East Central UNIVERSITY

LPN Pathway - Nursing
Frequently Asked Questions 09.25.25

Do I need to apply to East Central University or be an ECU student before I can apply to the nursing program?

No – but please be sure NOT to confuse the ECU application for the application to the nursing program. They are two completely separate applications.

How do I apply to ECU?

You can find all the ECU application information and materials on the **Apply to ECU** webpage. International student information and application materials can be found on the **Office of International Student Services** webpage.

When do I need to have my ECU application and materials submitted?

All **ECU applications** must be completed/submitted with all required documentation to the portal in time for you to be **accepted** to ECU by the designated cutoff date (see below):

For fall semesters: June 1st

For spring semesters: November 1st

If you have not been accepted to ECU by the deadlines listed above, your nursing application will be forfeited. If something were to occur where you could not start in your planned semester (i.e., not passing boards), please contact the director about deferring your application.

How much does it cost to attend ECU and the nursing program?

You can find the most current tuition, fees, housing/meal plan, and course specific fee information on the **Office of the Bursar** webpage. Scholarship and Financial Aid information and application may be found at **Academic Scholarships,** and **Financial Aid** webpages.

Where can I find out if my courses will transfer to ECU?

You can use the **Transfer Credit Matrix** webpage.

Who is my official nursing advisor?

For the LPN Pathway, your advisor will be Dr. Darcy Duncan. Email is darndun@ecok.edu, office phone is 580-559-5427. You can also find this information on Colleague Self- Service, as well as the Advisor List on the **Major in Nursing** webpage

When can I apply to the Nursing Program?

You may submit your application throughout the year, indicating on the application itself what semester you are applying for. Accreditation information and application materials can be found **on** our web page **View ECU's School of Nursing**

If applying for **fall semesters:** All nursing application materials and transcripts must be submitted no later than **5pm on May 1ˢᵗ.**

If applying for **spring semesters:** All nursing application materials and transcripts must be submitted no later than **5pm on October 1ˢᵗ.**

When will I be notified if I was accepted to Nursing?

Admission decision letters are sent out via email within four weeks from the application cycle closing date. If not accepted to ECU by that time, your acceptance to nursing will be dependent upon your acceptance to the university by the **NURSING** deadline.

Do I need to send transcripts to the School of Nursing?

You **MUST** send in at least unofficial transcripts from each university/college that you have attended, to include your LPN program, with your nursing application. Applications received without transcripts will not be processed.

Are Letters of Recommendation required?

Yes – you will need to submit a minimum of **two (2) letters of recommendation** by the cycle closing date. One (1) **MUST** be professional in nature (i.e., from an instructor or employer), the other **MUST** be personal in nature (cannot be from an instructor or employer). Any additional letters you choose to submit may be of either nature.

Do I need to take a pre-entrance exam as part of my application?

No – you do not.

What are the requirements I need to be eligible/considered for acceptance to the nursing program?

a. Meet ECU Admission requirements; apply to and be accepted to ECU by the nursing deadline

b. Provide all college/university transcripts, to include your LPN Program transcript showing successful completion (you may apply prior to graduation & submit a grade report, then submit your transcript when you graduate)

c. Have a valid, unencumbered OK/MSL LPN license prior to starting the program

d. Required Gen Eds/Required Related Work courses require a "C" or higher. Courses taken PRIOR to the program with a grade below a "C" shall be reviewed/approved by the Director

e. Once admitted to the nursing program, complete all remaining requirements related to clinical, attestations, and accreditation by the deadlines. Failure to complete or submit something by the deadline will forfeit the application

What program and clinical requirements will I need? (Additional detail is provided on the application to the nursing program)

a. Background Check (done after being accepted)

b. Drug Screen (done after being accepted)

c. CPR – must be American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers

d. Immunizations/Vaccinations: (list may not be all-inclusive)

    a. Annual Influenza – for the current flu season

    b. Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap) – given within the last 10 years

    c. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

d. Varicella (Chicken Pox)

e. Hepatitis B

f. COVID-19: evidence of approved vaccine

g. Tuberculin (TB/PPD) Skin Test – 2-step for initial and then annual OR QuantiFERON gold blood test, OR Negative TSpot blood test

      i. If previous or current positive test results, a Clearance of Public Contact from the Health Department

      ii. 1-step, blood tests, or Clearance required annually to follow

This list is subject to change if/as the requirements of our clinical sites change. A detailed list can be found as part of the application packet.

Failure to complete all requirements by the due dates may result in the forfeiture of your seat in the program. Please begin working on these things NOW as some of them require some time to complete. Please feel free to call the nursing office if you have any questions or concerns about these requirements.

Where can I see the courses needed for the degree?

The course catalog can be found on the **View the Course Catalog** webpage.

What Required Gen Eds/Required Related Work courses do I need, & when do I need to have them completed by?

The courses below must be completed for you to be eligible to graduate, along with any additional required general education and nursing courses. All of the above courses, along with LPN Transitions must be passed with a "C" or higher. Courses previously taken with a grade below a "C" must be approved by the Director, SoN. It is highly beneficial for you to complete the science courses early on, as it will become increasingly difficult to fit them into schedule as you move forward. We also recommend that you complete the Math course early on.

a. English Composition I

b. English Composition II

c. Functions & Modeling OR College Algebra

d. Chemical Principles OR General Chemistry (must have a lab)

e. General Biology (must have a lab)

f. Human Physiology (must have a lab)

g. General Microbiology OR Epidemiology (must have a lab)

h. Basic Nutrition

i. General Psychology

j. Developmental Psychology

k. Basic Computer Course

l. Basic Statistics

How are admission decision made?

The application scoring rubric itself is not published. Applications are scored based on points that may include, but are not limited to: GPA (program and grad retention), Required Related Work course grades, ECU Residency and completed college credits, entrance exam scores, prior degrees, relative

experience, licensures and certifications, and letters of recommendation.

Where will the clinical rotations be, and will I have to commute?

Our clinical coordinator will request information from you during your first semester to assist in clinical placement for the semesters to follow. You will need to ensure you list if you are an athlete, etc., as well as any other pertinent information.

While we always work at placing you where your commute is not long, and at the location , day, and time you would prefer, please understand – you may NOT get the location and/or day you want, for a number of reasons.

The expectation is that **you will have a reliable method of transportation, and the ability to get yourself to your clinical site.** For example - **We cannot base placement on someone's need to ride with a friend**. While the request to be placed with a friend may be made, there is no guarantee that it will happen.

Are there options of days/times available for the nursing courses and first semester labs?

There are not options available for when you can take your courses, and they cannot be taken out of sequence. For example – you cannot take Pharmacology I in your first semester of the program. Labs for the first semester are determined by a number of factors and will be added to your course plan. These lab days will not be changed unless there are extenuating circumstances, approved by the Director.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

If the question is pertinent to nursing, please email **nurse_sec@ecok.edu** or call 580-559-5434 OR 5933. If you are a current ECU student and have been working with a nursing advisor, you can always reach out to them.

If your questions are pertinent to being admitted to ECU as either a new or transfer student, please email the Admissions Office at **admissions@ecok.edu** or call 580-559-5628.

If the question is pertinent to international requirements, university applications, status, your questions MUST be directed to the International Student Services office at **intlstu@ecok.edu** or 580-559- 5669.

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