



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 you, our **LPN Pathway applicants**, we will accept applications throughout the year. The semester you join the program will be dependent upon things such as; graduating from your program and passing the NCLEX-PN (if applicable), acceptance to ECU, and completion of program and clinical requirements. Please contact your advisor if you have questions on applying.

If you are applying to **start** in a **fall semester**, you must have your application in by **July 1st**. If you are applying to **start** in a **spring semester**, you must have your application in by **November 1st**. 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?

Please be sure NOT to confuse the ECU application for the application to the nursing program. They are two completely separate applications. **You MUST be accepted to ECU before receiving full acceptance to the nursing program.** 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. You must be accepted by the cutoff date to receive full acceptance and additional program information. If you are not accepted by the cutoff date, your application will be voided. Again, if something were to occur where you could not start in your planned semester, your application may be deferred to the next semester.

We encourage you to apply to ECU no later than **October 1st (must apply by December 1st)** for admittance to a spring semester, and no later than **May 1st (must apply by July 1st)** for a fall semester. International students please see the last page for established cutoff dates.

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 & send this 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 nursing 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 stated deadline
- c. Once fully admitted to the nursing program, complete all remaining requirements related to clinical, attestations, and accreditation
- d. Provide LPN program transcript, and your 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:
 - a. Annual Influenza – for the current flu season
 - b. Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap)
 - 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
 - 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
- g. COVID-19; evidence of two-part CDC approved vaccination completion OR of CDC approved single vaccination

This list is not all-inclusive and is subject to change if/as the requirements of our clinical sites change. ECU and the School of Nursing do not have a waiver for any of the required immunizations/vaccinations. Any waivers, if allowed, would have to be obtained from the clinical sites directly by the student. **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.

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. Human Anatomy (Anatomy & Physiology I) (Articulated)
- g. Basic Nutrition
- h. General Psychology
- i. General Microbiology
- j. Human Physiology
- k. Developmental Psychology
- l. Basic Statistics Course
- m. Basic Computer Course

e. 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. Your advisor can help you with planning your course work.

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](#). *The easiest way to find the ECU Transfer Matrix on the new website is to search the term “transfer matrix” on the search bar.*

To use this tool, simply select your college or institution, then select the course 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 you may see CHEM 0000 or NODEPT 0000. In the event that you cannot find your college 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**

Cutoff dates for international students to have applied and have all documents submitted to ECU are as follows: (as required by the nursing program)

For spring semesters: November 1st, to include all required documentation

For fall semesters: May 1st, 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 or call the office at 580-559-5434 or 580-559-5933

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.

