

Frequently Asked Questions Associate Degree Nurse Program

How do I get an application and when do I apply? Applications will be available from the Health Professions Office. The applications will be available in late January or February, a notice will be posted on the EITC website.

What are my chances of getting into the program if I meet the prerequisite requirements? Applicants will be ranked utilizing point criteria. Those with the highest scoring applications will be accepted.

With all the talk of nursing shortages why don't you accept more applicants? EITC is establishing a new program. The teacher-student ratio in a clinical setting is 1 teacher for 10 students. As the program becomes established, more nursing faculty will be hired and enrollment will increase.

What degree will I earn in the ADN program? EITC provides an Associate of Applied Science Degree, AAS. This degree is approved by the Board of Nursing and will allow the student, who successfully completes the program to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam and be licensed as a Professional Nurse/ Registered Nurse (RN).

I have taken courses at other colleges/universities. How will I learn if these courses meet the Eastern Idaho Technical College and ADN program requirements? All official transcripts must be mailed to the registrar's office at EITC for review. The student will be notified if their coursework is adequate.

When will you admit students to the program? The Associate Degree Nursing Program plans to begin enrolling students for Fall 2007.

How many students will be in each class? Ten (10).

What if I am not IV therapy certified? IV therapy is a prerequisite requirement. IV Therapy I and II are offered through the Health Professions Division at EITC. If you have obtained training in IV Therapy through another source besides EITC you must enclose a copy of the completion certificate in your application packet.

How do you make admission decisions? The applicant's will be ranked by points. The top 20 candidates will then come in for a 15-30 minute interview. From those candidates 10 will be accepted in the program.

What if I'm not accepted to the program when I first apply? You must resubmit your entire application during the next enrollment period. There is no waiting list.

How do you calculate "work experience"? You must have a current, unencumbered LPN license and worked in the patient care setting. You must have worked a minimum of 1000 hours in the past 2 years and it must be verifiable by your employer.

What will my schedule look like once nursing courses begin? Will I be able to continue working? Theory courses will be held 1 full day a week. Clinical experience will be scheduled during available preceptor times at various settings throughout the community. We recommend that if at all possible you reduce your working hours to be able to meet the demands of the Nursing Program, but you should still be able to work.

How do I get information about financial aid? Contact Student Services at EITC and the Human Resources personnel where you are currently employed. Visit the following websites for nursing scholarships: <http://www.nursingschools.com/financial-aid/> ; <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/aid.htm> ; <http://www.findtuition.com>

What is the approval and accreditation status of the program? The program is currently working on obtaining provisional approval through the Idaho State Board of Nursing. After graduation of the first round of students we will seek full accreditation status. The program is also seeking accreditation through the National League for Nursing Accreditation.

What grades must I have for my prerequisite courses? For my LPN nursing courses? Prerequisite courses in math and science must have a minimum GPA of 2.0. LPN coursework must have a GPA of 2.5.

Who do I talk to if I have questions regarding the program? You can speak to the RN Program Coordinator, Sheryl Gombert, RN, BSN, MSN, CNM.

How much will the program cost? The program costs will be variable. The current tuition cost is \$79/per credit hour. The nursing program consists of 22 credit hours not including any prerequisites you may have to take. Books will be approximately \$1,000. Uniforms \$30-100 depending upon what you need. There will be incidental costs for travel to clinical sites, lab fees, immunizations, testing, graduation/pinning, criminal background check, NCLEX registration/exam, etc.

What kind of time commitment can I expect the program to involve? One full day a week will be spent in the classroom. Clinical times will vary and students will sign up for time slots that fit their schedule. Students will be expected to study 2 hours or more daily to read material, develop care plans, study for tests and write papers.

Do I need a chicken pox titer? Evidence of immunity is by written documentation of age appropriate vaccination or if you were born in the USA during 1965 or before you are considered immune.