

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE – DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

LPN ARTICULATION (LPN-RN) - ADMISSION CRITERIA

Requirements for Admission to the LPN-RN Articulation Program

- Current LPN license (must be available at the time of application)
- Completion of LPN education from an approved/accredited program.
- College-level placement test scores in math or college-level math (e.g. MTH 100) at Essex or another accredited institution
- Completion of prerequisite courses by August 31 in the year prior to the start of the program with a grade of C or better:
 - ENG 101 – College Composition I
 - ENG 102 – College Composition II
 - BIO 121 – Anatomy & Physiology I (within 5 years* of admission)
 - BIO 122 – Anatomy & Physiology II (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
- Completion of at least 9 credit hours at Essex County College not including developmental courses by August 31 in the year prior to the start of the program or possession of a degree from Essex County College.
- Completion of a Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS for RN) upon approval granted by nursing department. A score of 60 and above qualifies you to be placed in the rank for admission to the program.
- Current CPR- Adult/Child- BLS Certification (on-line CPR is not acceptable)
- Satisfactory criminal background check (International students required to have an international background check)
- Negative drug test
- Health clearance as per department policy

Seeking Admission to the LPN-RN Articulation 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 can be completed online. 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. Placement testing appointments can be scheduled online.

By August 31 in the year prior to the start of the program, 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
- ENG 102 – College Composition II
- BIO 121 – Anatomy & Physiology I (within 5 years of program start)
- BIO 122 – Anatomy & Physiology II (within 5 years of program start)
- 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 August 31 in the year prior to the program start.

Admission Process

1. **Submit the online application to the LPN-RN Program by August 31** (midnight). (This is different from the application to Essex County College that was discussed in the previous section.) The LPN-RN application is available online and found on the college's website under Academics –Nursing tab from about July 15-August 31. **You must have a current LPN license to place on application.** Those applications without a current LPN license will be disregarded.
2. Submit an official transcript from the college where you earned your LPN to Enrollment Services before August 1.
This is not necessary for graduates of the Essex LPN program
3. You will receive email notification by September 30 if you do not meet the minimum requirements for admission.
4. **Completion of ONE time ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS for RN) upon approval to test granted by nursing department. A score of 60 and above qualifies you to be placed in the rank for admission to the program. TEAS should be taken once only for the current application period.**
5. You will receive email notification in November if you have been provisionally admitted to the LPN-RN program. **The following are required only upon notification of provisional admission to the program:**
 - Satisfactory criminal background check (International students require international background check) •
Negative drug test
 - Health clearance as per department policy
 - CPR Certification
6. **In January** attend a **mandatory/required** program orientation.
7. The NRS 106 class will begin in late January or early February and will be completed in 6 weeks.
8. The NRS 111 will begin immediately following NRS 106 and will be completed in 15 weeks
9. Successful completion of NRS 106 & NRS 111 will allow 6 credits to be awarded and student to enter directly into NRS 206 in the RN program offered in the Fall semester. Graduation from the RN program is anticipated the following May.

Cost

In addition to college tuition, general service, and student activity fees, you can expect to pay over \$2,500 upon entering the program for a criminal background check, drug testing, health clearance requirements, CPR certification, text books and uniforms. Each nursing course also has a special program fee of approximately \$1250 per semester.

Admission Decisions

Admission to the LPN-RN 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 LPN-RN Nursing Program

Applicants will be ranked by adding the points for their GPA, LPN Education, Residency, and ATI TEAS Score according to the schedule below and will be admitted on a space available basis. Once a group is admitted, a waiting list will be maintained until the first class (NRS106) begins. This will allow us to fill all available seats if someone declines admission. Once the course (NRS106) begins, the waiting list will be closed. If a student is NOT admitted to the program, the student can reapply for the next admission cycle and retake the admissions exam. Students should seek advice as to what they need to do to strengthen their application.

Points for Cumulative GPA on Essex Transcript as of August 31

GPA is 2.5-4.0	Points: GPA multiplied by 2
GPA is 0.0-2.49	Not eligible for admission

**Points for LPN
Education**

ECC LPN graduate	1 point
Graduate of LPN program other than ECC	0 points

**Points for
Residency**

Resident of Essex	2 points
Resident of another county in New Jersey	1 point
Resident of another state	0 points

**Points for ATI TEAS
RN
Composite Score**

60%-100%	Points: Composite Score divided by 10
0-59.9%	Not eligible for admission

Maximum score: 21. Minimum score: 12.

**If you have any further questions regarding the Nursing Program
you can call 973-877-1868 or 973-877-1865.**

Equal Opportunity

Essex County College (ECC) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, marital status, familial status, gender identity or expression, genetic information, veteran or disability, or any other category protected by applicable law in its recruitment/enrollment, employment practices, educational programs or vocational opportunities. ECC is committed to excellence through diversity and inclusion. Inquiries regarding compliance with federal or state anti-discrimination laws may be directed to the Interim Title IX/Affirmative Action Officer, Patricia Slade, Assoc. Dean 973-877-3209, slade@essex.edu

At the college level, it is the student's responsibility to self-identify with a disability and request academic accommodation. Students requesting academic adjustments are required to submit appropriate, recent documentation for accommodations. Contact for an appointment: Disabilities Services Coordinator, Ms. M. Mercado, Office 4112, (973)-877-3186 or mercado@essex.edu. For further information, please refer to the College's Policy.