NURSING - REGISTERED NURSE

With their ability to care for patients with any health condition, coordinate the work of complex medical teams, and serve as a primary communication channel for a patient’s family and loved ones, nurses are truly at the forefront of patient health. Elgin Community College has earned a reputation for its outstanding role as a community leader in nursing education and preparation for over 50 years. When you complete ECC’s Nursing Program, you have the opportunity to make a difference in your community every day.

A registered nurse’s career is complex, varied, demanding, and rewarding. Duties include collecting and maintaining accurate patient records, administering medicine and treatments, monitoring medical equipment, assisting with diagnostic tests, coordinating with doctors and other medical professionals, and teaching patients and families how to manage health conditions. A successful nurse possesses substantial medical and clinical knowledge, has excellent communication and organizational abilities, and exhibits compassion and empathy for patients of all ages and types of illnesses. Opportunities for advancement are possible with additional training and education.

Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree, students are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam to become a registered professional nurse (RN).

Study in nursing emphasizes individualized instruction and goes beyond the traditional classroom by utilizing a combination of learning experiences such as simulations, multimedia, small group discussions, and laboratory practice. This approach places greater educational responsibility on the individual student and encourages each student to develop the necessary skills for lifelong learning.

Accreditation
The Nursing Program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and is accredited by:

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
404-975-5000
acenursing.org (http://www.acenursing.org)

Admission Procedures
Applicants must submit the following items to the ECC Records Office:

- ECC application.
- Submit official high school or college transcripts with a copy of an ECC transcript evaluation. (Note: To request a transcript evaluation, go to elgin.edu/evaluation)
- Health professions application. (Note: To obtain a copy of this application, go to elgin.edu/nursing/program-admissions)

Also, applicants must complete the following entrance requirements:

- Score in the 25th percentile or better in each section of the PSB-HOA exam.
- Grade of C or better in BIO 245 Principles of Biology (prerequisite to BIO 245, 246, and 265).
- Grade of C or better in BIO 245 Human Anatomy and Physiology I or equivalent within the last 10 years.
- Grade of C or better in PSY 100 Intro to Psychology or equivalent.
- Grade of C or better in PSY 218 Human Growth and Development or equivalent.
- BIO 246 Human Anatomy and Physiology II or equivalent must be completed with a C or better within the last 10 years prior to entering the Nursing Program or must be taken concurrently with first semester nursing courses. Completion of BIO 246 Human Anatomy and Physiology II is strongly recommended prior to submitting an application.
- BIO 265 Microbiology or equivalent must be completed with a C or better within the last 10 years prior to entering the second semester of the nursing program. Completion of BIO 265 Microbiology is strongly recommended prior to submitting an application.

Note: Psychological Services Bureau-Health Occupations Aptitude Exam (PSB-HOA) testing information may be found at elgin.edu/testing. PSB-HOA scores are valid for two years from the date the test is taken.

Admission to the program is selective. All applicants will be ranked based on the entrance requirements and the most-qualified individuals will be selected for admission to the Nursing Program. Refer to elgin.edu/nursing for a description of the applicant screening process. The deadline for applying to the Nursing Program is January 15 for fall admission and August 15 for spring admission. After this date, applications will only be considered if space is available. Applicants will be notified of their status in March (fall admission) and October (spring admission). New nursing classes begin in August and January.

Preference is given to candidates who are legal residents of Community College District 509 (Elgin Community College). Working in-district does not meet this requirement. Qualified applicants from other districts may be considered if space is available. Go to elgin.edu/jointagreements to learn more.

Program Requirements
Students must complete all required courses with grades of C or better to be eligible to graduate and sit for the NCLEX-RN exam offered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Prior credits in anatomy and physiology and microbiology must have been earned within the last 10 years. Students must provide their own uniforms and transportation to and from all clinical sites.

Policies and Procedures
All students applying to the Nursing Program are strongly encouraged to attend an information session prior to submitting an application (elgin.edu/about-ecc/visiting-campus). Students admitted to the program will be required to attend an orientation session before nursing classes begin. Students who do not attend the mandatory orientation after being admitted will automatically lose their spot in the program.

Students applying to health professions programs must provide a valid Social Security number for a background check. Any student demonstrating a positive background check will be denied admission to any health professions program. A valid Social Security number is also needed to apply for licensing/certification exams.

Prior to the first day of class, students must have the following documentation on file with the CastleBranch requirement tracking system: negative drug test results, completed medical form, proof of
immunizations/titer results, proof of health insurance coverage, and proof of American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for healthcare providers CPR certification.

Health professions students will be required to update their drug test, TB test/TB survey, and flu vaccine information on an annual basis. Any student demonstrating a positive drug test will be dismissed from the Health Professions Division.

The standards, policies, and procedures of the Nursing Program are published in the nursing student handbook. Copies of the current nursing student handbook may be obtained online at elgin.edu/nursing.

### Nursing - Associate of Applied Science

**Course** | **Title** | **Credit Hours**
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**Entrance Requirements**
BIO 110 | Principles of Biology | 4
BIO 245 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4
PSY 100 | Intro to Psychology | 3
PSY 218 | Human Growth and Development | 3
**Total** | | **14**

**First Semester**
BIO 246 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4
BIO 265 | Microbiology | 4
HPE 101 | Socialization into Nursing Program | 1
NUR 142 | Concepts of Nursing Practice I | 8.5
NUR 144 | Concepts of Pharmacology | 1.5
**Total** | | **19**

**Second Semester**
NUR 152 | Concepts of Nursing Practice II | 9.5
ENG 101 | English Composition I | 3
**Total** | | **12.5**

**Third Semester**
NUR 242 | Concepts of Nursing Practice III | 9.5
ENG 102 | English Composition II | 3
**Total** | | **12.5**

**Fourth Semester**
NUR 252 | Concepts of Nursing Practice IV | 9
**Required Liberal Education Course**[^1] | 3
**Total** | | **12**

**Program Total** | | **70**

### Nursing Courses

All NUR courses numbered 100 and above may be applied to the major field and elective requirement for the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees. NUR 105 Basic Nurse Assistant Trng Program may only be counted in the GPA for seven hours.

NUR 142 Concepts of Nursing Practice I (8.5) 6.5,6
This course introduces the student to professional concepts, roles of the nurse, and fundamental concepts of nursing practice. The focus is placed on wellness and health promotion across the lifespan. Critical thinking is introduced in the context of the nursing process as the basis for clinical reasoning in nursing. Development of knowledge, skills and attitudes occurs in the nursing laboratory and community settings within the healthcare environment. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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SPECIAL NOTE: Students enrolled in this program are required to have the following: 1) criminal background check, 2) drug test, 3) physical exam, 4) lab tests to prove immunity to common illnesses, 5) TB test, 6) health insurance, 7) uniform, 8) social security card and 9) Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider CPR certification. The cost associated with these requirements are approximately $450, plus cost for health insurance. Students must attend the first day of class. For more information, please refer to the college catalog or elgin.edu/nursing

In-District Tuition/Fees: $2363 (effective 2019/2020 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: Admission to the Nursing Program. Concurrent enrollment in HPE 101 and NUR 144. Grade of C or better in BIO 246 or concurrent enrollment in BIO 246. Recommended: Grade of C or better in HPE 112

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

NUR 144 Concepts of Pharmacology (1.5) 1,1
This course introduces the student to fundamental concepts of pharmacology as they apply to nursing practice. A foundational knowledge base of nursing pharmacology is acquired in the areas of legal aspects, cultural factors, complementary and alternative medicine principles, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, person education, drug administration, evaluation of drug therapy, and documentation. Application to persons across the lifespan is emphasized. Development of knowledge, skills and attitudes occurs in nursing laboratory settings. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

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SPECIAL NOTE: Students enrolled in this program are required to have the following: 1) criminal background check, 2) drug test, 3) physical exam, 4) lab tests to prove immunity to common illnesses, 5) TB test, 6) health insurance, 7) uniform, 8) social security card and 9) Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider CPR certification. The cost associated with these requirements are approximately $450, plus cost for health insurance. Students must attend the first day of class. For more information, please refer to the college catalog or elgin.edu/nursing

In-District Tuition/Fees: $564 (effective 2019/2020 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: Admission to the Nursing Program. Concurrent enrollment in HPE 101 and NUR 142. Grade of C or better in BIO 246 or concurrent enrollment in BIO 246. Recommended: Grade of C or better in HPE 112

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

[^1]: [link to catalog page](https://catalog.elgin.edu/degree-programs-career-technical/associate-applied-science-degrees-general-education-requirements)
NUR 152 Concepts of Nursing Practice II (9.5)  7,8
This course continues to develop the role of the professional nurse and concepts of nursing practice with application to the care of acutely ill persons with medical and surgical needs across the lifespan. Critical thinking skills and strategies are further developed as the basis for clinical reasoning in nursing as they apply to the concepts. Development of knowledge, skills and attitudes occurs in the nursing laboratory and a variety of clinical settings within the healthcare environment. (1.2)
Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $2670 (effective 2019/2020 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in NUR 142, NUR 144, BIO 246 and BIO 265
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

NUR 242 Concepts of Nursing Practice III (9.5)  7,8
This course further develops the roles of the professional nurse and concepts of nursing practice with application to persons with complicated medical, surgical, and rehabilitation needs across the lifespan. Clinical reasoning skills are emphasized as they apply to concepts with movement toward clinical judgment. Development of knowledge, skills and attitudes occurs in the nursing laboratory and a variety of clinical settings within the healthcare environment. (1.2)
Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $2670 (effective 2019/2020 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in NUR 142, NUR 144 and NUR 152
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

NUR 252 Concepts of Nursing Practice IV (9)  5,12
This course builds on all previous nursing courses to further refine the roles of the professional nurse and concepts of nursing practice with application to persons with complex and chronic conditions, the reproducing family, and mental health illnesses across the lifespan. This course allows the student the opportunity to demonstrate further growth towards the professional behaviors of caring, role competence and clinical judgment. Development of knowledge, skills and attitudes occurs in the nursing laboratory and a variety of clinical settings within the healthcare environment. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $2688 (effective 2019/2020 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in NUR 242
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring