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The ECC Nursing Program has the full approval of the Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN).

East Central College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a participant in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP)

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THE CAREER

Registered nurses (RNs) are hands-on professionals who provide focused and highly personalized care. These professionals promote health, prevent disease and help patients and families cope with illness. They have a unique scope of practice, yet work collaboratively with all members of the healthcare team.

Registered nurses assess a patient's health and help perform diagnostic tests and analyze results. They also operate medical equipment, administer a variety of treatments and medications and assist with patient follow-up/rehabilitation. In addition, these healthcare professionals develop and manage a nursing plan of care, educate people on a variety of health issues and serve as advocates for patients, families and communities.

A majority of registered nurses practice in hospitals, though a growing number are employed in long-term care settings, out-patient surgery centers or rehabilitation centers. Others work in community health, industrial or school nursing, clinics and physician offices. The field has a variety of opportunities ranging from entry-level professional to doctoral-level researcher/practitioner.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a registered nursing career should:

- ✓ Be caring and empathetic
- ✓ Have excellent analytical and problem-solving skills
- ✓ Be dependable, supportive and detail-oriented
- ✓ Have the emotional stability to cope with human suffering, emergencies and other stresses
- ✓ Be able to direct and supervise others

TRANSFER OPTIONS

The AAS degree is designed for students seeking employment right after graduation. However, many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this degree, are accepted as transfer credit by four-year schools. Please note that these decisions are made by the bachelor degree-granting institution, not ECC. Students wanting to transfer are advised to contact the institution of their choice before beginning a program or reviewing other ECC degree plans. The college has articulation agreements with several BSN completion programs to promote a seamless progression to the next educational level.

THE PROGRAM

ECC offers a LPN to RN Bridge program leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing, designed to provide students who hold a Missouri LPN license the educational mobility to complete the RN classes in a format that specifically meets their needs. The evening and every-other-weekend format allows LPNs to still work, perhaps part-time, while taking courses.

The nursing program is two semesters in length with a one semester, bridge-specific prerequisite nursing course. All of the program prerequisites and general education requirements must be completed prior to the nursing courses. Prerequisites can be completed either part-time or full-time.

The LPN to RN Bridge program, offered at the ECC-Rolla location, utilizes some distance-learning technology to enhance access and flexibility. Upon completion, graduates are eligible to apply to write the NCLEX-RN Exam for licensure as registered nurses

EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY INFORMATION

The registered nurse profession is experiencing faster-than-average job growth, per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. By 2020, the number of positions is expected to increase by 26 percent.

In May 2014, the median annual earnings of these professionals were \$66,640. The middle 50 percent earned between \$54,620 and \$81,080. The lowest 10 percent earned \$45,880, and the highest 10 percent earned \$98,880.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To enter this course of study, students must meet these institution and program-specific criteria:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission to ECC
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some coursework requires minimum placement results)
- ✓ An undisciplined Missouri LPN license
- ✓ Cumulative college GPA of 2.75 or greater
- ✓ HESI A2 Admission Test taken in the last two years with a composite score greater than 75%.
- ✓ Score of 700 or better score on the HESI LPN to RN Mobility Exam (administered during successful Transition in Nursing)
- ✓ Completion of prerequisites with a "C" or better
- ✓ Satisfactory criminal background check and drug screening once accepted to the program
- ✓ A completed nursing application on file by the specified deadline (available on the ECC Web www.eastcentral.edu/nursing/nursing)

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The nursing program is a full-time course of study. THIS IS A SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY BASED ON COLLEGE READINESS PLACEMENT SCORES. The complete nursing curriculum can be found in the ECC Registered Nursing application.

PREREQUISITES/GENERAL EDUCATION

FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000/ FS 1001 Campus Orientation/ Foundation Seminar	1
MT 1303 Intermediate Algebra	3
NR 1024 Successful Transitions in Nursing ^{F P}	4
EN 1223 English Comp I	3
EN 1333 English Comp II	3
BI 2104 Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lecture/Lab ^P	4
BI 2115 Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lecture/Lab	5
BI 1314 Microbiology for Allied Health Lecture/Lab ^P	4
PY 1103 General Psychology*	3
SO 1103 General Sociology*	3
HI 1000/ PS 1000 Constitutions Study Module	0
History or Political Science Requirement	3
Total Hours	36

^F Course is only available during Fall semester

^S Course is only available during Spring semester

^P Course has a prerequisites:

Prerequisites for Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II Lecture/Lab:

- SC 1000 Lab Safety for Students
- CH 1005 Introduction to Chemistry Lecture/Lab
- BI 1305 General Biology Lecture/Lab or two years high school biology with lab (must have at least a "B" grade within the last five years)

Prerequisites for Microbiology

- SC 1000 Lab Safety for Students
- BI 1305 General Biology Lecture/ Lab or two years high school biology with lab (must have at least a "B" grade within the last five years)

Prerequisites for Successful Transition in Nursing

- current undisciplined Mo LPN license or eligible to sit for NCLEX-PN
- Intermediate Algebra

*Effective for students entering the January, 2018 nursing class

ALL science courses MUST be no more than five years old with a grade of "C" or better.

NURSING PROGRAM

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
NR 2015 Nursing of Adults & Children II Lecture ^S	5.5
NR 2035 Nursing of Adults & Children II Lab ^S	4.5
Total Hours	10

FALL SEMESTER

NR 2045 Nursing of Adults & Children III Lecture ^F	5
NR 2055 Nursing of Adults & Children III Lab ^F	5
NR 2991 Nursing Trends ^F	1
Total Hours	11

SUMMER SEMESTER

No formal coursework. Students will be required to complete an established remediation plan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In order to achieve success in this program, a student can expect to spend a minimum of 20-30 hours per week, outside of class, studying and preparing for class and clinical experiences. Some examples include: practicing skills in the lab, preparing for clinical assignments, studying for exams, preparing for class, developing written assignments and presentations.

Additional Recommended Courses

- HS 1003 Nutrition
- MT 1403 College Algebra
- CT 1003 Oral Communication or CT 1103 Public Speaking
- PY 2403 Human Development

NOTE: FRCC and RTC Graduate- Through December, 2017, Human Growth and Development will be articulated for ECC credit if enrolled in the ECC Nursing Program within three years of LPN graduation and transcribed at the successful completion of the nursing program.