# RN-BSN Nursing Program

# STUDENT HANDBOOK



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The Handbook is intended to be a reference for students enrolled in the Edison State RN-BSN Nursing Program. Policies and Procedures are subject to change. Notification of changes will be posted electronically.

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Letter of Welcome from the Program Administrator of Nursing

Welcome to the RN-BSN nursing program at Edison State Community College. We are pleased you have

 $chosen\ to\ pursue\ your\ nursing\ education\ with\ us.\ The\ Associate\ Degree\ nursing\ program\ at\ Edison\ has\ a$ 

strong reputation for preparing nurses who are exemplary in their practice and who exhibit strong

professional characteristics, and we plan to continue this tradition in our RN-BSN program. Your

graduation from our RN-BSN program will provide you with additional knowledge and skills to enhance

your current RN role.

The path ahead will be exciting, exhilarating, and challenging. We are committed to your success and

encourage you to connect with your course faculty, advisors, and classmates since a dedicated support

system can make the path from start to finish smoother and more enjoyable. Our faculty members bring a

wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom and are eager to help you develop into a top-notch

nurse.

This handbook provides easy access to the RN-BSN nursing program policies that may affect you during

your time with us. I encourage you to be sure to keep it nearby and become familiar with its contents.

Best wishes for a rewarding experience during your time with us. We are thrilled that you have trusted

Edison State with your education and will be there celebrating with you when you walk across the stage

at commencement!

Sincerely,

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### **Program Overview**

#### Mission

The program is dedicated to advancing the knowledge, skills, and professionalism of registered nurses. It is grounded in the principles of evidence-based practice, leadership, information literacy, diversity, and partnerships across all healthcare disciplines. Our program is dedicated to fostering lifelong learning, promoting a culture of inquiry, and demonstrating excellence in the application of evidence-based nursing practice.

#### **Program Structure and Format**

The program is designed to be completed in 4 semesters including a summer term. Students will begin with NUR 300S, Professional Nursing Concepts and will progress through each of six nursing courses as well as general and technical courses and end with NUR 490S, RN to BSN Capstone. This course can only be taken once all other nursing courses have been successfully completed.

Students are highly encouraged to complete general education courses prior to beginning the RN-BSN courses to lighten their class load while enrolled in the RN-BSN program. Any general education courses that are taken at other college or universities will be reviewed according to the Edison State process for transfer and articulation. Nursing credits from other BSN programs will not be accepted. The nursing courses are designed to be self-paced and flexible but will have assignments due regularly in each course with specific deadlines.

The program will be offered in a seminar model/hybrid format. Students will meet at the beginning of each semester for a 4- to 8-hour on campus seminar with the remaining course instruction being offered online via Blackboard.

#### **Accreditation Status**

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education schools and programs, both post-secondary and higher degree. The Commission has authority and accountability for carrying out the responsibilities inherent in the application of standards and criteria, accreditation processes, and the affairs, management, policy making, and general administration of the ACEN. ACEN is a nationally recognized specialized accrediting agency for all types of nursing programs.

The RN-BSN program has been deemed eligible to participate in the candidacy process. This was effective August 25, 2023.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, Georgia 30326 <a href="https://www.acenursing.org">www.acenursing.org</a>

Note: Upon granting of initial accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, the effective date of initial accreditation is the date on which the nursing program was approved by the ACEN as a candidate program that concluded in the Board of Commissioners granting initial accreditation.

#### Admission Requirements and Process

#### **Minimum Criteria for Application**

To be considered for acceptance into the RN Program, students must meet the following minimum criteria for application:

- 1. Minimum GPA of 2.5 for all college work
- 2. Graduated with an Associate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution
- 3. Graduated from a nationally accredited, pre-licensure nursing program (ACEN or CCNE). This is specific to the nursing program and separate from the accreditation of the school or college.
- 4. Hold an active, unencumbered, U.S. Ohio or Multistate RN license

#### **Criminal Record Background Check**

RN-BSN students are not required to have a criminal background check prior to starting the nursing program. If Ohio and Federal background checks are required to meet the requirements of clinical agencies providing clinical experiences for the capstone course, individual students will be notified of this and asked to complete the background checks prior to beginning NUR 490S. The results will be sent directly to Edison State and any concerns regarding the results will be discussed by the program director with the student. Students who reside outside of Ohio, who engage in clinical experiences outside of Ohio, or who are licensed in any state other than Ohio may be required to have a criminal background check for another state. It is the responsibility of the student to determine the out-of-state requirements that apply to them and coordinate their compliance with those requirements while enrolled in the RN-BSN program.

#### **Drug Screen**

RN-BSN students are not required to have a drug screen prior to starting the nursing program. If a drug screen is required to meet the requirements of clinical agencies providing clinical experiences for the capstone course, individual students will be notified of this and asked to complete the drug screen prior to beginning NUR 490S. The results will be sent directly to Edison State and any concerns regarding the results will be discussed by the program director with the student

#### **Admission Process**

The RN-BSN Program admits students once a year in the fall semester. Enrollment is limited initially to 15 students. If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the limit, the applicants will be placed on a waiting list, sorted by application date and time for the following admission cycle. Applications for program admission will be accepted beginning April 1 and closing one week prior to the start of the fall semester. All students must meet with the Coordinator of Professional and Technical Pathways Advisor prior to submitting their application. Applications will be time stamped at the time of submission, and students who have met all admission requirements, including transcript delivery will receive priority admission.

#### **Application Process**

- 1. Submit final high school transcript or GED results (required for ESCC to confer degree)
- 2. Submit official college transcripts from any colleges and/or vocational schools
- 3. Complete Edison State Community College application for admission
- 4. Schedule an appointment with the Coordinator of Professional and Technical Pathways Advisor, Carin Benning, to discuss your academic and career goals and receive an application code.

- 5. Submit validation of current Ohio RN or Multistate RN license
- 6. Complete online application for RN-BSN Program (Application opens April 1, 2024, and closes August 18, 2024)

#### Curriculum

#### **Program Outcomes**

The program learning outcomes were developed utilizing recognized standards in the nursing profession. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials were reviewed and guided the development of the learning outcomes, along with the Accreditation Commission for Nursing (ACEN) criteria for curriculum. The five learning outcomes reflect both sets of guidelines and ensure the student will graduate with knowledge and skills that reflect current, contemporary nursing practice.

The program learning outcomes, AACN Essentials, and ACEN criteria are as follows: ACEN Criteria

- A. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and/or Social Determinants for Health
- B. Evidence-based Practice, Research, and/or Scholarship
- C. Information Literacy
- D. Interprofessional Collaboration and Delegation
- E. Professional Identity and Scope of Practice

#### **AACN Domains**

- 1 Knowledge
- 2 Person-centered Care
- 3 Population Health
- 4 Scholarship for Nursing Discipline
- 5 Quality and Safety
- 6 Interprofessional Partnership
- 7 Systems-based Practice
- 8 Informatics and Healthcare Technologies
- 9 Professionalism
- 10 Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development

Program	RN to BSN Program Student Learning	ACEN	AACN
Learning	Outcomes	Criteria	Domain
Outcome			
1	Justify the importance of professional nursing in	Е	7, 9, 10
	relation to the nurses' scope of practice including the characteristics of accountability, leadership, and spirit of inquiry.		
2	Support nursing practices with clinical judgement that demonstrate emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion of person-centered care.	A	2, 3
3	Integrates research and current evidence-based practices into nursing judgement to foster advancement in information literacy.	B, C	1, 4, 5
4	Combine standards of practice, effective communication, delegation, and collaboration skills to further improve partnerships across all healthcare disciplines.	D	6, 9
5	Evaluate the impact of technology used to provide safe, efficient, and high-quality care.	B, E	5, 8

#### Curriculum Design

The curriculum plan follows the requirements set forth by the Ohio Department of Higher Education and will include a total of 122 semester hours of study. The current associate degree of nursing program at ESCC includes a total of 65 credit hours (32 hours of general education/related coursework and 33 hours of technical nursing coursework). The RN-BSN program will include an additional 30 hours of general education/related courses and 27 technical nursing hours for a total of 57 credits which will result in a total of 122 credit hours for the baccalaureate degree completion program. Nursing courses in the RN-BSN completion program will not include prerequisites, except for NUR 490S which cannot be taken until all other nursing courses are completed. The plan includes the requirements for the Ohio 36 module and in addition to the nursing technical courses, provides an even distribution of credit hours between general education and basic/related courses.

#### SUMMARY OF CREDIT HOURS FOR RN-BSN DEGREE

Program and Credit Hour Type	Credit Hours Earned
RN-BSN program NUR technical courses	27
RN-BSN program GE and related courses	30
ADN program technical courses	33
ADN program GE and related courses-	32
Total credit hours for BSN degree	122

# NURSING COURSE SEQUENCE for RN-BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM

NUR 300S   4   Focuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include historical and theoretical criteria, ethical, and legal components of professional nursing practice.    NUR 330S   4   Focuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include assessments of the individuals across the lifespan, including cultural awareness, at risk groups, and health promotion.    NUR 360S   Focuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include the impact of quality evidence-based practice, research, and safety initiatives on delivery of care, patient outcomes, and the healthcare system.    NUR 400S Public   Focuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include studying community, public, global nursing.    NUR 430S   Focuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include demonstrating knowledge related to quality improvement, safety and informatics.    NUR 460S   Focuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include demonstrating knowledge skills in concepts related to leadership, teamwork, collaboration, and delegation.    NUR 490S   Focuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include demonstrating knowledge skills in concepts related to leadership, teamwork, collaboration, and delegation.    NUR 490S   Focuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include helping the capstone student integrate and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Compe	Course Title	Credits	Course Description	Program Learning Outcomes
Advanced Assessment Across the Life Span  to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include assessments of the individuals across the lifespan, including cultural awareness, at risk groups, and health promotion.  NUR 360S Information Literacy in Nursing  NUR 360S Information Literacy in Nursing  NUR 400S Public Health Nursing  NUR 400S Public Health Nursing  Tocuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based practice, research, and safety initiatives on delivery of care, patient outcomes, and the healthcare system.  NUR 400S Public Health Nursing  Tocuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include studying community, public, global nursing.  NUR 430S Nursing Informatics  Tocuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include demonstrating knowledge related to quality improvement, safety and informatics.  NUR 460S Leadership in Nursing  Tocuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include demonstrating knowledge skills in concepts related to leadership, teamwork, collaboration, and delegation.  NUR 490S RN to BSN Capstone  Tocuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include helping the capstone student integrate and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include helping the capstone student integrate and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include helping the capstone	· ·	4	to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing.  Competency areas include historical and theoretical criteria, ethical, and legal components of professional	1, 2, 4
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Health Nursing to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include studying community, public, global nursing.  NUR 430S Nursing Informatics  Sursing I	Information Literacy	4	to practice evidence-based, person-centered nursing. Competency areas include the impact of quality evidence-based practice, research, and safety initiatives on delivery of care, patient outcomes, and	3
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# **RN-BSN Completion Curriculum Plan**

First Semester (fall)		
Fall Early Term (8 weeks) Fall Later Term (8 weeks) Half-or- Full Term	NUR 300S Professional Nursing Concepts NUR 330S Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan ENG 122S English Composition II Select two courses from approved elective list	4 credits (Tech) 4 credits (Tech) 3 credits (GE) 6 credits
Total Credit Hours		17
Second Semester (spring)		
Spring Early (8 weeks) Spring Late (8 weeks) Half-or-Full Term	NUR 360S Information Literacy in Nursing NUR 400S Public Health Nursing SOC 121S Introduction to Sociology Select two courses from approved elective list	4 credits (Tech) 4 credits (Tech) 3 credits (GE) 6 credits
Total Credit Hours		17
Third Semester (summer)		
Summer (8 weeks)	NUR 430S Nursing Informatics PSY 227 Lifespan Psychology BIO 140S Basic Nutrition	3 credits (Tech) 3 credits (Related) 3 credits (Related)
	6 credits	
Total Credit Hours		9
Fourth Semester (fall)		
Fall Early (8 weeks) Fall Late (8 weeks) Half-or-Full Term  Total Credit Hours	NUR 460S Leadership in Nursing NUR 490S RN to BSN Capstone PSY 229 Social & Cultural Diversity Select one course from approved elective list	4 credits (Tech) 4 credits (Tech) 3 credits (Related) 3 credits 14

# **Total RN-BSN Completion Program Credit Hours**

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#### **Approved Elective List**

### General Education Courses (select at least 3 courses for a total of 9 credit hours)

ANT 121S	Introduction to Anthropology	3 credit hours
ART 123S	Ancient Art History	3 credit hours
ART 124S	Art History: The Modern Era	3 credit hours
ECO 120S	Fundamentals of Economics	3 credit hours
ECO 121S	Principles of Microeconomics	3 credit hours
ECO 222S	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 credit hours
<b>ENG 123S</b>	Introduction to Literature	3 credit hours
<b>ENG 205S</b>	Great Books	3 credit hours
ENG 221S	American Literature: Pre-colonial-1890	3 credit hours
<b>ENG 222S</b>	American Literature: 1890-Present	3 credit hours
ENG 241S	British Literature: Middle Ages-Restoration	3 credit hours
<b>ENG 242S</b>	British Literature: Romantics-Present	3 credit hours
GEO 121S	Physical Geography	3 credit hours
GEO 123S	Human Geography	3 credit hours
HST 121S	United State History to 1877	3 credit hours
HST 122S	United State History Since 1877	3 credit hours
HST 125S	Western Civilization to 1715	3 credit hours
HST 126S	Western Civilization from 1715	3 credit hours
HST 127S	Greek Civilization	3 credit hours
HST 224S	African American History since 1619	3 credit hours
MUS 120S	Music Appreciation	3 credit hours
MUS 127S	Music as a World Phenomenon	3 credit hours
PLS 121S	American National Government	3 credit hours
PLS 122S	State and Local Government	3 credit hours
THE 121S	Introduction to Theatre	3 credit hours

# Related Courses: (select at least one of the following courses: HUM 121S, PHI 121S, PHI 123S, or REL 121S plus one additional course for a total of 6 credit hours).

HUM 121S	Introduction to Humanities	3 credit hours
PHI 121S	Introduction to Philosophy	3 credit hours
PHI 123S	Introduction to Ethics	3 credit hours
PSY 221S	Abnormal Psychology	3 credit hours
PSY 225S	Child Psychology	3 credit hours
PSY 228S	Human Sexuality	3 credit hours
PSY 230S	Social Psychology	3 credit hours
<b>REL 121S</b>	World Religions	3 credit hours
SOC 224S	Race and Ethnicity	3 credit hours
SOC 225S	Marriage and Family Relations	3 credit hours
SOC 226S	Social Problems	3 credit hours

#### **Academic Policies**

The following are policies of the Edison State Community College RN-BSN Nursing Program. Students in the RN-BSN Nursing Program shall abide by these policies. Nursing Student policies are subject to change, and the Nursing Student Handbook will be revised as needed. Students will be informed of policy changes via individual emails sent through their Edison email account, through their Blackboard course, and reviewed with each class by the course instructor. It is the student's responsibility to know affiliating agency policies.

#### **Grading Policy**

Faculty evaluate students throughout the semester using a variety of methods. A satisfactory grade in the class is designated by a letter grade. A letter grade of "C" or better is passing for all nursing courses.

Evaluation methods may include the following:

- Discussion Boards
- Reflective Journals
- Case Study Reflection Questions
- Papers
- PPT Assignments
- Group Assignments
- Capstone Project
- Textbook Online Learning Activities
- Tests/Quizzes
- Video Submissions

Grades are determined by total course points. There is no rounding of points on individual assignments. A student must achieve 623.5 points to pass the class. Total course points will be rounded to the nearest whole number to determine the students' letter grade in the course. Grade Course Cut-off points are as follows: A = 743.5 B = 679.5 C = 623.5 D = 559.5.

It is expected that students will submit all written assignments on the date designated by the instructor. Grades will be available within one week of submission of the assignment. No changes in grades will be made after this time.

Continuation in and graduation from the RN-BSN Nursing Program is contingent on the student earning a grade of at least a "C" in each Nursing course and maintaining a 2.0 overall GPA at Edison State Community College.

#### FINAL GRADE STANDARD

Grade	Points required
A	743.5 - 800
В	679.5 – 743.4
С	623.5 – 679.4
D	559.5 – 623.4
F	Below 559.5

#### **Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to be present for each campus seminar. This will be an in-person experience and will occur at the beginning of each semester. There will be an additional on campus presentation day in NUR 490S that will occur at the end of the term. It will include 4-8 hours of campus meeting time with the entire cohort and faculty member present. Since the majority of the program is offered online each course will include requirements for online participation. Students are expected to meet these requirements to be successful in each course.

#### Academic Integrity Policy

A student shall adhere to the Student Code of Conduct found in the Edison State Community College Student Handbook, <a href="http://stage.edisonohio.edu/digipub/StudentHandbook/index.html">http://stage.edisonohio.edu/digipub/StudentHandbook/index.html</a>, and to behave in a professional and ethical manner while enrolled in the RN-BSN Nursing Program.

A student is expected to represent Edison State Community College and all affiliated hospitals and clinical settings in a positive manner to others, bringing issues of quality or practice forward to the faculty or Program Administrator of Nursing.

#### **Artificial Intelligence Mixed Policy**

AI May be used in some minor or non-substantive ways. The use of generative AI tools (such as ChatGPT) is permitted in the courses for the following activities:

- Brainstorming and refining your ideas
- Drafting an outline to organize your thoughts
- Checking grammar and style

The use of AI tools is not permitted for the following activities:

- Writing a draft of an assignment
- Writing entire sentences, paragraphs, or papers to complete class assignments

The use of AI tools must be properly documented and cited to stay within college policies on academic honesty. Any assignment that used generative AI unauthorizedly will be reported for academic misconduct. If in doubt about permitted usage, please ask for clarification.

The faculty abides by the college policy on Artificial Intelligence as outlined in the Edison State Community College student handbook.

#### Military Credit Policy

The college policy awarding Military Credit is as follows:

Edison may award credits to veterans for military training and experience. To be considered for credit, please order a copy of your <u>Army/AARTS</u> transcript, or <u>Sailor/Marine/ARTS</u> transcript or <u>Air Force/CCAF</u> transcript, and provide a copy of your DD214 to the Registration and Records office. Credit will be awarded and will appear on your transcript as military credit. There is no charge for posting military credit.

For students interested in entering the RN-BSN nursing program, the Director of Nursing in collaboration with the Nursing faculty will review all military education, training, and service of

applicants for transfer credit. Credit will be awarded to the applicant for military education or skill training that is substantially similar to the curriculum.

#### Retention and Progression Policy

Policies related to nursing progression and/or program completion will be identified in the RN-BSN Nursing Student Handbook which is updated at the beginning of each academic year. Policies related to student progression and/or program completion in place at the time of student entry into the RN-BSN nursing program) will remain in effect for the duration of the student's enrollment in the program unless the student fails to progress for any reason and is readmitted.

This policy clarifies that the program will not implement changes to policies related to student progression and/or program completion for those students who are enrolled in the program at the time the changes are adopted by the program.

To remain and progress in the RN-BSN nursing program, a student shall:

- Be admitted to the RN-BSN nursing program by the Associate Dean of Nursing and EMS
- If a new student has an Edison GPA and it falls below 2.5 (due to taking additional classes) before they start the nursing program, the student will be dropped from the RN-BSN nursing program and will need to reapply to the RN-BSN nursing program once the student's GPA improves to a 2.5 or above.
- Students selected to start the RN-BSN nursing program who decide to withdraw before they begin the program must reapply. (This creates a "waitlist" if they keep withdrawing and asking to be added to the next semester.)
- Comply with college policies on academic standing and graduation requirements.
- Maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA from Edison State Community College.
- Maintain no less than a "C" in each RN-BSN nursing course.
- Students who fail a nursing course may take a nursing course in the next session and retake the withdrawn or failed course the next time it is offered.
- In the case of a failure, the student must notify their advisor to request a new plan of study.
- Students may repeat a specific nursing course only once. Students receiving a grade a less than a "C" in two courses, or in one course twice, are dismissed from the nursing program.
- Demonstrate safe, professional and ethical behavior at all times.
- Maintain an active, unencumbered registered nurse license.
- Maintain Professional Standards of Behavior See Student Conduct in the Edison State Community College Student Handbook and/or in the Edison State Community College Nursing Student Handbook.

A student may be dismissed from the RN-BSN nursing program as a result of noncompliance with any of the above.

A student who needs to withdraw from a RN-BSN nursing course due to an unavoidable/unforeseen circumstance of a serious nature which prevents completion of the course (e.g., automobile accident) and is failing at the time of the withdrawal may petition the Program Administrator of Nursing for an administrative withdrawal. If approved, an administrative withdrawal will not count as a "withdraw failing" for progression consideration.

#### **Student Complaint Process**

If a student finds herself/himself in conflict with a college process or policy—academic or non-academic—or if the student is dissatisfied with the delivery of services provided by a college faculty

or staff member, the student can submit a **Student Complaint Form** to seek resolution. Please read the following guidelines prior to filing a complaint. You can fill out a complaint form located online at <a href="http://www.edisonohio.edu/Student-Complaint-Form-Process/">http://www.edisonohio.edu/Student-Complaint-Form-Process/</a> below or you can pick up a form in the Academic Dean's Office Room 312 or 337.

#### **Academic Complaint Procedures**

If a student has a **classroom-related** problem, the student should follow these guidelines:

- 1. When appropriate, talk directly with the instructor and try to resolve the issue informally.
- 2. If dissatisfied with the outcome, complete all of the appropriate sections of the **Student Complaint Form**. Click "Submit" to email the completed form. The student will be contacted within two business days concerning an appointment with the Academic Dean of Professional & Technical Programs.
- 3. If still dissatisfied, the student can schedule an appointment with the Provost.

#### **Non-Academic Complaint Procedures**

If a student has a problem that is not classroom or academic related with either the college and/or with another student, the student should follow these guidelines:

- 1. When appropriate, attempt to resolve the complaint informally with the person who may be responsible for the dissatisfaction.
- 2. If dissatisfied with the outcome, complete the appropriate sections of the **Student Complaint Form** which is available on the Edison State website. Click "Submit" to email the completed form. The student will be contacted within two business days concerning an appointment with the appropriate supervisor.
- 3. If Steps 1 and 2 do not resolve the complaint, the student can schedule an appointment with the Dean of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs.
- 4. If still dissatisfied, the student can schedule an appointment with the Provost.

Based upon the nature of the complaint, the respective administrator will meet with all parties involved and will issue any decisions/actions in writing.

**NOTE** The basis on which a grade has been awarded may not be challenged under this complaint procedure. (See "Student Academic Grievance Procedure").

Disciplinary matters are kept confidential to the extent required by law.

### **Student Support Services**

#### **Academic Advising Policy**

Edison offers a variety of advising options. Students are directed to the Coordinator of Professional and Technical Pathways Advising in Student Services when they apply to the college for advice on how to begin their journey at Edison. <a href="http://www.edisonohio.edu/Campus-Services-Advising">http://www.edisonohio.edu/Campus-Services-Advising</a>.

Current RN-BSN students will be served by the Coordinator of Professional and Technical Pathways Advising in the Student Affairs Office and the Associate Dean of Nursing and EMS from the Nursing Department. Your advisors will make sure that you take courses in the correct sequence. They will collaborate with you and help keep you on track towards graduation.

The advisor will:

- 1. Indicate to advisees the advisor's office hours.
- 2. Help advisees develop an individualized learning plan and periodically review students'

- individualized learning plans/academic progress and discuss with students any problems.
- 3. Verify program requirements by signing the advisee's class schedule /registration forms.
- 4. Help advisees gain maximum use of the College resources by referring them to individuals who can help with such services as financial aid, student activities, library resources, tutoring, career placements, etc.
- 5. Advise students in long-range career planning.
- 6. Office hours for advisors are posted on Blackboard.

#### **Library Services**

The Edison State Library encourages students, faculty, and staff to explore and utilize their elaborate array of academic resources. The library houses books, periodicals, audiovisual materials, computers with access to the internet along with Edison State Databases and Ohio LINK electronic research databases. Many library resources are available through the website.

#### **Tutoring Services**

Tutoring services are available in the Tutoring Center. These services are provided free of charge. Tutoring is provided by professional and student tutors. You may visit the Tutoring Center to locate the schedule of tutors at <a href="https://www.edisonohio.edu/tutoring-center/">https://www.edisonohio.edu/tutoring-center/</a>. The nursing department also has a faculty member dedicated to tutoring the nursing students.

#### Accessibility Services for Students with Disabilities

The College will provide reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Any student who feels that he or she may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact Marissa Hill privately with a Self-Identification Letter to discuss specific needs. If a student does not have a Self-Identification Letter, the student should contact the Coordinator of Accessibility and Disability Services, Marissa Hill, at 937-381-1548 in room 105-F or <a href="mailto:mteneyuque@edisonohio.edu">mteneyuque@edisonohio.edu</a>. For additional information, visit the Accessibility and Disability Support Services website. All requests for accommodations must be renewed each semester.

### Financial Information

#### **Tuition and Fees**

Approximate costs for RN-BSN Program

Fee	RN Students
Books (approximate for nursing courses only)	\$450
Tuition and lab fees (includes all coursework)	\$11,500.00
TOTAL	\$11,950.00

<sup>\*</sup>Please make sure you keep your payments and fines/fees paid. This is essential for continuance in the RN-BSN nursing program.

# **Technology Requirements**

#### **Computer Requirements**

All course resources will be accessed electronically via the Blackboard Learning Management System, digital book products, or library databases. For this reason students will need access to either a laptop or desktop computer. Computers are available on campus for student use should they not have a personal computer.

#### Learning Management System

Blackboard is the Learning Management System (LMS) used at Edison State Community College for the delivery of web-enhanced, web-flex, and online content. This can be accessed from the college website. Each student will have a unique login to access their course content. Blackboard has a tutorial built into the platform for students to get familiar with the LMS. The Edison State website has a FAQ section specifically for Bb and an IT Help Desk for additional questions or support.

# **Graduation Requirements**

#### Completion of All Required Courses and Capstone Project Hours

In order to qualify for graduation, a student must complete all required coursework for the RN-BSN degree. Students must achieve a grade of "C" or better in all nursing courses, maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA at the college, and complete all required capstone hours for NUR 490S.