

ALLIED HEALTH

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (NUR D350)

The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares individuals to apply for the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse. 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 (or comparable licensing authority outside of Illinois).

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.)

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.

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. Persons interested in applying may contact the program advisor at any one of the colleges. 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.

Application Deadline and Requirements

All applicants must attend a nursing information session prior to application submission. At this time, they will be advised to review the Nursing Student Handbook.

Completed applications must be received at the college site by March 1 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 IECC 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. Specifics regarding minimal accepted TEAS scores are available from the

Nursing Program Advisor. 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 Program Acceptance

Requirements after the student is accepted into the program:

1. Return acceptance form within two (2) weeks of notification;
2. Proof of a physical examination and immunizations (due by assigned date);
3. Evidence of CPR certification;
4. Provide certification as nurse assistant, as evidenced by:
 - a. Successful completion of the CNA training program within 2 years of the date of application deadline and listed on the Illinois Department of Public Health Registry; or
 - b. Successful completion of the CNA training program within the last 5 years, proof of 400 hours worked within the last year prior to the application (must provide verification of hours worked from Feb 15 – Feb 15), and listed on the Illinois Department of Public Health Registry.

Nursing Assistant certification in other states, or other patient care positions, will be reviewed for compliance with the program's prerequisite knowledge. Additional coursework or competency testing, including CNA certification, may be required of an individual not meeting criterion a. or b.;

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.