

## **2026-2027 #TigerNursing**

### **Frequently Asked Questions** v09.08.26

**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?** - We accept applications twice a year.

- a. The cycle to apply to a cohort starting in the fall opens November 1<sup>st</sup> and closes February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm CST
- b. The cycle to apply to a cohort starting in the spring opens on May 1<sup>st</sup> and closes August 1<sup>st</sup> at 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.

**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 acceptance into the nursing program?**

- a. Minimum Grad Retention AND Program GPA of 2.7/4.0 for all course work completed at the time of application
- b. A minimum of 24 hours of Gen Eds/Required Related Work courses, or the equivalent thereof, completed at the time of application
- c. Final grade of “C” or higher on all Required Gen Eds & Required Related Work courses
- d. Meet all ECU admission requirements and be accepted to ECU by the nursing program stated deadline {Fall semesters – May 1<sup>st</sup>; Spring semesters – November 1<sup>st</sup>}

- e. Once admitted to the nursing program, complete all remaining requirements related to lab, clinical, attestations, and accreditation by the deadlines in the admission packet.
- f. Complete all remaining required gen eds & related work with a “C” or higher prior to beginning the second semester of the program (JR I)

**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 at LEAST unofficial transcripts showing final grades, from EACH university/college you have attended WITH {AT THE SAME TIME} as your nursing application
- b. You must also send in a course schedule or transcript showing enrollment in any courses you are currently taking
- c. 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?**

The courses below MUST have been completed with a grade of “C” or higher at the time of application:

- 1. English Composition I
- 2. English Composition II
- 3. Functions & Modeling OR College Algebra
- 4. Chemical Principles OR General Chemistry {must have a lab}

5. General Biology {must have a lab}
6. Human Anatomy {must have a lab}
7. Basic Nutrition
8. General Psychology

The required gen ed & related work courses below **MUST** be completed with a grade of “C” or higher prior to beginning the second semester (JR I) of the program:

1. General Microbiology OR Epidemiology {must have a lab}
2. Developmental Psychology
3. Intro Statistics Course
4. Human Physiology {must have a lab}
5. Computer Course

All remaining gen eds required courses must be completed prior to graduation.

\*You are **STONGLY** encourage to use the Transfer Matrix and ensure that the course you are taking, or planning on taking, equates to the required course at ECU. There are some courses taken at 2-year colleges and/or out of state colleges that do not transfer, and cannot be substituted. 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** 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 in your first semester of the program.

Lab placement for the first semester is 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, and available space, 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](mailto:nurse_sec@ecok.edu) or call 580-559-5434

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](mailto: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](mailto:intlstu@ecok.edu) or call 580-559-5669