

**ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE – DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**  
**LPN ARTICULATION (LPN-RN) - ADMISSION CRITERIA**

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**Requirements for Admission to the LPN-RN Articulation Program**

- 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 higher:
  - 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
- Completion of 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 Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS-RN) upon approval granted by nursing department. A score of 60 or above qualifies you to be placed in the rank for admission to the program.
- Current LPN license (must be available at the time of registration)
- Current CPR- Adult/Child- BLS Certification (on-line CPR is not acceptable)
- Negative criminal background check (International students require international background check)
- Negative drug test
- Health clearance as per department policy

**\*For LPNs who have completed their LPN program within the past 5 years and can show that BIO 121- A&P I and BIO 122- A&P II was included in their curriculum, the 5-year requirement is waived. Note: The LPN MUST have completed college level A&P courses (2 semesters).**

**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 higher, and a cumulative GPA of 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

<p><b>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 admission.</b></p>
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### 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 online LPN-RN application is available on the student portal, my.essex.edu, under [Web Services](#). Paper applications are not accepted.
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. **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 NOT be evaluated). A score of 60 and above qualifies you to be placed in the ranking for admission to the program.**
5. You will receive email notification by November 30 if you have been provisionally admitted to the LPN-RN program.
6. **Upload your supporting documents into Castle Branch by December 15:** NJ LPN License, criminal background check, drug test, CPR certification and health clearance. You will be permitted to register for classes once your documents have been reviewed/approved.
7. 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.
8. The NRS 106 class will begin in January and will be completed in 6 weeks.
9. The NRS 111 will begin immediately following NRS 106 and will be completed in 15 weeks.
10. Successful completion of NRS 106 & NRS 111 will allow the student to enter directly into NRS 206 in the RN program which is offered in the Fall semester. Graduation from the RN program will be in May.

### Cost

In addition to college tuition, general service fees and student activity fees, you can expect that your out-of-pocket costs will be over \$2,500 in preparation of entering the program. This includes 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 \$1500 per semester.

### 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 course. Students who are not admitted to the program may reapply next year.

### Ranking Points for Acceptance into the AAS 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 must reapply for the next admission cycle. Students should seek advice as to what they need to do to strengthen their application.

If space in the program is still available in December, students with coursework in progress during the Fall semester will be placed on a list for late consideration. Admission from this list will be considered once Fall grades are posted.

**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 or Hudson County	2 points
Resident of another county in New Jersey	1 point
Resident of another state or country	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**

**There is no waiting list. If an applicant has not been admitted, they may re-apply next year and must retake the ATI TEAS-RN.**

**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  
5<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 5110  
Phone: 973-877-3461  
Email: [bridgett@essex.edu](mailto:bridgett@essex.edu)

Elizabeth Barkley, Title IX Coordinator  
IT Operations  
4<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 4318  
Phone: 973-877-3081  
Email: [barkley@essex.edu](mailto: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](mailto:mercado@essex.edu).

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