

GENERAL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Illinois Eastern Community College District 529 (IECC) is one of thirty-nine tax-supported community college districts in the state recognized by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education. IECC is unique in that it is one of only two multi-college districts in the state. All four of our colleges, which include Frontier Community College (Fairfield), Lincoln Trail College (Robinson), Olney Central College (Olney), and Wabash Valley College (Mt. Carmel), have received state and national recognition for educational excellence. Coupled with low tuition rates, IECC colleges are the obvious choice for a quality education at an affordable price.

In today's economy, a post-secondary education is key in achieving career objectives. IECC colleges can aid in attaining your professional or personal goals with the following offerings:

- ◆ Transfer Programs
- ◆ Career and Technical Programs
- ◆ Workforce Education
- ◆ Adult Education/GED
- ◆ Non-credit Community Education

For convenience, many classes are available online and in a hybrid format.

It's not all work and no play. The colleges are home to top-ranking sports teams, outstanding theatrical performances, recreational facilities, and more.

We want to improve lives through education and the many services we provide. If that's something we can help you with, please contact one of our four colleges for assistance.

OUR HISTORY

Wabash Valley College was founded in 1960 by the Community Unit School District #348 in Mt. Carmel. In 1963 Olney Central College was founded by the East Richland School District #1. In February 1969, Wabash Valley College joined the Olney Central College Community College District with Lincoln Trail joining in June 1969 to create a three-college district.

In October 1969, a \$5.9 million bond issue to finance the local share of funds needed for the construction of a permanent campus at each of the three colleges was approved. In December 1976, the Illinois Eastern College of Continuing Education was established in Fairfield, becoming the fourth college in District 529. The name was changed to Frontier Community College in April 1978.

THE REGION

The District spans 3,000 square miles in southeastern Illinois, has a total population of approximately 111,000 and includes all or portions of 12 counties. Bordered on the east by the Wabash River, the expanse is positioned in a scenic region of the state with farmland, wooded acreage, golf courses, and recreational lakes scattered throughout. Each college is located in a small-town setting with convenient access to larger cities in Illinois and Indiana.

Employment opportunities are available in the immediate and surrounding area from a diversified base of agriculture, healthcare, mining, manufacturing, processing, distribution, and the oil industry, to name just a few. Local healthcare facilities are major employers and, through affiliation agreements, serve as partners in education for many of our programs.

GOVERNANCE

The Illinois Community College System is coordinated by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) who administer the Public Community College Act of 1965. Included in the Act is the establishment of a Board of Trustees in each college district. IECC is governed by a seven-member board elected at large by residents of the District to serve a six-year term. A non-voting student trustee is elected by a student referendum to serve a one-year term from April to March.

Accountable to the Board and located in the District Office at 233 East Chestnut Street in Olney, Illinois is the chancellor. A president serves as chief administrator at each college site. All are charged with ensuring the Mission and Values of the District are a consideration during decision-making.

ACCREDITATION

Institutional Accreditation

IECC is accredited as an institution of higher education by The Higher Learning Commission. The Commission may be contacted at the HLC website at www.hlcommission.org or by phone at 312.263.0456.

Program Accreditations & Approvals

The Associate Degree in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (www.acenursing.org), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326.

The Associate Degree in Nursing and Practical Nursing Certificate programs are approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation,

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), which is located at **3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326**; 404/975-5000, website: www.acenursing.org. The Practical Nurse (PN) exit is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Practical Nurse Exit Option

Students have the educational mobility option of completing first year summer courses and exiting at the PN level or continuing into the second year to complete studies to become an RN.

Successful completion of NUR 1201, NUR 1202, NUR 1203, and NUR 1206 along with all required first-year general education courses, is required for students to apply for the PN National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN).

Licensed Practical Nurses

Current IECC Practical Nursing Certificate students will continue to the second year of the Associate Degree in Nursing program. If there will be three or more years between the completion of the Practical Nursing Certificate program and entry into the Associate Degree in Nursing program, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Unencumbered licensure as a practical nurse.
2. Employment as a licensed practical nurse with documentation of at least 2,000 hours of work from the time of completion of the Practical Nursing Certificate program.

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who graduated from schools other than Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and IECC LPNs who graduated three or more years prior to application, may articulate into the second year for RN preparation after successful completion of bridge course NUR 1204.

Successful completion of NUR 1201 and NUR 1202, (or a valid LPN license), NUR 2201, NUR 2202, and NUR 2205, along with all required general education courses, is required for students to apply for the RN licensure.

A continuing student must complete the RN program within five (5) years of successful completion of NUR 1201.

A maximum of one-year academic absence is allowed between the last semester successfully completed and any exit course (NUR 1203 and NUR 2202).

Transfer Students

Transfer students who meet curriculum criteria may be granted advanced placement to enter NUR 1202 or NUR 2201. Prior to entering the advanced placement course, the student must successfully complete NUR 1205. Generic students who have had an academic absence of two or more years, who are readmitted beyond NUR 1201, must complete NUR 1205 prior to re-entering nursing courses.

Fees

Nursing tuition, fees, and program requirements are provided in the application packet as well as the student handbook and are subject to change. Nursing students will be required to pay fees for testing as mandated by the IECC Board of Trustees.

Conduct and Health

In addition to meeting the Nursing program requirements for admission, a student's conduct and health status must also meet the standards of the clinical agencies.

Except for those who are IECC Nursing students enrolled in consecutive years of the two-year Nursing program, applicants to the second year must supply all the information required for the first year. In addition, licensed practical nurses must submit a valid unencumbered LPN license.

The Nursing program must comply with Illinois law and college policy; therefore, requirements are subject to change.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING (NUR D350)

First Year First Semester			Credit Hours
LSC	2111	Human Anatomy & Physiology I ¹	4
NUR	1201	Nursing I ³	10
PSY	1101	General Psychology I ^{1, 2}	<u>3</u>
Semester Total			17

First Year Second Semester			Credit Hours
ENG	1111	Composition I ¹	3
LSC	2112	Human Anatomy & Physiology II ¹	4
NUR	1202	Nursing II ³	10
PSY	2109	Human Growth & Development ¹	<u>3</u>
Semester Total			20

Second Year First Semester			Credit Hours
LSC	2110	General Microbiology ¹	4
NUR	2201	Nursing III ³	10
SOC	2101	Principles of Sociology ^{1, 2}	<u>3</u>
Semester Total			17