



## **Nursing Program** **Frequently Asked Questions**

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

Advisers are assigned by last name. You can find this information on Colleague Self-Service, as well as the Advisor List on our webpage. [Major In Nursing](#)

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

We accept applications twice a year.

For **fall semesters**: The application cycle opens on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** and closes **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. All nursing application materials and transcripts must be submitted no later than **5pm on March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

For **spring semesters**: The application cycle opens on **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and closes on **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. All nursing application materials and transcripts must be submitted no later than **5pm on September 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Accreditation information and application materials can be found on our web page. [ECU School of Nursing](#) and [Major in Nursing](#).**

### **Do I need to apply to East Central University or be an ECU student to apply to the nursing program? When will I be notified if I was accepted?**

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: May 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

Again, you must be accepted by the ECU cutoff date to receive a full acceptance letter and additional program information. If you have not applied to ECU, and/or submitted all required documents by the university cutoff date, your application will be voided.

### **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.

### **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. \*\*Please make sure that you send at least unofficial transcripts either prior to or with your nursing 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 [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?

Yes, you are required to take the HESI A2 pre-entrance exam. Details concerning the pre-entrance exam will be included in the application packet and posted on the ECU School of Nursing webpage, updated with pertinent information for each application cycle.

### How many students do you currently accept?

Up to capacity for qualified students each semester, to include Traditional and LPN Pathway

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

- a. Minimum Grad Retention GPA & Program GPA of 2.7.
- b. A minimum of 24 hours of Gen Eds/Required Related Work courses, or the equivalent thereof completed at the time of application
- c. Required Gen Eds/Required Related Work courses require a final grade of “C” or higher
- d. Take the HESI A2 entrance exam – **if you do not score a 75% composite on the first attempt, you must take a second attempt to be considered**
- e. Meet University admission requirements; apply to ECU with all required documentation by the **nursing program** stated deadlines (**spring – November 1<sup>st</sup>; Fall – May 1<sup>st</sup>**)
- f. Once fully admitted to the nursing program, complete all remaining requirements related to clinical, attestations, and accreditation

### 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. 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
- g. COVID-19; evidence of approved vaccine

This list is not all-inclusive and is subject to change if/as the requirements of our clinical sites change.

**Failure to complete all requirements by the due dates may result in the forfeiture of your seat in the program.** Please feel free to call the nursing office if you have any questions or concerns about these requirements.

#### 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?

1. The courses below must be completed **prior to beginning the first semester** of the program with a grade of “C” or higher: (Note-these do not have to be completed to apply, but must be before you can begin the program) –
  - a. English Composition I
  - b. English Composition II
  - c. Functions & Modeling OR College Algebra
  - d. Chemical Principles OR General Chemistry
  - e. General Biology OR Epidemiology
  - f. Human Anatomy (Anatomy & Physiology I)
  - g. Basic Nutrition
  - h. General Psychology
2. The courses below must be completed **prior to beginning the third semester** of the program, with a grade of “C” or higher:
  - a. General Microbiology
  - b. Human Physiology
  - c. Developmental Psychology

- d. Basic Statistics Course
  - e. Basic Computer Course
3. All of the above courses, along with Introduction to Professional Nursing are used to figure your Program GPA. Your advisor can help you with planning your course work.

### **How is my application scored, and can I see the scoring rubric?**

The application scoring rubric is not published and is based on points that may include, but is not limited to: GPA (program and grad retention), area college hours, entrance exam scores, math and science course grades, prior experience and certifications.

### **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: <https://omni.ecok.edu/transfer-matrix/index.php>

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 the deadlines! But remember, you are required to follow the nursing program deadlines as stated above, which may be different from those in the international packet. Questions regarding international requirements, university applications, status, etc., must be directed to the International Student Services office at [intlstu@ecok.edu](mailto:intlstu@ecok.edu) or 580-559-5669. The SoN will only answer nursing application questions. Webpage can be found at <https://www.ecok.edu/International>.**

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