Nassau Community College - SUNY Empire State College
Nursing Program

/routes for admission to the nursing program/

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Understanding the Nassau Community College – SUNY Empire State College Nursing Program

The Nassau Community College - SUNY Empire State College Multi-Award Nursing Program (NCC - ESC) is a dual-degree, Multi-Award program, with the Associate in Science\(^1\) (A.S.) degree awarded by NCC at the completion of the fifth semester. This allows the student to take the National Council Licensure Examination\(^2\) (NCLEX-RN) and to earn the license of a Registered Professional Nurse (RN), required before entering the sixth semester of the program.

The Multi-Award program requires the completion of 124 credits\(^3\) (53 credits of Liberal Arts/Sciences/General Education and 71 credits of Professional Nursing Education). The program is designed to be completed in four (4) years of full-time study. This integrated curriculum includes classroom instruction at Nassau Community College, with on-campus laboratory and clinical placements throughout Nassau County. SUNY-Empire State College courses will be delivered using an online platform, with NCC as the home campus throughout the Nursing program.

1. *Associate of Science Degree in Nursing will be awarded by NCC after the completion of the required 84 credits (39 Nursing credits and 45 General Education credits).

2. *Nursing Students must PASS the NCLEX-RN Exam to continue into the sixth semester of the program.

3.*Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing awarded by ESC after completion of the required 124 credits.
GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Potential applicants to the Nassau Community College (NCC) - SUNY Empire State College (ESC) Nursing Program should read the following program requirements and guidelines:

• Applicants who have never attended college may be required to take the NCC College placement examinations in reading, English, and mathematics, unless exempt by virtue of specific SAT, ACT, or Regents scores (see NCC catalog for specifics of exemption policy). Applicants who test into a developmental course or courses must satisfactorily complete these courses before attempting to apply to the NCC - ESC Nursing Program.

• Acceptance into the Nursing Program will be conditional, pending successful completion of a criminal background check. The student will be responsible for the background check fee.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Federal law and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (8 NYCRR §59.4) limit the issuance of professional licenses, registrations and limited permits to United States citizens or qualified aliens. To comply with Federal law and the Commissioner’s regulation, you must complete specific forms for the New York State Office of the professions indicating your citizenship/immigration status.

Information provided by:
The University of the State of New York
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Office of the Professions
Division of Professional Licensing Services
www.op.nysed.gov

• Accepted nursing students are required to submit to the NCC Student Health Office evidence of a physical examination, which includes antibody titers, history of inoculations, and proof of a current influenza vaccination. Students who submit these documents will receive a “blue slip” of paper from the Student Health Office. Students are required to obtain an annual influenza vaccine and provide proof of compliance, unless medically excused. The Student Health Office clearance must be presented to nursing classroom faculty at the beginning of the first nursing class, and then annually thereafter.*

• Nursing students must be able to independently complete a patient assessment through visualization, auscultation, palpation, and percussion.

• Nursing students must possess physical strength, stamina, as well as both gross and fine motor coordination, in order to provide safe nursing care.

• Nursing students must be alert, possess emotional stability, flexibility, be able to think critically and to problem-solve. Students need to be able to communicate effectively in English.

• Nursing students are required to follow program policies and/or revisions to policies that are distributed to all nursing students at the beginning of each academic year.

* Accepted nursing students must also comply with both Nassau Community College’s COVID-19 vaccination requirements, as well as COVID 19 vaccination requirements at clinical sites.
IMPORTANT NOTE:

- A minimum grade of **C+** must be obtained in each of the required lower division nursing (NUR) courses in order to continue in the nursing program.
- A minimum grade of **C** can be obtained in the required upper division nursing courses (NURS); but an overall **GPA of 3.0 (B)** must be maintained for all core upper division courses in order to remain in the nursing program.

- Nursing students are responsible for purchasing uniforms and equipment required by the NCC-ESC program.
- Nursing students are required to supply their own transportation to and from clinical settings.
- Anatomy & Physiology I (AHS 131), Anatomy & Physiology II (AHS 132), Medical Microbiology (AHS 202) and Pathophysiology (BIO131) courses completed more than ten years prior to admission to the NCC - ESC Nursing program will not be accepted. There is a limit to the number of attempts permitted for AHS 131 (Anatomy and Physiology I).
  - Applicants will not be considered for admission to the Nursing Program if they have attempted AHS 131 more than twice (including grades below “C” and grades of “W” or “F”), at NCC or elsewhere, in the 10 years preceding admission.
- Applicants to the NCC-ESC Nursing Program must take the **TEAS** test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and have scores sent to the NCC Office of Admissions (see p. 10 for TEAS information). If the test is taken at NCC, it is not necessary to send scores).

**Meeting the minimum requirements for admission to the NCC-ESC Nursing Program is not a guarantee of admission; it means that your application will be considered.**
PROGRAM ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

The NCC - ESC Nursing program is accredited by the following agencies:

• **Associate Degree - Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)**
  3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 14000, Atlanta, GA 30326

• **Bachelor's Degree - Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**
  655 K Street, NW, Suite 750
  Washington, DC 20001
APPLICANTS SEEKING ADMISSION WITH ONLY HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIALS

If you are applying to the Nassau Community College - SUNY Empire State College Nursing Program with only high school credentials because you have never attended college, you must meet the criteria for admission outlined in the “Programs and Admissions Requirements” chart that accompanies both NCC’s online application for admission and the print version of NCC’s application for admission.

These requirements are:

- Average of at least 80 in three years of English
- Average of at least 80 in two years of college preparatory math
- Average of at least 80 in three years of science, including a year of Biology or Living Environment
- Average of at least 80 in English, math and science grades, combined

Meeting these criteria is not a guarantee of admission; it means that you will be considered for admission.
APPLICANTS WITH PRIOR COLLEGE CREDITS

GENERAL INFORMATION:
TO EARN THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE-SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE NURSING DEGREE, AT LEAST 33 LOWER DIVISION CREDITS AND 45 UPPER DIVISION CREDITS THAT APPLY TO THE PROGRAM MUST BE COMPLETED AT NCC AND ESC, RESPECTIVELY.

This section applies to all students who have ever attended college, whether at Nassau Community College (i.e., Change of Program applicants) or elsewhere (transfer applicants).

Applicants are considered for admission based on performance in general education/liberal arts courses applicable to the NCC-ESC Nursing Program (see outline on pages 13-15), and on the TEAS exam scores.

IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING ADMISSION SCORING CRITERIA:
• Applicable courses with grades less than “C” will be disregarded.
• Courses that are not a part of the NCC-ESC Nursing Program will be disregarded.
• Anatomy & Physiology I (AHS 131), Anatomy & Physiology II (AHS 132), Medical Microbiology (AHS 202) and Pathophysiology (BIO131) courses completed more than ten years prior to admission to the NCC - ESC Nursing program will not be accepted. There is a limit to the number of attempts permitted for AHS 131 (Anatomy and Physiology I).
• Applicants will not be considered for admission to the NCC-ESC Nursing Program if they have attempted Anatomy & Physiology I more than twice (including grades below “C” and grades of “W” or “F”), at NCC or elsewhere, in the 10 years preceding admission to the NCC-ESC Nursing Program.
• The more applicable general education/liberal arts courses an applicant has completed and the higher the grades are in these courses, the greater the chance for acceptance.
• All nursing (NUR and NURS) courses are sequential and must be taken in a specific order and with nursing advisement (see pages 13-15).
CHANGE OF PROGRAM APPLICANTS
(Students matriculated in another program at NCC)

Some students entering NCC may wish to complete some or all of the lower division general education/liberal arts courses in the NCC-ESC Nursing Program prior to applying for the program.

- Students generally enroll as Liberal Arts students in the Associate in Arts program (LAAA).
- Students who have already earned as Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree generally enroll as non-degree students.
- Please contact the Admissions Office concerning your application options.

If you are currently attending NCC as a matriculated student:
Apply directly through the Nursing Department during the application acceptance period only. Please carefully follow directions on the Change of Program to Nursing Application, found within the “Routes for Admission to Nursing” document on the Nursing Department’s portion of the NCC website. You may submit your application in person at the Life Sciences Building, room 319, or you can email your application and supporting documents to: nursing@ncc.edu

With this application, you must provide the following:

- Your unofficial NCC transcript
- Unofficial transcripts from all other colleges attended
- TEAS score report (see TEAS information on page 10), showing scores from all 4 TEAS subtests (reading, math, science, English)
- If submitting documents in person, staple them all together.

If the last college you attended was NCC, but you have not attended for 3 semester or more, you must use the Readmit Application.
READMIT to NCC by using the Readmit application on the NCC applications page (click the orange APPLY NOW tab on the NCC homepage), or by visiting the Office of the Registrar and submitting a Readmit application. Follow instructions above for students matriculated in programs other than nursing, including submission of TEAS scores (see TEAS information on page 10).

If you are currently attending NCC as a non-degree student:

- Submit a new application for admission as a degree-seeking student (click the orange APPLY NOW tab on the NCC homepage), specifying Nursing (NUR3 for daytime, NUR4 for evening) as your intended area of study.
- If you have not already done so, have all of your official academic records (including high school, if you do not have a previous college degree) emailed to: admissions@ncc.edu or sent through the mail to: Office of Admissions, Nassau Community College, 1 Education Drive, Garden City, NY 11530.
- If you have not already done so, take the TEAS exam (see TEAS information on page 10).
- Please follow the matriculated instructions above.
TRANSFER APPLICANTS
(Transferring from another college to NCC)

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You are considered a transfer applicant to the NCC-ESC Nursing Program if you have either:

- Attended college anywhere except NCC or
- Attended NCC in the past, and then attended another college since last attending NCC

Transfer applicants should apply to the NCC-ESC Nursing Program through the Admissions Office by following these steps:

- Complete NCC’s online Degree-Seeking Transfer Admissions application.
- Have official transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended, and an official high school transcript if you have not earned a college degree, emailed to: admissions@ncc.edu or send to:

  Office of Admissions
  Nassau Community College
  1 Education Drive
  Garden City, NY 11530
  Fax: 516-572-9743

To expedite the admissions process all official high school and college transcripts can be emailed to: admissions@ncc.edu

IMPORTANT NOTE: Courses with grades below “C” are not applicable to the NCC - ESC Nursing program and will not be included for purposes of transfer to the NCC - ESC Nursing Program. There is a limit to the number of attempts allowed for AHS 131 (see page 3).

- Take the TEAS test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and have the scores emailed to the address above.
- For more information about the TEAS, see page 10.
- Transfer applicants must submit their applications to the Office of Admissions by a deadline date in March (see deadline in Program Requirements Chart found on Applications for Admission page) for the fall semester and by a deadline date in October (see deadline in Program Requirements Chart found on Applications for Admission page) for the spring semester.
LPN APPLICANTS SEEKING ADVANCED STANDING

1. Application for Advanced Standing Students are being accepted during the Nursing program application period.

2. All advanced standing applicants must apply to Nassau Community College: if you do not have a previous college degree you will need to apply to Nassau Community College as a Liberal Arts student (using code LAAA-AA on the application for admission.

3. If you do have a previous college degree, use the non-degree application to apply to NCC.

4. High school and transcripts from all/any colleges attended must be sent to NCC via Email: admissions@ncc.edu or Mail: Office of Admissions, Nassau Community College, 1 Education Drive, Garden City, NY 11530

5. After your application to Nassau Community College is submitted you will be notified by the Office of Admissions of your acceptance to NCC.

6. You may now submit your paperwork to the Nursing department at LPNtoRN@ncc.edu (LPN License, Excelsior Exam NURx210, unofficial NCC transcript).

7. After the nursing application period has ended and all applicants are reviewed you will be contacted by the NCC Nursing Department. LPNtoRN@ncc.edu

8. Review admissions application period on the NCC Nursing departments websites

LPNs admitted to the NCC-ESC Nursing Program with Advanced Standing do not have to take the TEAS exam.
THE TEAS TEST - PRE-NURSING TEST
(Test of Essential Academic Skills)

All applicants to the NCC - ESC Nursing program (except current high school seniors and LPNs planning to pursue advanced standing) are required to take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills), an ATI pre-nursing test:

- For information on taking the TEAS exam through NCC, contact: TEAS@ncc.edu
- Or, you can register for this test at the following website: www.atitesting.com
- New applicants to NCC must submit the results of the TEAS test to the Office of Admissions by the deadline date for submission of nursing applications (see NCC Admissions Application). If you test at NCC, you do not have to send your scores.
- Change of Program applicants must submit their test results to the Nursing Department by the last day for submission of Change of Program applications.
- Scores can be no more than two (2) years old at the deadline date for the semester you are applying to.
- NCC is a testing site for the TEAS test. If you are testing at NCC and already have an NCC student I.D. number, you must supply it at the time of the test. Anyone taking the TEAS without an ID number must immediately contact the Office of Admissions upon receipt of this number, and specify when the test was taken. If you take the test at NCC, you do not have to send us your scores.
- The applicant is responsible for the cost of the examination.
- Information about the examination is available on the ATItesting.com website or email TEAS@ncc.edu
- A practice book for the TEAS test is available for purchase on the ATI website, and in Nassau Community College’s bookstore.
- NCC’s Office of Continuing Education/Lifelong Learning offers a prep-course for the TEAS examination. Contact the Office of Continuing Education for more information at (516) 572 7472 or email TEAS@ncc.edu.
- Eligibility for admission to the NCC - ESC Nursing Program requires TEAS scores of 58.7% or higher on EACH of the following areas: reading, math, science and English (not the composite score). The higher the scores, the greater the chance of admission to the NCC - ESC Nursing Program.
WAITING LIST

There is no Waiting List for admission to the NCC - ESC Nursing Program.

RE-APPLYING

If you were not offered a seat in the NCC - ESC Nursing Program, you are welcome to apply during the next application period by submitting a new application with the required documentation. There is no limit to the number of times you may apply.

If you were previously admitted to the NCC - ESC Nursing Program and chose not to attend, you will have to re-apply and meet the current criteria for admission.

Having been admitted in the past does not guarantee that you will be admitted again, as the applicant pool changes every semester.

FOREIGN CREDENTIALS

If you are submitting high school and/or college records from a school outside the United States, you may be asked to have these records evaluated by an independent agency, such as the World Education Services (WES) in New York City, to determine whether or not you are eligible for admission and whether or not NCC-ESC will be able to award you any transfer credit. All international transfer credit evaluations should be conducted by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). For more information visit naces.org

If you were educated as a nurse outside the United States, you may or may not require further education in order to become an R.N. in the United States. To make this determination, you should obtain an application for the required verification of your credentials from:

The Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)
P.O. Box 8628
Philadelphia, PA 19104-8628
PHONE: (215) 349-8767
FAX: (215) 662-0425
E-MAIL: empire@cgfns.org
WEB: www.cgfns.org
IMPORTANT NOTE: Policy for Semester I students only:

- Students accepted into Semester I of the NCC-ESC Multi Award Nursing Program will be expected to complete all first-semester courses with a grade of “C” or better prior to going on to Semester II.

- These courses are: ENG 101, MAT 102, PSY 203, PHI 110 and HIST 3345. These courses may be taken at NCC, or may have been transferred to NCC from colleges previously attended.

- If a student is unable to satisfactorily complete all first-semester requirements in one semester, one additional semester will be allowed to complete the required courses.

- If all five first-semester courses are not completed by the end of the second attempt, the student will be dismissed from the Nursing Program and will have to reapply during the next application period.
# NCC - ESC Nursing Program

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### Baccalaureate Degree Earned

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