

Associate
Degree



EAST CENTRAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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:

- Candidates must have **no** visible tattoos on hands or face.
- **First-** Apply for regular admission or 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.
- Submit transcripts of all colleges attended.
- Must complete all 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).
- All applicants are required to complete HESI A2® with Critical Thinking Pre-entrance examination, at candidate's expense.
- Submit to fingerprinting for criminal history background check and achieve a satisfactory record at the candidate's expense.

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/associate-degree-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. www.acenursing.org 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.**

Points Category

	<u>POINTS</u>		<u>POINTS</u>
1. Lives within the ECCC district or previously enrolled at ECCC receives 1 point.	_____	4. Each required science course (A&P I, A&P II, Microbiology) completed with: A=3 points, B=2 points, C=1 point.	_____
2. *Cumulative College GPA.		<u>Sciences completed with labs.</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points</u>	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	_____
3. ACT composite score.		5. HESI-A2® Preadmission Examination results.	
<u>ACT Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Points</u>
Above 27	6	85% or Above	5
24-26	5	80% - 84%	4
21-23	4	75% - 79%	3
18-20	3	70% - 74%	2
		65% - 69%	1
		Below 65%	0
*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.		TOTAL POINTS	_____

CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS

All Healthcare Education Division students must submit to and satisfactorily complete a criminal background check. Candidacy for admission may be rescinded and reversed based on review of the students' criminal background check. Students and applicants who refuse to submit to a criminal background check will be disqualified as an applicant if seeking admission or readmission to the program. Students and applicants who are disqualified from a Healthcare Education Division program may seek admission into another educational program.

Criminal history record checks will be performed through the legal process of collecting data and fingerprints on all healthcare applicants and students by designated ECCC personnel. Fingerprints and data will be transmitted to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and run through the Mississippi Criminal Information and Federal Bureau of Investigation databases to complete state and national criminal history background checks.

ECCC performs criminal history record checks pursuant to, but not inclusive to, Section 37-29-232 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 43-11-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972:

If the fingerprinting or criminal history record checks disclose a felony conviction, guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23(g), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust or aggravated assault, or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult that has not been reversed on appeal or for which a pardon has not been granted, the student shall not be eligible to be admitted to the health care professional/vocational technical academic program of study.

A comprehensive criminal history search will be conducted through all state and federal databases. All convictions, deferred adjudications or judgments, expunged criminal records, and pending criminal charges will be noted. The student and/or applicant will be responsible for expenses to provide any necessary documentation showing disposition of charges.

Students and/or applicants have the right to review information reported by the Mississippi Department of Health for accuracy and completeness. (*See Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights.*) Prior to making a final determination that will adversely affect the student, the student will have the opportunity to provide any supporting documentation in disposition of the charge(s). The process to review, challenge, correct, or update erroneous information can be obtained at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks>.

Students who are dismissed from a Healthcare Education Division program may seek admission into another educational program at East Central Community College.



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Academic Calendar	Course	Credit Hours	
Pre-requisites	BIO 2511 and BIO 2513 or BIO 2514: Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab or upper level equivalent	4.00	
	BIO 2521 and BIO 2523 or BIO 2524: Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab or upper level equivalent	4.00	
	BIO 2923 and BIO 2921 or BIO 2924: Microbiology with Lab or upper level equivalent	4.00	
		Total: 12.00	
Year 1	Fall	NUR 1102: Pharmacology NUR 1118: Fundamentals of Nursing Practice NUR 2120: Nurse Seminar ENG 1113: English Composition I EPY 2533: Human Growth & Development	2.00 8.00 0.00 3.00 3.00
		Total: 16.00	
	Spring	NUR 1219: Adult/Child Health Nursing I NUR 2120: Nurse Seminar ENG 1123: English Composition II *Fine Arts or Humanities Elective	9.00 0.00 3.00 3.00
		Total: 15.00	
Year 2	Fall	NUR 2319: Adult Health Nursing II NUR 2120: Nurse Seminar PSY 1513: General Psychology *SPT 1113: Public Speaking I	9.00 0.00 3.00 3.00
		Total: 15.00	
	Spring	NUR 2410: Advanced Concepts of Nursing Practice NUR 2401: NCLEX-RN® Review NUR 2121: Nurse Seminar	10.00 1.00 1.00
		Total: 12.00	

* 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 examinations.

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.