

ALLIED HEALTH

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING (NUR)

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE **D350**

The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares individuals to write the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse. Registered nurses provide care to people of all ages and in a variety of health care settings such as hospitals, long term care facilities, physicians' offices, home care agencies and community settings.

Persons interested in applying to the Nursing program may contact the program advisor at one of the four colleges in the IECC District. This information may also be accessed at www.iecc.edu/nursing. All prospective students are required to attend an advisement meeting to complete the application process. Contact a program advisor to schedule an advisement meeting. **Those living outside of Illinois are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate licensing agent in their state to seek information and guidance before beginning this program. (See the Professional Licensure Disclosure at www.iecc.edu/licensuredisclosure.)**

The decision to allow an individual to take the NCLEX-RN for licensure or be granted a license after passing the exam rests with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Application Deadline and Requirements

All applicants must attend a nursing information session prior to application submission. Completed applications must be received at the college site by February 15 to be ranked for the fall semester. Late applications will be accepted pending available space.

A cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required to make application to the Nursing program. NOTE: Grades of *F* in college level courses from institutions outside of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges may be eligible for a grade forgiveness process for ranking purposes for acceptance into the Nursing program. The grade forgiveness affects cumulative GPA for ranking purposes only. This grade forgiveness would be done manually and only one time and would not affect the applicant's official cumulative grade point average. Contact the Program Advisor for the Nursing program at the college site to determine eligibility.

Applicants to the IECC Associate Degree Nursing program must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) exam prior to the ranking deadline. In order to be eligible to rank, the student must have an Adjusted Individual Test Score at the Proficient Level or higher. The TEAS® exam may be taken up to two (2) times per ranking period. Prior test scores may be used for ranking for admission consideration if the test was taken within 24 months of the ranking deadline. If the prior exam was more than 24

months before the ranking deadline, a new test shall be required. The cost of testing will be paid by the student. The TEAS exam category scores will be used for ranking in the program.

A completed application file consists of: 1) all official college and high school transcripts; 2) GED scores, if applicable; 3) a completed IECC application form; 4) an Associate Degree Nursing Program Applicant Information Form; 5) TEAS® scores; and 6) government issued photo ID residency verification. Applicants with completed files will be ranked using the composite score which is derived from their TEAS scores, GPA, and science course grades. A minimum entry-level composite score is required.

Requirements after the Student is Accepted into the Program

Requirements after acceptance to the program are: 1) return acceptance form within two (2) weeks of notification; 2) a physical examination and immunizations (due by assigned date); 3) CPR certification; 4) certification as nurse assistant*; 5) satisfactory background check; 6) evidence of completion of a study-skills course; and 7) negative drug screen. **An unsatisfactory background check and/or positive drug-screening test will negate program admission or result in administrative withdrawal.**

*Certification as nurse assistant criterion:

1. Completion of CNA training program within 2 years of the date of application deadline (February 15); and listed on the Illinois Department of Public Health Registry; or
2. Anyone who successfully completed the CNA course within the last 5 years and who has worked 400 hours within the last year prior to the application (must provide verification of hours worked from Feb 15-Feb 15) and listed on the registry.
3. Certification in other states or other health provider qualifications will be reviewed for compliance with program requirements. Additional coursework or competency testing may be required.

Program at all Four Colleges

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/Olney Central College Associate in Applied Science in Nursing program is offered at all four colleges in the IECC District.

Articulation and Educational Mobility

The IECC/OCC Nursing Program supports the concept of articulation and educational mobility. The IECC/Olney Central College Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree program participates in the statewide articulation initiative. The program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, website at www.idfpr.com, and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing