Requirements for Admission to the Nursing Program

- 18 years of age or older
- High school diploma (U.S. or US equivalent) or GED
- College-level placement test scores in math or completion of developmental math (e.g. MTH 092) or college-level math (e.g. MTH 100)
- Completion of prerequisite courses by December 31 in the year prior to admission with a grade of C or better:
  - ENG 101 - College Composition I
  - BIO 121 - Anatomy and Physiology I (within 5 years of admission)
  - CHM 101 - College Chemistry I or CHM 103 - General Chemistry I
  - PSY 101 - Introduction to Psychology
- GPA in prerequisite courses of 2.5 or higher
- Enrolled in and taking classes at Essex County College within the year prior to application or received a degree from Essex County College
- Completion of at least 9 credit hours at Essex County College not including developmental courses by December 31 in the year prior to admission
- Cumulative GPA from Essex County College of 2.5 or higher as of December 31 in the year prior to admission
- Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills version V (TEAS V) in reading, math, science and English within 12 months of application but no later than May 15
- Satisfactory criminal background check (International students required to have an international background check)
- Negative drug test
- Health clearance as per department policy
- CPR Certification

Seeking Admission to the Nursing Program

Your first step is to apply for admission to Essex County College unless you are already an Essex student or an Essex graduate. Applications for admission to the college can be obtained through Enrollment Services, or you can download an application at www.essex.edu. Be sure to select General Science (0603) as your major and indicate that you are interested in the nursing program.

If you do not have a previous degree and you are not transferring college-level courses in English and math from another college to Essex, you must take placement tests to determine if you are at college level in English, reading, and math. Depending on your scores, you may have to take additional courses.

By December 31 in the year prior to admission, you must complete the following prerequisites with a grade of C or better, and the GPA from these courses must be 2.5 or better:

- ENG 101 – College Composition I
- BIO 121 – Anatomy & Physiology I (must be taken within 5 years of application)
- CHM 101 – College Chemistry I or CHM 103 – General Chemistry I
- PSY 101- Introduction to Psychology

If you are a transfer student you must COMPLETE a minimum of 9 credits (not counting developmental courses) at Essex County College by December 31 in the year prior to admission.

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Application Process

1. Submit the online application by March 30 (midnight). The online application is available on the student portal, my.essex.edu, under Web Services. Paper application are not accepted. You will receive a reply by April 15 if you do not meet the minimum requirements for admission.
2. Take the TEAS V by May 15. You will receive a reply by June 15 indicating whether you have been provisionally admitted to the nursing program.
3. Submit your supporting documents by August 17 to the nursing department: proof of age, proof of high school graduation or GED, criminal background check, drug test, CPR certification, and health clearance. You will be permitted to register for classes once your documentation has been reviewed.
4. In the last week in August attend a mandatory/required program orientation.
5. Classes begin in September

Cost

In addition to college tuition, general service fees and student activity fees you can expect to pay over $1,000 prior to entering the program for the TEAS V, a criminal background check, drug testing, health clearance requirements, CPR certification, liability and health insurance. Each nursing course also has a special program fee of $600 per semester excluding books and uniforms.

Admission Decisions

Admission to the nursing program is very competitive. Students who meet the minimum requirements are ranked according to point values assigned to the major admission requirement areas. Once ranked, students are accepted from the list (high to low) until all seats in the incoming class are filled. The number of available seats is determined each year based on the number of clinical agency spaces available for each course. Students who are not admitted to the program may reapply next year; however, we strongly recommend that those students seek the advice of a nursing advisor or academic counselor to determine potential alternative routes to nursing or another health or helping profession.

Ranking Points for Acceptance into the AAS RN- Nursing Program

Applicants will be ranked according to the following criteria and will be admitted on a space available basis. Maximum score: 20. Minimum score: 11. There is no waiting list. If an applicant is not admitted, they may re-apply next year.

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