

2026-2027 #TigerNursing – LPN Pathway Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to be an ECU student to apply to the nursing program? – NO

Are the applications to ECU and the Nursing Program separate? - YES

How do I apply to ECU? - You will have to apply to ECU thru the portal.

- a. All of the information for U.S. Residents can be found at [APPLY TO ECU](#)
- b. All the information for Non-U.S. Residents can be found at [INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES](#)

How do I apply to the nursing program?

The nursing application and information can be found at [SCHOOL OF NURSING](#)

When can I apply to the nursing program?

- a. Application materials for admission to a **spring** semester must be received by November 1st @ 5pm CST
- b. Application materials for admission to a **fall** semester must be received by June 1st @ 5pm CST

When will I be notified of the admissions decisions for the nursing program?

Admission decision letters will be sent out approximately four weeks from the application cycle closing date. Letters will be sent to the email address provided on your nursing application.

Will I get any credit hours for my LPN? Yes – 22 to 26 credit hours

You will receive 22 credit hours that are recorded to your transcript after completing 12 credit hours at ECU, with the potential of an additional 4 credit hours.

- 4 credit hours for Human Anatomy (BIOL 2184)
- 2 credit hours for Intro to Professional Nursing (NRSG 1142)
- 4 credit hours for Foundations in Nursing (NRSG 2104)
- 4 credit hours for Physical Assessment (NRSG 2224)
- 8 credit hours for Med-Surg Nursing I (NRSG 3118)

In your second semester of the program, you will be given the opportunity to test out of NRSG 4214 Psychiatric Mental Health. If you benchmark on the exam, you will receive the 4 credit hours for the course and clinical rotation. If not, you will take the course in your third semester.

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

Information on the cost of attendance, fees, financial aid, etc., can be found at [PAYING FOR COLLEGE](#)

Are there scholarships available?

Yes; Information on all scholarships can be found at [ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

Do I need to take an Entrance Exam for the nursing program? – NO

What are the eligibility requirements to be considered for admission into the nursing program?

- Have graduated from an OK LPN Program
- Meet all nursing deadlines and material requirements; following the process as instructed
- Be admitted to ECU by the nursing deadlines
- Provide all college/university transcripts, **to include your LPN Program** transcript showing successful completion
- Have a valid, unencumbered OK/MSL LPN license prior to starting the program
- Gen Ed & nursing required related work courses taken prior to starting the program, in which a “D” has been earned will be accepted. Upon acceptance, all additional required gen eds & related work must be passed with a grade of “C” or higher.

Does the nursing program have an alternate list?

YES – Decision letters on those selected for the alternate list are sent out in the same time period as the acceptance letters

Will I be notified if I am not accepted to join the program or as an alternate?

YES – Decision letters on those not selected for admission to the program, or placement on the alternate list are sent out in the same time period as the acceptance letters

Where can I see the courses required for the degree?

You can review the catalog at [ECU ACADEMIC CATALOG](#)

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

You can use the [TRANSFER CREDIT MATRIX](#)

Do I need to send transcripts to both ECU and the School of Nursing? – YES

- a. You **MUST** submit a transcript from your LPN program (unofficial are acceptable) **WITH** your application. If you have not completed the program upon applying, please submit one showing your progress. You will need to submit an official transcript to the SON prior to the start of the semester.
- b. You **MUST** submit at **LEAST** unofficial transcripts showing final grades, from **EACH** university/college you have attended **WITH** {AT THE SAME TIME} as your nursing application.
- c. You must also send in a course schedule or transcript showing enrollment in any courses you are currently taking
- d. Official transcripts sent to the SoN will be required if accepted, and you will be given a deadline for these in your admission packet

How are admission decisions made?

The application scoring rubric itself is not published. Applications are scored on a number of factors to include, but not limited to:

1. GPA {Grad Retention and Program}
2. Required Gen Ed and Required Related Work course grades
3. Number of times a course is repeated
4. ECU Residency with completed college credits
5. Prior degrees earned
6. Relative experience
7. Licensures and Certifications {with copies provided}
8. Reflective Statement responses
9. Submission of all application materials in a complete and correct manner

What Required Gen Ed and Required Related Work courses do I need to have completed, or be enrolled in when I apply to the nursing program?

In addition to the nursing courses, the following course must be completed to be approved for graduation: *denotes a course that must have a grade of C or higher if taken after starting the program.

1. Freshman Seminar (or waiver if qualified)
2. English Composition I*
3. General Psychology*
4. College Algebra OR Functions & Modeling*
5. General Biology w/ Lab*
6. General Chemistry OR Chemical Principles w/ Lab*
7. English Composition II*
8. Basic Nutrition*
9. Computer Course to meet OSHRE requirements*
10. General Microbiology OR Epidemiology w/ Lab*
11. U.S. Government
12. Developmental Psychology*
13. Intro Statistics Course*
14. Human Physiology w/ Lab*
15. U.S. History
16. Estimated 9 credit hours of humanity gen ed courses

It is highly beneficial for you to complete the math and science courses early on, as it will become increasingly difficult to fit them into schedule as you move forward.

Some courses taken at 2-year and/or out-of-state colleges may not transfer, or may require a course substitution. You are **strongly encouraged** to use the ECU transfer matrix (found here) <https://www.ecok.edu/transfer-matrix/index.php> to determine if courses you have or are considering taking will transfer. Please utilize the Transfer Matrix, or contact your advisor for assistance. Course evaluation through ECU will not be completed until you are enrolled and attending classes at ECU.

What program and clinical requirements will I need?

1. CPR – MUST be American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers
 2. Background Check & Urine Drug Screen {To be done after you are accepted}
 3. Immunizations/Vaccinations
 - Tetanus, Diphtheriae, & Pertussis (Tdap) – given within the last 10 years
 - Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR)
 - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
 - Hepatitis B Series
 - COVID-19
 - Tuberculin (TB/PPD) Skin Test – Two-Step for initial, and then annually OR Negative TB within the last 365 days, **OR** QuantiFERON gold blood test **OR** Negative TSpot blood test
- *If previous or current positive test results, a Clearance of Public Contact from the Health Department

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. If you attend to apply, you are strongly encouraged to begin working on these things NOW, as some of them make take time to complete.

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, involved in a club, etc., as well as any other pertinent information.

We will always work at placing you where your commute is not long and at a location, date, and time you prefer, but – please understand that you may NOT get these things, for a number of reasons.

Can I car pool to clinical, lab, and/or class?

The expectation is that you will have a reliable method of transportation, and the ability to get yourself to and from classes, labs, and clinicals. We cannot base placement on someone's need to ride with a friend. If your friend is not able to attend class for an exam, or go to a clinical one day, for example, your absence would not be excused, and you may not be allowed a make-up because you did not have transportation. Rescheduling a missed lab, clinical, or exam can be very difficult to do, so please keep that in mind. Non-attendance for any portion of the program can impact your ability to be successful.

Are there options of days/times available for when the nursing courses and labs can be taken?

Currently, we are only offering one section of each course. The courses cannot be taken out of sequence. For example – you cannot take Pharmacology II in your first semester of the program.

Who is my nursing advisor?

For the LPN Pathway, your advisor will be Dr. Darcy Duncan. Email is darndun@ecok.edu, office phone is 580-559-5427. Please let me know how what questions you have and how I can help!

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 580-559-5933

If you are a **current ECU student** and have been working with your nursing advisor, you can always reach out to them for assistance

If your question **pertains to being admitted to ECU** as either a new or transfer U.S. Resident, please email the Admissions Office at admissions@ecok.edu or call 580-559-5628

If the question **pertains to Non-U.S. Residents** requirements, university applications, status, etc., please contact the International Student Services Office at intlstu@ecok.edu or call 580-559-5669