

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE- DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
AAS DEGREE REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM
ADMISSION CRITERIA

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 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 application)
 - 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 year prior to applying to program
- 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.

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

Seeking Admission to the Nursing Program

Your first step is to apply to 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 applying to 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**
- **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.

Cost

In addition to college tuition, general service fees and student activity fees, you can expect to pay over \$2,500 upon entering the program for the ATI TEAS, 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.

Application Process

1. **Submit the application for the RN Program by March 31 (midnight).** The RN application is available online and found on the college's website under Academics –Nursing tab from about January 15- March 31. This is different from the application to Essex County College that was discussed in the previous section. Submit the online application by March 31 (midnight) deadline of current year. Paper applications are not accepted. You will receive a reply by April 30.
2. If you met the preliminary requirements, **you will receive a letter of eligibility to take the ATI TEAS for RN. You can only take the TEAS RN ONCE (Repeat tests and test taken outside of Essex County College will be NOT evaluated).** A score of 60 and above qualifies you to be placed in the ranking for admission to the program.
3. You will receive a letter by July 15 indicating whether you have been **provisionally admitted to** the Nursing program or not.
4. You will be sent a packet of information for your criminal background check, drug test, CPR certification, and health clearance.
5. In late August attend a mandatory program orientation (Date and time will be specified in your admission letter) if your criminal background check, drug test, CPR certification and health clearance are all satisfactory.
6. Classes begin in early September.

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 and must retake the TEAS.**

Essex County College Cumulative GPA

GPA	PointsAssigned
2.5-4.0	GPA multiplied by 2
0.0-2.49	Not Eligible

ATI TEAS RN

OverallScore	PointsAssigned
60%-100%	Score divided by 10
0% - 59.9%	Not Eligible

Residence

County of Residence	PointsAssigned
Essex County	2
Other county in New Jersey	1
Out of state	0