



## **LPN Pathway** **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who is my official nursing advisor?**

If you are applying to the LPN Pathway, your advisor will be Dr. Darcy Duncan. Contact information can be found on Colleague Self-Service, as well as the Advisor List on our webpage. [Major In Nursing](#)

### **When can I apply to the Nursing Program?**

For **fall semesters**: nursing applications and transcripts must be submitted no later than **5pm on May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

For **spring semesters**: nursing application and transcripts must be submitted no later than **5pm on October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Any deviation from these dates must be approved by the Director, SoN. If something were to occur where you could not start in your planned semester, your application may be deferred to the next semester.

**Accreditation information and application materials can be found on our web page. [ECU School of Nursing](#) and [Major in Nursing](#). Please make sure that you pick the LPN Pathway application.**

### **Do I need to apply to East Central University or be an ECU student to 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. Nursing acceptance letters are sent out via email within two-four weeks from receipt of your application. If you have not been accepted to ECU by that time, you will receive a provisional letter, pending your acceptance to the university. 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

**For spring semesters: November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Again, if something were to occur where you could not start in your planned semester, your application may be deferred to the next semester.

### **Do I need to send official transcripts to both ECU Admissions and the School of Nursing?**

No – you may send unofficial transcripts to the School of Nursing with your application. You may also send submit unofficial transcripts to your ECU portal while applying, and then follow up with official ones.

### How do I apply to ECU?

You can find all the application information and materials on the webpages [Applying to ECU, Application for Admission Portal](#), and [Transfer Student Admission](#). Please make sure you are submitting the right application, based upon whether you are a returning student, transfer student, international student, etc.

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

### Do I have to take a pre-entrance exam as part of my application to the nursing program?

You do not. We do require that you provide the following documents: LPN Program transcript showing successful completion (you may apply prior to graduation & submit a grade report, then submit a transcript when you graduate), and transcripts from any other college/university you have attended. You must also have an unencumbered, valid, OK LPN license prior to starting.

### How many students do you currently accept?

We will accept to capacity for qualified students each semester, to include Traditional and LPN Pathway.

### What are the requirements I need to be eligible to apply/be accepted to the program?

- a. Required Gen Eds/Required Related Work courses require a final grade of “C” or higher. Courses previously taken with a grade below a “C” must be approved by the Director, SoN
- b. Meet University admission requirements; apply and be accepted to ECU by the deadline
- c. Once fully admitted to the nursing program, complete all remaining requirements related to clinical, attestations, and accreditation by the deadline
- d. All college/university transcripts, LPN Program transcript showing successful completion, OK/MSL LPN license.

### 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)
  - I. Annual Influenza – for the current flu season
  - II. Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap) – given within the last 10 years
  - III. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
  - IV. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
  - V. Hepatitis B
  - VI. COVID-19; evidence of approved vaccine completion
  - VII. 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
- iii. If you have had a TB test within the last year – please contact the Director or Clinical Coordinator to determine if additional testing is required

### Vaccination Statement

The clinical facilities that have agreed to provide experiential education within the ECU School of Nursing program curriculum require designated vaccinations to participate in clinical and/or instruction at their facility. ECU SoN has no authority to waive the clinical sites vaccinations requirements. The clinical facilities are also responsible for the evaluation and administration of requests for exemptions to their respective vaccination requirements, which may vary among clinical facilities. **Due to these facility vaccination requirements, unvaccinated students may not be able to satisfy a required component of the curriculum and therefore may be unable to complete the nursing program.** Any student wishing to be exempt must contact the Clinical Coordinator, or in their absence, the Director. They will also be responsible for contacting their assigned clinical facility(ies) for the waiver process. Copies of any approved waivers must be submitted to the SoN, and the student will be required to sign a disclaimer acknowledging understanding.

It is highly recommended that the admitted student complies with all vaccinations for uninterrupted progress through the program.

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

- a. English Composition I
- b. English Composition II
- c. Functions & Modeling OR College Algebra
- d. Chemical Principles OR General Chemistry
- e. General Biology
- f. Basic Nutrition
- g. General Psychology
- h. General Microbiology OR Epidemiology
- g. Human Physiology
- i. Developmental Psychology
- j. Basic Statistics Course
- k. Basic Computer Course

These courses 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.

### I will be transferring some college courses from another university, so how do I know which ones will transfer to East Central University?

The easiest way to know if a course will transfer to ECU or not, is to use the ECU Transfer Matrix on the website: [ECU Transfer Matrix](#)

To use this tool, simply (1) select the state the college is in, (2) the college or institution, (3) using the drop-down box, select the prefix(i.e., BIOL, ENGL) for the course you took, and (4) click on the orange VIEW COURSE EQUIVALENCIES box. You will see a list of any courses with that prefix; look for one that matches the prefix and course number that you took. If the course transfers to ECU there will be an ECU Department Prefix and course number. For example, if you are trying to see if a general chemistry class

transfers, you will see CHEM 1114. If it does not equate, or has not yet been evaluated, you may see CHEM 0000, NODEPT 0000, or be unable to find the course at all. In the event that you cannot find your college, or your course or your class does not automatically transfer to an ECU course, you may still be able to have to course transferred by completing a course substitution. Please work with your nursing advisor on this.

**I am an international student. Where can I find information on applying to ECU?**

You can find information on the webpage [Office of International Student Services](#). **Please pay close attention to the International Application Packet and deadlines.** Cutoff dates for international students to have applied, submitted all documentation, and accepted to ECU are as follows: (as required by the nursing program)

**For spring semesters: November 1<sup>st</sup>, to include all required documentation**

**For fall semesters: May 1<sup>st</sup>, to include all required documentation**

We hope this FAQ sheet helps you with your questions and application process. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your advisor or our office if you have additional questions, or if we can help in any way!

You can email us at [nurse\\_sec@ecok.edu](mailto:nurse_sec@ecok.edu) or call the office at 580-559-5434 or 580-559-5933

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