be taken in the sequence specified unless otherwise stated. All nursing courses must be completed with a "satisfactory" within four years to graduate from the ADN program. Successful graduates will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree with 70 college credit hours.

Progression/Graduation Requirements:

- Semester grade average of 80 or above in all semesters and courses requiring letter grades.
- Grade of "C" or better on all nursing and other required courses
- Mastery demonstration of selected nursing skills.
- Satisfactory achievement in all clinical rotations.
- Complete all required assessment tests.

We appreciate your interest in our program and an exciting career. If you have any questions or wish to make an appointment to discuss the program, contact Healthcare Education at P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327 or call 601-635-6293.