

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH
AAS DEGREE REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM
ADMISSION CRITERIA

Seeking Admission to the Nursing Program

Your first step is to apply to the college if you are not an Essex County College (ECC) student. An application can be obtained through Enrollment Services, or you can download an application at www.essex.edu.

If you do not have a previous degree, or are not transferring college level courses in English and Math to (ECC), you will need to take the placement exam to determine if you are at college level in English, Reading, and Math. If the test scores indicate you need additional coursework you must take the necessary courses to meet the eligibility requirements.

In addition to college level placement you must complete the following prerequisites in order to be eligible to take the admissions examination for the RN Nursing program. The calculated GPA from these courses must be 3.0 or better:

- **ENG 101 – College Composition I**
- **BIO 121 – Anatomy & Physiology I**
- **CHM 101 – College Chemistry I or CHM 103 – General Chemistry I**

If you are a transfer student who has received transfer credits from Essex County College for completing the prerequisites, you must COMPLETE at least 6 credits at ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE before you are eligible to take the Nursing Entrance Exam.

After Completing the Eligibility Requirements

Once you have completed all of the eligibility requirements, you then file an application for the Nursing Program must take the Nursing Entrance Exam [NLN PAX - RN].

If you are applying to the **Day RN Program**, all requirements must be completed by **December 31**. The Nursing Entrance Examination for the DAY RN Program is given in March.

If you are applying to the **Evening RN Program**, all requirements must be completed by the end of **July 31**. The Nursing Entrance Examination for the Evening RN Program is given in September.

Requirements for Application and Permission to Test into the RN program:

- High school diploma or GED

- College-level Placement scores in English, Reading and Math as evidenced by test scores or completion of zero level course work (e.g. Math 086)
- Grade of “B” or higher in ENG 101, BIO 121 and CHM 101 or CHM 103
- Completion of at least 6 credits at Essex County College

Daytime program classes begin in September

For enrollment into daytime classes:

All prerequisites must be completed by the end of the previous fall semester

Application must be filed by December 31.

Testing will be done in March for admission in September.

For enrollment into evening classes:

All prerequisites must be completed by Summer I.

Application must be filed by July 31.

Testing will be done in September for admission in January.

Requirements for Acceptance into the Nursing Program

- All of the Requirements for Application and Permission to Test must be met. (See above)
- Score of 50th percentile or better in each area of the NLN PAX-RN entrance examination: Verbal, Math and Science.

If you are applying for the **DAY RN** program and did not receive a letter to test by the end of February call 973-877-1868.

If you are applying for the **EVENING RN** program and did not receive a letter to test by the end of August call 973-877-1868.

If you have any further questions regarding the Nursing Program, make an appointment to see the Nursing Program Administrator by calling 973-877-1868. For other graduation requirements, see the college catalog on the web at www.essex.edu.

Applicants (Day or Evening Program) who have successfully met the criteria to take the Nursing Admissions examination and have scored at the 50th percentile on the NLN-PAX admissions examination in the Math, Science and Verbal areas will be ranked according to the following criteria and will be admitted on a space available basis:

GPA in Required Courses

GPA	Points Assigned
4.0-3.7	3
3.6-3.3	2
3.2-3.0	1
Below 3.0	Not eligible

**NLN PAX-RN Verbal Score
(Minimum 50th percentile)**

Scores	Points Assigned
99-90	5
89-80	4
79-70	3
69-60	2
59-50	1
49 or below	Not eligible

**NLN PAX-RN Math Score
(Minimum 50th percentile)**

Scores	Points Assigned
99-90	5
89-80	4
79-70	3
69-60	2
59-50	1
49 or below	Not eligible

**NLN PAX-RN Science Score
(Minimum 50th percentile)**

Scores	Points Assigned
99-90	5
89-80	4
79-70	3
69-60	2
59-50	1
49 or below	Not eligible

Total Credits Completed at ECC

60+	5
45-59	4
44-30	3
29-12	2
11-6	1
5 or below	Not eligible

Repeat of BIO 121 or CHM 101

No repeats	3
1 repeat	2
2 repeats	1
More than 2 repeats	0

Residence

Essex County	3
New Jersey- other	2
Out of state	1

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