

**ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE- DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN) CERTIFICATE- PROGRAM
ADMISSIONS CRITERIA**

Requirements for Admission to the LPN Program

- 18 years of age or older.
- High school diploma (U.S. or U.S. equivalent) or GED.
- Be at College-level in reading, English, and mathematics, which may require the completion of developmental courses (e.g., RDG 096, ENG 096, and/or MTH 092), based on placement test scores.
- Cumulative GPA from Essex County College of 2.0 or higher if applicable (previous or current courses).
- Completion of **ONE** time ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS for PN) upon approval to test granted by the Department of Nursing. A minimum composite score of 50% on the TEAS PN exam in English, math, and science including a minimum of 50% in Reading.

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 LPN Program

- Your first step is to apply for admission to Essex County College unless you are currently an Essex County College student. Applications for admission to the College can be obtained through the Enrollment Services Department or you can download an application at www.essex.edu. Be sure to select General Science (curriculum code 0603) as your major and indicate that you are interested in the LPN 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 the placement examination to determine if you are at college level in English, reading, and math. Depending on your scores, you may have to take additional courses.

Cost

In addition to college tuition, general service fees and student activity fees, it is anticipated that 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 LPN course also has special program fee of approximately \$1,015 per semester except the last course has an additional \$215 fee.

Application Process

- Submit the online application by June 30 (midnight) deadline of current year. The online application is available at <https://www.essex.edu/category/nursing/> from April 15-June 30. This is different from applying to Essex County College that was discussed in the previous section. **Paper applications are not accepted.** You will receive a reply by August 1 if you do not meet the minimum requirements for admission.
- If you meet the preliminary requirements, **you will receive a letter of eligibility to take the ATI TEAS for PN. You can only take the TEAS PN ONCE per year. (Repeat tests and tests taken outside of Essex County College will not be evaluated).** A minimum composite score of 50% on the TEAS PN exam in English, math, and science including a minimum of 50% in Reading qualifies you to be placed in the ranking for admission to the LPN program.
- You will receive a letter by the end of September indicating whether you have been **provisionally accepted** to the LPN program or not.
- You will be sent a packet of information for your criminal background check, drug test, CPR certification, and health clearance.
- In December attend a mandatory program orientation (Date and time will be specified in your admissions letter) if your criminal background check, drug test, CPR certification and health clearance is satisfactory.
- Classes begin in early January.

Admission Decisions

Admission to the LPN 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 LPN course. Students who are not admitted to the program may reapply the following year; however, we strongly recommend that those students seek the advice of a nursing advisor or academic counselor to determine potential alternative routes to LPN or another health science profession.

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, Karen Bridgett, Assoc. Director 973-877-3461, bridgett@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.