

**Nassau Community College - SUNY Empire State University
Nursing Program**



ROUTES FOR ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Understanding the Nassau Community College – SUNY Empire State University Nursing Program

The Nassau Community College - SUNY Empire State University Multi-Award Nursing Program (NCC - ESU) is a dual-degree, **Multi-Award** program, with the Associate in Science¹ (A.S.) degree awarded by NCC at the completion of the fifth semester. This allows the student to take the National Council Licensure Examination² (NCLEX-RN) and to earn the license of a Registered Professional Nurse (RN), required before entering the sixth semester of the program.

The Multi-Award program requires the completion of 124 credits³ (53 credits of Liberal Arts/ Sciences/ General Education and 71 credits of Professional Nursing Education). The program is designed to be completed in four (4) years of full-time study. This integrated curriculum includes classroom instruction at Nassau Community College, with on-campus laboratory and clinical placements throughout Nassau County. SUNY-Empire State University courses will be delivered using an online platform, with NCC as the home campus throughout the Nursing program.

- 1. *Associate of Science Degree in Nursing will be awarded by NCC after the completion of the required 84 credits (39 Nursing credits and 45 General Education credits).**
- 2. *Nursing Students must PASS the NCLEX-RN Exam to continue into the sixth semester of the program.**
- 3.*Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing awarded by ESU after completion of the required 124 credits.**

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Potential applicants to the Nassau Community College (NCC) - SUNY Empire State University (ESU) Nursing Program should read the following program requirements and guidelines:

- Applicants who have **never** attended college may be required to take the NCC College placement examinations in reading, English, and mathematics, unless exempt by virtue of specific SAT, ACT, or Regents scores (see NCC catalog for specifics of exemption policy). Applicants who test into a developmental course or courses must satisfactorily complete these courses before attempting to apply to the NCC - ESU Nursing Program.
- Acceptance into the Nursing Program will be conditional, pending successful completion of a criminal background check. The student will be responsible for the background check fee.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Federal law and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (8 NYCRR §59.4) limit the issuance of professional licenses, registrations and limited permits to United States citizens or qualified aliens. To comply with Federal law and the Commissioner's regulation, you must complete specific forms for the New York State Office of the Professions indicating your citizenship/immigration status.

Information provided by:
The University of the State of New York
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Office of the Professions
Division of Professional Licensing Services
www.op.nysed.gov

- Accepted nursing students are required to submit to the NCC Student Health Office evidence of a physical examination, which includes antibody titers, history of inoculations, and proof of a current influenza vaccination. Students who submit these documents will receive a “blue slip” of paper from the Student Health Office. Students are required to obtain an annual influenza vaccine and provide proof of compliance, unless medically excused. The Student Health Office clearance must be presented to nursing classroom faculty at the beginning of the first nursing class, and then annually thereafter. *
- Nursing students must be able to independently complete a patient assessment through visualization, auscultation, palpation, and percussion.
- Nursing students must possess physical strength, stamina, as well as both gross and fine motor coordination, in order to provide safe nursing care.
- Nursing students must be alert, possess emotional stability, flexibility, be able to think critically and to problem-solve. Students need to be able to communicate effectively in English.
- Nursing students are required to follow program policies and/or revisions to policies that are distributed to all nursing students at the beginning of each academic year.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- A minimum grade of **C+** must be obtained in each of the required lower division nursing (NUR) courses in order to continue in the nursing program.
- A minimum grade of **C** can be obtained in the required upper division nursing courses (NURS); but an overall **GPA of 3.0 (B)** must be maintained for all core upper division courses in order to remain in the nursing program.
- Nursing students are responsible for purchasing uniforms and equipment required by the NCC-ESU program.
- Nursing students are required to supply their own transportation to and from clinical settings.
- Anatomy & Physiology I (AHS 131), Anatomy & Physiology II (AHS 132), Medical Microbiology (AHS 202) and Pathophysiology (BIO131) courses completed more than ten years prior to admission to the NCC - ESU Nursing program will not be accepted. There is a limit to the number of attempts permitted for AHS 131 (Anatomy and Physiology I).
 - **Applicants will not be considered for admission to the Nursing Program if they have attempted AHS 131 more than twice (including grades below “C” and grades of “W” or “F”), at NCC or elsewhere, in the 10 years preceding admission.**
- Applicants to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program must take the **TEAS** test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and have scores sent to the NCC Office of Admissions (see p. 10 for TEAS information). If the test is taken at NCC, it is not necessary to send scores).

Meeting the minimum requirements for admission to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program is not a guarantee of admission; it means that your application will be considered.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

The NCC - ESU Nursing program is accredited by the following agencies:

- *Associate Degree - Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)*
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 14000, Atlanta, GA 30326
- *Bachelor's Degree - Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*
655 K Street, NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20001

APPLICANTS SEEKING ADMISSION WITH ONLY HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIALS

If you are applying to the Nassau Community College - SUNY Empire State University Nursing Program with only high school credentials because you have never attended college, you must meet the criteria for admission outlined in the “Programs and Admissions Requirements” chart that accompanies both NCC’s online application for admission and the print version of NCC’s application for admission.

These requirements are:

- Average of at least 80 in three years of English
- Average of at least 80 in two years of college preparatory math
- Average of at least 80 in three years of science, including a year of Biology or Living Environment
- Average of at least 80 in English, math and science grades, combined

Meeting these criteria is **not a guarantee** of admission; it means that you will be **considered** for admission.

APPLICANTS WITH PRIOR COLLEGE CREDITS

GENERAL INFORMATION:

TO EARN THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE-SUNY EMPRE STATE UNIVERSITY NURSING DEGREE, AT LEAST 33 LOWER DIVISION CREDITS AND 45 UPPER DIVISION CREDITS THAT APPLY TO THE PROGRAM MUST BE COMPLETED AT NCC AND ESU, RESPECTIVELY.

This section applies to all students who have *ever* attended college, whether at Nassau Community College (i.e., Change of Program applicants) or elsewhere (transfer applicants).

Applicants are considered for admission based on performance in general education/liberal arts courses applicable to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program (see outline on pages 13-15), and on the TEAS exam scores.

IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING ADMISSION SCORING CRITERIA:

- Applicable courses with grades less than “C” will be disregarded.
- Courses that are not a part of the NCC-ESU Nursing Program will be disregarded.
- Anatomy & Physiology I (AHS 131), Anatomy & Physiology II (AHS 132), Medical Microbiology (AHS 202) and Pathophysiology (BIO131) courses completed more than ten years prior to admission to the NCC - ESU Nursing program will not be accepted. There is a limit to the number of attempts permitted for AHS 131 (Anatomy and Physiology I).
- **Applicants will not be considered for admission to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program if they have attempted Anatomy & Physiology I more than twice (including grades below “C” and grades of “W” or “F”), at NCC or elsewhere, in the 10 years preceding admission to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program.**
- The more applicable general education/liberal arts courses an applicant has completed and the higher the grades are in these courses, the greater the chance for acceptance.
- **All** nursing (NUR and NURS) courses are sequential and must be taken in a specific order and with nursing advisement (see pages 13-14).

CHANGE OF PROGRAM APPLICANTS
(Students matriculated in another program at NCC)

Some students entering NCC may wish to complete some or all of the lower division general education/liberal arts courses in the NCC-ESU Nursing Program prior to applying for the program.

- Students generally enroll as Liberal Arts students in the Associate in Arts program (LAAA).
- Students who have already earned an Associate's or Bachelor's degree generally enroll as non-degree students.
- Please contact the Admissions Office concerning your application options.

If you are currently attending NCC as a matriculated student:

Apply directly through the Nursing Department during the application acceptance period only. Please carefully follow directions on the Change of Program to Nursing Application, found within the "Routes for Admission to Nursing" document on the Nursing Department's portion of the NCC website. You may submit your application in person at the Life Sciences Building, room 319, or you can email your application and supporting documents to: nursing@ncc.edu

With this application, you must provide the following:

- Your unofficial NCC transcript
- Unofficial transcripts from all other colleges attended
- TEAS score report (see TEAS information on page 10), showing scores from all 4 TEAS subtests (reading, math, science, English)
- If submitting documents in person, staple them all together.

If the last college you attended was NCC, but you have not attended for 3 semester or more, you must use the Readmit Application.

READMIT to NCC by using the Readmit application on the NCC applications page (click the orange APPLY NOW tab on the NCC homepage), or by visiting the Office of the Registrar and submitting a Readmit application. Follow instructions above for students matriculated in programs other than nursing, including submission of TEAS scores (see TEAS information on page 10).

If you are currently attending NCC as a non-degree student:

- Submit a new application for admission as a degree-seeking student (click the orange APPLY NOW tab on the NCC homepage), specifying Nursing (NUR3 for daytime, NUR4 for evening) as your intended area of study.
- If you have not already done so, have all of your official academic records (including high school, if you do not have a previous college degree) emailed to: admissions@ncc.edu or sent through the mail to: Office of Admissions, Nassau Community College, 1 Education Drive, Garden City, NY 11530.
- If you have not already done so, take the TEAS exam (see TEAS information on page 10).
- Please follow the matriculated instructions above.

TRANSFER APPLICANTS **(Transferring from another college to NCC)**

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You are considered a transfer applicant to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program if you have either:

- Attended college anywhere except NCC or
- Attended NCC in the past, and then attended another college since last attending NCC

Transfer applicants should apply to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program through the Admissions Office by following these steps:

- Complete NCC’s online Degree-Seeking Transfer Admissions application.
- Have official transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended, and an official high school transcript if you have not earned a college degree, emailed to: admissions@ncc.edu or send to:

*Office of Admissions
Nassau Community College
1 Education Drive
Garden City, NY 11530
Fax: 516-572-9743*

To expedite the admissions process all official high school and college transcripts can be emailed to: : admissions@ncc.edu

IMPORTANT NOTE: Courses with grades below “C” are not applicable to the NCC - ESU Nursing program and will not be included for purposes of transfer to the NCC - ESU Nursing Program. There is a limit to the number of attempts allowed for AHS 131 (see page 3).

- Take the **TEAS** test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and have the scores emailed to the address above.
- For more information about the TEAS, see page 10.
- Transfer applicants must submit their applications to the Office of Admissions by a deadline date in March (see deadline in Program Requirements Chart found on Applications for Admission page) for the fall semester and by a deadline date in October (see deadline in Program Requirements Chart found on Applications for Admission page) for the spring semester.

LPN APPLICANTS SEEKING ADVANCED STANDING

The opportunity for Advanced Standing is available only to Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). This route for admission enables an LPN to “challenge” NUR 101(see program outline at end of this brochure) and enter NUR 105, after completing all NCC and ESU courses in Semester I and Semester II, and after completing NUR 100 (a one-credit online course) with a grade of at least C+. By taking advantage of this route, LPN’s bypass the very competitive nature of admission to the whole nursing program, because the LPN curriculum includes the material that comprises NUR 101, the first core nursing course taken by students without any nursing experience, and begin their nursing studies in the second core nursing course, NUR 105.

All applicants for Advanced Standing must first apply to Nassau Community College and be accepted. If you do not have a previous college degree, apply for spring semester admission as a Degree-Seeking student to Liberal Arts-Humanities and Social Sciences. The applications for admission are found on this page: <https://ncc.edu/admissions/>. Have your high school and ALL colleges you have attended email your official transcripts to: admissions@ncc.edu. Transcripts can also be sent through the mail to: Office of Admissions, Nassau Community College, 1 Education Drive, Garden City, NY 11530.

If you do have a previous college degree (either an associate’s degree or bachelor’s degree), apply as a non-degree student (application is located on same web page as Degree-Seeking application). Even though the instructions for non-degree students do not call for official transcripts, Advanced Standing applicants must have all official transcripts (high school and colleges) emailed to: admissions@ncc.edu. Transcripts may also be sent through the mail to: Office of Admissions, Nassau Community College, 1 Education Drive, Garden City, NY 11530. After your complete application has been received by Admissions, you will be notified by the Office of Admissions of your acceptance to NCC.

LPN’s must take the TEAS exam (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and score at least 58.7 (out of 100) on each of the 4 TEAS subtests (reading, math, science, English). For information on taking the TEAS through NCC, contact: TEAS@ncc.edu*

Requests for Advanced Standing are only accepted by the Nursing Department once a year – in April for the following fall semester. For example, Advanced Standing students who have been accepted to NCC for the spring, 2024 semester should scan and email their “packets”(consisting of your LPN license and TEAS scores) to LPNtoRN@ncc.edu during the period from April 22-April 26, 2024, in order to be considered for a seat in NUR 100 for the fall, 2024 semester. The subject of your email should read “Application for NUR 100”, and the email should be sent from your NCC student email account. The Nursing Department will review your credentials and let you know whether you have been accepted for a space in NUR 100.

**If you completed your LPN program at BOCES (East or West), VEEB, or Hunter Business School in the last 18 months with a final average of 90 or above, you do not have to take the TEAS exam.*

THE TEAS TEST - PRE-NURSING TEST

(Test of Essential Academic Skills)

All applicants to the NCC - ESU Nursing program (except current high school seniors are required to take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills), an ATI pre-nursing test:

- For information on taking the TEAS exam through NCC, contact: TEAS@ncc.edu
- Or, you can register for this test at the following website: www.atitesting.com
- New applicants to NCC must submit the results of the TEAS test to the Office of Admissions by the deadline date for submission of nursing applications (see NCC Admissions Application). If you test at NCC, you do not have to send your scores.
- Change of Program applicants must submit their test results to the Nursing Department by the last day for submission of Change of Program applications.
- Scores can be no more than two (2) years old at the deadline date for the semester you are applying to.
- NCC is a testing site for the TEAS test. If you are testing at NCC and already have an NCC student I.D. number, you must supply it at the time of the test. Anyone taking the TEAS without an ID number must immediately contact the Office of Admissions upon receipt of this number, and specify when the test was taken. If you take the test at NCC, you do not have to send us your scores.
- The applicant is responsible for the cost of the examination.
- Information about the examination is available on the ATItesting.com website or email TEAS@ncc.edu
- A practice book for the TEAS test is available for purchase on the ATI website, and in Nassau Community College's bookstore.
- NCC's Office of Continuing Education/Lifelong Learning offers a prep-course for the TEAS examination. Contact the Office of Continuing Education for more information at (516) 572 7472 or email TEAS@ncc.edu.
- Eligibility for admission to the NCC - ESU Nursing Program requires TEAS scores of 58.7% or higher on **EACH** of the following areas: reading, math, science and English (not the composite score). The higher the scores, the greater the chance of admission to the NCC - ESU Nursing Program.

WAITING LIST

There is no Waiting List for admission to the NCC - ESU Nursing Program.

RE-APPLYING

If you were not offered a seat in the NCC - ESU Nursing Program, you are welcome to apply during the next application period by submitting a new application with the required documentation. There is no limit to the number of times you may apply.

If you were previously admitted to the NCC - ESU Nursing Program and chose not to attend, you will have to re-apply and meet the current criteria for admission.

Having been admitted in the past does not guarantee that you will be admitted again, as the applicant pool changes every semester.

FOREIGN CREDENTIALS

If you are submitting high school and/or college records from a school outside the United States, you may be asked to have these records evaluated by an independent agency, such as the World Education Services (WES) in New York City, to determine whether or not you are eligible for admission and whether or not NCC-ESU will be able to award you any transfer credit. All international transfer credit evaluations should be conducted by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). For more information visit naces.org

If you were educated as a nurse outside the United States, you may or may not require further education in order to become an R.N. in the United States. To make this determination, you should obtain an application for the required verification of your credentials from:

The Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)

P.O. Box 8628

Philadelphia, PA 19104-8628

PHONE: (215) 349-8767

FAX: (215) 662-0425

E-MAIL: empire@cgfns.org

WEB: www.cgfns.org

IMPORTANT NOTE: Policy for Semester I students only:

- Students accepted into Semester I of the NCC-ESU Multi Award Nursing Program will be expected to complete all first-semester courses with a grade of “C” or better prior to going on to Semester II.
- These courses are: ENG 101, MAT 102, PSY 203, PHI 110 and HIST 3345. These courses may be taken at NCC, or may have been transferred to NCC from colleges previously attended.
- If a student is unable to satisfactorily complete all first-semester requirements in one semester, one additional semester will be allowed to complete the required courses.
- If all five first-semester courses are not completed by the end of the second attempt, the student will be dismissed from the Nursing Program and will have to reapply during the next application period.

NCC - ESU Nursing Program

Semester I

	<u>Credits</u>	
ENG 101 Composition I or ENG 100 or ENG 108.....	3	NCC
MAT 102 Statistics.....	3	NCC
PSY 203 General Psychology I.....	3	NCC
PHI 110 Bioethics.....	3	NCC
HIST 3345 Modern American History..... <i>Online</i>	4	ESU/NCC
<u>Total</u>	16	

Semester II

NUR 101 Fundamentals of Nursing.....	7	NCC
AHS 131 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4	NCC
PSY 216 Lifespan Human Development.....	3	NCC
ALLH 3030 Contemporary Applications of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice in Healthcare..... <i>Online</i>	4	ESU
<u>Total</u>	18	

Semester III

NUR 105 Comprehensive Nursing Care I.....	8	NCC
AHS 132 Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4	NCC
NURS 3010 Health Assessment..... <i>Online</i>	4	ESU/NCC
<u>Total</u>	16	

Semester IV

NUR 203 Comprehensive Nursing Care II.....	8	NCC
AHS 202 Medical Microbiology	4	NCC
NURS 3015 Pharmacology..... <i>Online</i>	4	ESC/NCC
<u>Total</u>	16	

Semester V

NUR 204 Comprehensive Nursing Care III.....	8	NCC
ENG 102 Composition II or ENG 103 or ENG 109.....	3	NCC
BIO 131 Pathophysiology.....	3	NCC
NUR 3005 Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing..... <i>Online</i>	4	ESC
<u>Total</u>	18	

ASSOCIATE DEGREE EARNED / NCLEX-RN	Credits	84
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Semester VI

NURS 3025 Nursing Research.....	<i>Online</i>	4	ESU
NURS 4005 Health Care Delivery System and Policy.....	<i>Online</i>	4	ESU
NURS 3020 Nursing Informatics.....	<i>Online</i>	4	ESU
SOCI 3010 Aging and Society.....	<i>Online</i>	4	ESU
	<u>Total</u>	16	

Semester VII

			<u>Credits</u>
NURS 4010 Leadership and Management	<i>Online</i>	4	ESU
NURS 3035 Interdisciplinary Respectives in Global Health.....	<i>Online</i>	4	ESU
*NURS 4015 Population and Community Health Nursing (45 Clinical Hours).....	<i>Online w/ Practical</i>	4	ESU/NCC
	<u>Total</u>	12	

Semester VIII

NURS 6010 Professional Role & Ethics.....	<i>Online</i>	3	ESU
*NURS 4020 Baccalaureate Nursing Capstone (90 Clinical Hours).....	<i>Online w/ Practical</i>	5	ESU/NCC
**NURS Elective Professional Learning Evaluation (ACLS & PALS).....	<i>Online</i>	4	
	<u>Total</u>	12	

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE EARNED	Total Credits	124
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* Courses have clinical placement

** Suggested elective if needed; NURS 3040 Foundations of Palliative Care