



ADMISSION PACKET

LPN to RN TRANSITION TRACK

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
IN
NURSING

2020

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Compliance Contacts Statement

The following offices have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Office of the District Director of Human Resources, Payroll and EEOC/OCR
1512 Kemper Street
Scooba, Mississippi 39358
662.476.5274

Office of the Dean of Students & District Director of Recruitment
District Disability Services Coordinator
8731 South Frontage Road
Mayhew, MS 39753
662.243.1979

Office of the Executive Vice President
Title IX Coordinator
8731 South Frontage Road
Mayhew, MS 39753
662.243.1900

NURSING - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE LPN TO RN TRANSITION TRACK

Welcome to East Mississippi Community College. Thank you for your interest in our program. East Mississippi Community College (EMCC) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award certificates and the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of EMCC. The Commission is only to be contacted if there is *evidence* that appears to support an institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard. All normal inquiries about the institution, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, and other college related information should be addressed directly to the College and NOT to the office of the Commission on Colleges.

The purpose of the program is to prepare men and women for the role of the registered nurse, competent to function as a professional and valuable member of the health care team in providing care for individuals, families, and communities. This program is accredited by the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). IHL contact information: Address, 3825 Ridgewood Road Jackson, MS 39211: telephone, (601) 432-6198, fax, (601) 432-6972. Website, <http://www.ihl.state.ms.us>. This nursing education unit is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Information about the Accreditation of EMCC's Associate Degree Nursing program with ACEN can be obtained from their website <http://www.acenursing.org/>, by emailing Marsal P. Stoll, EdD, Chief Executive Officer of ACEN at mstoll@acenursing.org or by writing to Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326.

Graduates of the program receive the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree, which meets the educational requirement needed to apply for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing licensure examination for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN®). Successful completion of the nursing program does not guarantee eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN® or application for licensure. The Board of Nursing will conduct a criminal background check on each student (at the student's expense) prior to graduation and may, at its discretion, deny any application to sit for exam or application for licensure due to, but not limited to, conviction of a felony, commission of fraud or deceit in the application process or addiction to alcohol or other drugs. Please see the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website, www.ncsbn.org, for more information.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for the LPN-RN track, applicants must complete all testing, meet the minimum requirements, and submit all required paperwork by July 1st each year for fall admission. Incomplete admission packets will not be considered for admission. **All pre-requisites must be completed with the required grade prior to the deadline.** The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documents are received, correct, and complete. Students who do not meet the admission criteria will not be considered for admission.

Please note: Meeting all admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the LPN-RN track. Admission is competitive and enrollment is limited. The number of applicants accepted is limited due to the nature of the program.

1. Go to <http://www.eastms.edu/> to submit an online application for admission to East Mississippi Community College. Acceptance to East Mississippi Community College does not guarantee acceptance to the LPN-RN program. Letters of pending acceptance will come from the Director of Nursing and Allied Health.
2. Submit a completed School of Nursing Application to the Allied Health Administrative Assistant.
3. Submit an official transcript from an accredited Practical Nursing program showing date of graduation and receipt of certificate.
4. Submit a copy of a current unencumbered LPN license to practice in the state of Mississippi.
5. Submit written verification from employer of **no less than 9 months** of full-time experience in current practice setting within the last three years.
6. Submit proof of **current** IV certification in the form of a stand-alone certification or within the practical nursing curriculum.
7. Submit transcripts from **all colleges** previously attended. The transcript must go to the registrar's office. Transcripts cannot be stamped "issued to student". Transfer credit is not given for ADN classes taken at other institutions.
8. Any applicant who has ever attended another LPN-RN Transition program must have a letter of good standing from their former nursing school director sent directly to the EMCC Director of Nursing and Allied Health. A letter of good standing indicates that the student is eligible for immediate readmission into the former nursing program. Applicants without letters of good standing from previous nursing schools will not be considered for this program. Applicants who have been unsuccessful more than once in any LPN-RN Transition program will not be eligible for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing program at EMCC for a period of five years from last attendance in a nursing program.
9. Applicant must have:
 - a. A minimum composite score of 18 on the ACT.
 - b. A grade of "C" or higher in College Algebra, Anatomy and Physiology I & II, English Comp I, and General Psychology. Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for all previous college work attempted.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. If the prospective student fails to complete the application process, fails to register, or is not accepted into the program, the application process must be repeated for consideration for the next class as a wait list is not maintained.
2. Selection of applicants is made by using a point system. (The applicant scoring sheet is included in this packet for informational purposes only.) Applicants are ranked numerically and the top students are offered admission pending completion of admission paperwork. The remaining applicants will be placed on the alternate list in rank order.
3. If one of the students offered pending admission does not accept, the alternate applicants, in rank order, will be offered pending admission. All students selected are considered pending admission until all required paperwork is turned in and a "clear" criminal background check is received.
4. All applicants meeting the requirements for the program will be sent a letter stating they are either pending admission, not accepted, or on the alternate list.

ADMITTED APPLICANTS

1. Applicants pending admission will receive a packet including a health form, immunizations and CPR information. The health forms must be dated no earlier than 45 days before the first day of class.
2. Pursuant to Section 37-29-232 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, and Section 43-11-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, nursing and allied health students must submit to a fingerprint background check prior to any clinical activity in a licensed healthcare facility. Each student pending admission must receive a "clear" criminal background check in order to be fully admitted to the program. Payment for the background check is the responsibility of the student. In addition to the disqualifiers listed in section 43-31-13, (felony possession of or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, any sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23(f), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust, aggravated assault, or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult, or that any such conviction or plea was reversed on appeal or a pardon was granted for the conviction or plea.) a healthcare facility has the right to deny any student access to their facility for clinical purposes that they feel is unsuitable for employment or for the clinical setting. If a student is barred from any clinical agency for any reason they will not be eligible to enter or continue in the program.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE READMISSION POLICY

Students must maintain at least an 80 in each nursing course. If a final grade below 80 is received in any nursing class the student will be withdrawn from the program. Any student leaving the nursing program before their anticipated graduation date must follow one of the policies below:

1. **If the student leaves the program before successfully completing the first semester he/she must:**
Follow the guidelines in the current admission packet to reapply to the program. No more than 10% of the total admission will be composed of readmission students.
2. **If a student successfully completes a semester and then withdraws or is unsuccessful in a subsequent semester, the following is required for readmission:**
 - Request readmission in writing to the Director of Nursing and Allied Health. Requests for readmission must be received within one month of leaving the program. The following information must be included in the letter:
 - Reasons why the student was unsuccessful
 - How circumstances leading to failure or withdrawal have changed
 - A detailed plan outlining how the student plans to be successful if readmitted into the nursing program. The plan must be signed and will become a contract that the student will follow throughout the rest of the nursing program. If at any time the student fails to follow their plan of academic readiness, they may be dismissed from the nursing program. No student will be readmitted without a detailed plan of academic readiness.
 - Current contact information including: address, phone number, email address
 - Which semester the student wishes to be readmitted
 - Students desiring readmission must be able to document mastery of previously learned materials. Students seeking readmission must adhere to the EMCC ATI testing plan. An advisor will meet with the student to assign which tests or modules must be completed by the student. The student must perform at or above a Level II in order to be considered for admission.
 - The student will be required to demonstrate mastery of clinical skills before being allowed to perform skills in the clinical setting. Students will be asked to perform one of any of the previously learned skills at a satisfactory level within one attempt. Students must also take a calculations exam and score a 90% or greater on the first attempt.
 - No more than 10% of the total admission will be composed of readmission students.
3. The student will be given credit for any semester satisfactorily completed within the previous twelve (12) months, and will only be required to repeat any nursing course they were unsuccessful in or withdrawn from. The student must complete the remainder of the program during this admission.
4. Although readmission depends on openings in the class every consideration and opportunity will be given to help students reach their goal of completing the nursing program. If there are more applicants than space, applicants will be ranked using the applicant scoring sheet included in this packet. The highest ranked applicant will be offered admission first. If there is a tie, the applicant with the highest GPA will be offered admission first. If there is still a tie, the applicant with the higher ACT score will be offered admission first.

5. Any student readmitted into the program will follow policies in the handbook in use during his/her readmission. Please be aware that EMCC requires a 2.0 GPA in order to graduate in any of the Associate Degree Programs. This qualification **MUST** be met prior to graduating from the nursing program. All students selected for readmission are considered pending admission until all required paperwork is turned in and a "clear" criminal background check is received.
6. All students meeting the requirements for readmission will be sent a letter stating they are pending admission, or were not accepted.

COSTS:

Tuition, Registration, and Course Fees vary and are subject to change. Go to www.eastms.edu to review tuition and fees.

Textbooks are approximately \$500.00 for the year. (All textbooks are purchased in first semester and used for 2-year period.)

Estimated Program Cost not including tuition:

Parking decal	\$15.00
Picture ID replacement	\$5.00
Pre Entrance Physical*	\$200.00 (without insurance)
Hepatitis B Series*	\$240.00 (without insurance)
TB Class	\$40.00
ACLS	\$25.00
PALS	\$25.00
Lamp	\$37.00
Pin	\$35.00
Composite Picture	\$10.00
Random Drug Screens	\$40.00 each time
Pearson Vue NCLEX fee is	\$200.00
MSBON fingerprinting	\$75.00
Transcript Request	\$5.00
MSBON	\$100.00

Optional Cost:

Hotel for Convention (optional)	\$60.00 (4 to a room)
MASN Convention (optional)	\$75.00
Nursing organization Dues (2year period)	\$66.00
Nursing organization Dues (1year period)	\$33.00

UNIFORM COSTS:

Ladies:

Pants Suit (2 required)	\$60.00ea
Dress (if desired)	\$40.00ea
Lab Coat	\$30.00ea
Gray Lab Scrub Suits	\$38.00ea

Men:

Pants and Top (2 required)	\$60.00ea
Lab Coat	\$30.00ea
Gray Lab Scrub Suits	\$38.00ea

SUPPLIES:

Shoes	\$40.00-70.00
Goggles	\$7.00
Pen Light	\$4.00
Stethoscope	\$20-30.00
Scissors	\$7.00
Badge Holder	\$6.00
Watch with Sec Hand	\$35.00
Blood pressure cuff	\$25.00

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The LPN to RN Transition track is designed for LPNs desiring to continue their education and become a Registered Nurse. It builds upon knowledge, education, and experience as an LPN. The program consists of the following:

1. Successful completion of an approved LPN program as evidenced by licensed as a practical nurse in the state of Mississippi.
2. Academic Prerequisites:

BIO 2514	Anatomy and physiology I	4 hours
BIO 2524	Anatomy and Physiology II	4 hours
MAT 1313	College Algebra	3 hours
PSY 1513	General Psychology	3 hours
ENG 1113	English Composition I	3 hours
Total		17 hours

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Hours
First Semester: Fall		
NUR 1214	Role Transitions for the LPN to RN	4
Total Hours		4
Second Semester: Spring		
NUR 2219	Nursing III	9
SOC 2113	Intro to Sociology	3
SPT 1113	Public Speaking	3
Total Hours		15
Third Semester Fall		
	Fine Arts Elective	3
NUR 2229	Nursing IV	9
Total Hours		12

- Upon successful completion of the first semester, 14 hours credit given for LPN completion



This applicant scoring sheet is for informational purposes only. Do not fill it out.

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Applicant Score Sheet

Applicant _____ Total Score _____

ITEM 1	SCORE	POINTS
ACT (Composite)	18-20	1
	21-23	2
	24-26	3
	27-29	4
	30 or >	5
	POINTS EARNED	_____

ITEM 2	SCORE	POINTS
*GPA- cumulative	2.5-2.99	2
	3.0-3.49	3
	3.50-4.0	4
	POINTS EARNED	_____

ITEM 3	GRADE	POINTS
Anatomy and Physiology I	C	3
	B	4
	A	5
Anatomy and Physiology II	C	3
	B	4
	A	5
College Algebra	C	3
	B	4
	A	5



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English Comp I	C	3
	B	4
	A	5
General Psychology	C	3
	B	4
	A	5
	POINTS EARNED	_____

EXTRA ITEMS	POINTS
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Associates of Arts or Associates of Applied Science	1 (one)
Bachelor's degree or higher in another field (transcript)	1.5 (one and one half)
EMCC LPN Program Graduate	2 (two)

POINTS EARNED _____

TOTAL POINTS EARNED _____

Letter of good standing from former nursing program _____