

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 does not a guarantee 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 never attended college after graduating from high school, you must meet the criteria for admission outlined in the “Programs and Admissions Requirements” chart that can be accessed from the webpage where NCC’s online applications for admission are located (<https://ncc.edu/admissions/>).

These requirements for freshman admission are:

- Average of at least 80 in three years of English
- Average of at least 80 in three years of pre-college math (includes Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or Pre-Calculus)
- Average of at least 80 in three years of science, including a year of Living Environment (Biology), and Chemistry with a laboratory
- Average of at least 80 in English, math and science grades, combined

Meeting these criteria is not a guarantee of acceptance to nursing; it means that you will be considered for a seat in the nursing program.

Those who have not attended college after high school graduation and who are applying with only high school credentials should not take the TEAS exam (Test of Essential Academic Skills).

If you are applying with only high school credentials, you may only apply for admission to the fall semester daytime nursing program. You may not apply for spring admission and you may not apply to the evening program.

If you have taken any college courses while in high school, or if you have taken AP or IB courses and exams, have an official score report emailed to our Office of Admissions, as soon as your grades or scores are available. Have them emailed to: admissions@ncc.edu

If you do not meet the high school requirements for admission referenced above and wish to pursue admission to Nassau’s nursing program, apply to Liberal Arts – Humanities and Social Sciences. In this program, you will be able to take prerequisite courses that might enable you to transfer into nursing in the future.

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, READMITS AND NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

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

- Students generally enroll in the Liberal Arts (A.A.) program. This makes you a matriculated student.
- Students who have already earned an associate's or bachelor's degree generally enroll as non-degree students.
- Please contact the Office of Admissions concerning your application options.

If you are currently attending NCC as a matriculated student (i.e., you have a major) and are ready to apply to nursing:

Apply directly through the Nursing Department during their application acceptance period (contact Nursing at 516.572.9630). Please carefully follow directions on the Change of Program request form, found within the "Routes for Admission to Nursing" document on the Nursing Department's portion of the NCC website. You should email your Change of Program form 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 the last college you attended was NCC, but you have not attended for 3 semesters or more (including summer and winter semesters), you must use the Degree-Seeking Returning student application, found on the NCC applications page (click the orange APPLY NOW tab on the NCC homepage). You must also submit an official score report of your TEAS exam, showing scores for all 4 TEAS subtests to: admissions@ncc.edu. If you take the TEAS at NCC, you do not have to submit your scores, as we receive them automatically.

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

- Submit a new Degree-Seeking application for admission (click the orange APPLY NOW tab on the NCC homepage), specifying NUR3 for daytime or NUR4 for the evening nursing program, as your intended major. You may apply to day or evening.
- 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 by the schools to: admissions@ncc.edu. If a school will not email transcripts, they can be sent 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 (Test of Essential Academic Skills). See TEAS information on page 10.
- If you take the TEAS at NCC, you do not have to send us your scores. If you take it elsewhere, have an official score report, showing scores for all 4 subtests (reading, math, science, English) emailed to: admissions@ncc.edu

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

(Transferring from another college to NCC)

IMPORTANT NOTE: TO EARN THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE – SUNY-EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY 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.

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

- Attended college anywhere other than NCC or
- Attended NCC in the past, and then attended another college since leaving NCC

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

- Complete NCC's online Degree-Seeking application for admission for transfer students. From our homepage (ncc.edu), click on the orange APPLY NOW tab to access the applications page.
- Have official transcripts from ALL PREVIOUS COLLEGES attended, and an official high school transcript if you have not yet earned a college degree, emailed by the schools you attended to: admissions@ncc.edu. If a school will not email a transcript, they should send it through the mail to:

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

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 times that Anatomy & Physiology I (AHS 131) may be taken (see page 3). This restriction applies only to AHS 131. No science course that is a part of the Nursing Program can be more than 10 years old at the application deadline for the program you are applying to. Science courses referred to are: Anatomy & Physiology I (AHS 131), Anatomy & Physiology II (AHS 132), Medical Microbiology (AHS 202), Pathophysiology (BIO 131).

- Take the TEAS exam (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and have an official score report, showing results for all 4 TEAS subtests (reading, math, science, English) emailed to: admissions@ncc.edu. If you take the TEAS at NCC, you do not have to send us the scores. We receive them automatically. To learn about taking the TEAS at NCC, contact: TEAS@ncc.edu
- 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 early March (see deadline in the Program Requirements Chart, found on the Applications for Admissions page) for September admission to Nursing, and by a deadline date early in October (see Admissions Requirements Chart) for January admission to Nursing.

LPN APPLICANTS SEEKING ADVANCED STANDING

The opportunity for Advanced Standing is available only to Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's). This route for admission enables an LPN to "challenge" NUR 101 (see program outline at the end of this brochure) and enter NUR 105, the second nursing course in the program, 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, 2026 admission by the application deadline for spring in January, 2026, as a Degree-Seeking student in the Liberal Arts – Humanities and Social Sciences program. 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. After your complete application has been received by Admissions, you will be notified by the Office of Admissions of your spring, 2026 acceptance to NCC. If you have college credits, after NCC has received your transcripts, contact Admissions (516-572-7346) and ask to have courses that apply to nursing transferred to NCC.

If you do have a previous college degree (either an associate's or bachelor's degree), apply as a Non-Degree student for the spring, 2026 semester (application is located on same web page as the 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 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 spring, 2026 acceptance to NCC. After NCC has received your transcripts, contact Admissions (516-572-7346) and ask to have courses that apply to nursing transferred 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*

Once you have been accepted to Nassau for the spring, 2026 semester, requests for Advanced Standing are only accepted by the Nursing program once a year – in April for the following fall semester. For example, Advanced Standing applicants who have been accepted to NCC for the spring, 2026 semester should scan and email their "packets" (consisting of your LPN license and TEAS scores) to LPNtoRN@ncc.edu during the period from April 20 – April 23, 2026*, in order to be considered for a seat in NUR 100 for the fall, 2026 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 program will review your credentials and let you know whether you have been accepted for a seat 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 and some LPN's – see page 9), are required to take the TEAS, an ATI pre-nursing test.

- For information on taking the TEAS exam through NCC, contact: TEAS@ncc.edu
- You can also register for this test at the following website: www.atitesting.com
- New applicants to NCC must submit the results of the TEAS exam to the Office of Admission by the deadline date for the program to which you are applying. For example, if you are applying to the January, 2026 Nursing Program, all documents must be received by Admissions by October 8, 2025; if you are applying to the September, 2026 Nursing Program, all documents must be received by Admissions by March 4, 2026. If you test at NCC, you do not have to send your scores to Admissions; we receive them automatically.
- Change of Program applicants must submit their test results to the Nursing Department, along with their Change of Program form and college transcript(s), by the same deadline dates. For information on the beginning of the Change of Program process, contact the Nursing Department: (516) 572-9630
- Scores can be no more than 2 years old at the deadline date for the semester you are applying to.
- NCC is a testing site for the TEAS exam. If you are testing at NCC and already have an NCC student ID number, you must supply it at the time of the test. Anyone taking the test without an ID number must immediately contact the Office of Admissions – (516) 572-7346 – 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; we receive them automatically.
- The applicant is responsible for the cost of the examination.
- If you are not happy with your scores and wish to re-take the test or a portion of the test, you will be charged once again for the entire test.
- Information about preparing for the exam is available on the ATItesting.com website, or by emailing: TEAS@ncc.edu. At this email address, you will receive information on free websites where you can learn about preparing for the test.
- A practice book for the TEAS is available for purchase on the ATI website and in the NCC bookstore.
- NCC's Office of Continuing Education/Lifelong Learning offers a prep-course for the TEAS examination. Contact the Office of Continuing Education at: (516) 572-7472.
- Eligibility for admission to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program requires TEAS scores of 58.7 (out of 100) or higher, on EACH of the 4 TEAS subtests: reading, math, science, English. We do not use your composite score in the nursing admissions process. The higher your scores, the greater the chance of admission to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program.
- We will use the scores from the two most recent tests you have taken.

WAIT LIST

There is no Wait 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 again during the next application period by submitting a new application with the required documentation. There is no limit to the number of times that you may apply. If you were previously admitted to the NCC-ESU Nursing Program and chose not to attend, you will have to reapply 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 the NCC-ESU Nursing Program 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) agency. For more information, visit: www.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 a Registered Nurse (R.N.) in the United States. To make this determination, you should obtain an application for the required verification of your credentials from:

TruMerit
3600 Market Street
Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651
PHONE: (215) 222-8454
WEB: trumerit.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
Total	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
Total	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
Total		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
Total		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	
Total		12	

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE EARNED

Total Credits 124

* Courses have clinical placement

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