

**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 by class start
- 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 based on placement test scores
- 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
- Negative drug test
- Health clearance as per department policy
- Current CPR- Adult/Child- BLS Certification (on-line CPR is not acceptable)

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. (This is different from the application to Essex County College that was discussed in the previous section.) 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 in preparation for entering the program. This includes the ATI TEAS, a criminal background check, drug testing, health clearance requirements, CPR certification, text books, and uniforms. Each LPN course also has program lab 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. **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- 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 **pre-admitted** 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.
- 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 as follows:
Fall Semester- (Evening/Weekend Program) on the West Caldwell Campus
Spring Semester- (Day Program) on the Newark Campus

Admission Decisions

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.

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 following:

Karen Bridgett, Title IX Coordinator
Associate Director, Human Resources
5th floor, Room 5110
Phone: 973-877-3461
Email: bridgett@essex.edu

Elizabeth Barkley, Title IX Coordinator
IT Operations
4th floor, Room 4318
Phone: 973-877-3081
Email: barkley@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. Inquiries regarding Disability Accommodations may be directed to the following:

Maria Mercado, Disability Services Coordinator
Student Development & Counseling
4th Floor, room 4112
Phone: (973)-877-3186
Email: mercado@essex.edu.

For further information, please refer to the College's Policy.