



# EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

## NURSING

### LPN TO RN BRIDGE

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

## 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.

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) also have a unique scope of practice. LPNs can become registered nurses with further education; those who have advanced their education to become RNs have many opportunities to diversify their employment and increase their earnings.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a RN 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

## 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%.

In May 2011, the median annual earnings of these professionals were \$65,950. The middle 50 percent earned between \$53,770 and \$80,390. The lowest 10 percent earned \$44,970, and the highest 10 percent earned \$96,630.

## 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 while they continue their education. The nursing program is three semesters in length with a one semester, bridge-specific prerequisite course. All of the program prerequisites and general education requirements (except microbiology) must be completed prior to the nursing courses. Prerequisites can be completed either part-time or full-time. The program utilizes some distance-learning technology to enhance access and flexibility. All nursing programs are offered at the Union campus and Rolla site. Upon completion, graduates are eligible to apply to write the NCLEX-RN Exam for licensure as registered nurses.

## 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 2.5 or greater
- ✓ HESI A2 Admission Test with a composite greater than 75% in the last two years.
- ✓ Completion of prerequisites with a "C" or better
- ✓ Satisfactory criminal background check and drug screening once accepted into the program
- ✓ A completed nursing application on file by the specified deadline (available on the ECC Web site under the "Academic & Degree Programs" link)

## 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. 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.

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## 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

East Central College requires the following general education courses for an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing. It is the responsibility of each applicant to COMPLETE these course requirements PRIOR to beginning the Nursing program.

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000 Campus Orientation/	
FS 1001 Foundations Seminar	1
NR 1024 Successful Transitions in Nursing**	4
MT 1303 Intermediate Algebra	3
HI 1000/	
PS 1000 Constitutions Study Module	0
History or Pol. Science Requirement	3
EN 1223 English Comp I	3
EN 1333 English Comp II	3
BI 2104 Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lecture & Lab*	4
BI 2115 Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lecture & Lab	5
BI 2404 Microbiology Lecture & Lab	4
PY 2403 Human Development ^	3
HS 1003 Nutrition	3
CT 1003 Oral Communications or	
CT 1103 Public Speaking	3
PE Requirement	1
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>40</b>

- Prerequisites for HAP I Lecture/Lab and HAP II Lecture/Lab:
  - SC 1000 Laboratory Safety for Students
  - CH 1105 Introduction to Chemistry Lecture/Lab
  - BI 1325 Principles of Biology I Lecture/Lab

^ Prerequisites for Human Development:

- EN 1223 English Comp I
- PY 1103 General Psychology

- \*\* Prerequisite/corequisite of Successful Transitions in Nursing:
  - MT 1311 Medication Calculation

NOTE: FRCC and RTC Graduates--Human Growth and Development and Nutrition 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.

ALL SCIENCE CLASSES MUST BE NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OLD WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

### NURSING PROGRAM

#### SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
NR 2014 Nursing of Adults & Children II Lecture**	4.5
NR 2035 Nursing of Adults & Children II Lab**	4.5
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>9</b>

#### SUMMER SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
NR 1052 Mental Health Nursing Lecture**	2
NR 1063 Mental Health Nursing Lab**	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>5</b>

#### FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
NR 2045 Nursing of Adults & Children III Lecture**	5
NR 2055 Nursing of Adults & Children III Lab**	5
NR 2991 Nursing Trends**	1
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>11</b>

\*\* Courses that are only offered in that semester

NOTE: All courses except "NR courses" may be taken prior to acceptance into the nursing program. If not, they must be taken in the semester indicated in the nursing curriculum (see the nursing application for more details).