

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

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**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 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](http://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 online application by March 31 (midnight) deadline of current year. The RN application is available online and found on the college's website under Academics —Nursing tab from **January 15-March 31.** Paper applications are not accepted. You will receive a reply by April 30 if you do not meet the minimum requirements for admission.
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 end of June 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 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	Points Assigned
2.5-4.0	GPA multiplied by 2
0.0-2.49	Not Eligible

#### ATI TEAS RN

Overall Score	Points Assigned
60%-100%	Score divided by 10
0%-59%	Not Eligible

#### Residence

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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:mercado@essex.edu). For further information, please refer to the College's Policy.