



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. The application cycle for the cohort beginning in a fall semester will open on October 1st and close March 1st. The application cycle for the cohort beginning in a spring semester will open on April 1st and close September 1st. Accreditation information and application materials can be found on our webpage. [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?

Please be sure NOT to confuse the ECU application with 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 approximately two to four weeks from the cycle closing date. If you have not been accepted to ECU by that time, you will receive a provisional letter, pending your acceptance. ECU applications must be completed/submitted to the portal by the designated cutoff date, to include all required application documents. Cutoff dates for applying to ECU, with all required documentation are as follows:

For spring semesters: November 1st.

For fall semesters: May 1st.

You must be accepted by the ECU cutoff date to receive full acceptance 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.

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 75 qualified students per 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. 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. Minimum composite score achieved within two attempts on the HESI A2 entrance exam
- e. Meet University admission requirements; apply and be accepted to ECU by the stated deadlines (**spring – November 1st; Fall – May 1st**)
- 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:
 - 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?

1. The courses below must be completed **prior to beginning the first semester** of the program (Note-theses 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*
 - 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:
 - 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: [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**

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.