1. Hello and thank you for your interest in Everett Community College’s nursing program.

2. During this presentation, we will touch on the skills and qualifications needed to become a nurse. A little bit on the history of our program, the prerequisites, admissions process, and immunizations needed for acceptance into Everett’s nursing program and also, how and why you should continue on for your Bachelor’s degree.

3. Everett’s Nursing Program was originally established in the 1940’s as a licensed practical nursing program (LPN) and then converted to a registered nursing program (RN) in the 1960’s and is now one of the longest continuous running and largest associate degree in nursing programs in Washington. We are approved by the State of Washington and accredited by ACEN, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. We use a contemporary approach to nursing education, using smart board and cutting edge technology in our classrooms and labs, located in our new Health Sciences Building, Liberty Hall. We graduate up to 40 students per quarter and more than 85% of our students pass the national licensure exam the NCLEX on their first try.

4. Here is one of our labs equipped with simulation mannequins that can be programed for many different health-related scenarios which students then use for training and skills practice.

5. And here is one of the many touchdown areas for our students to use for studying or relaxing in between classes.

6. The essential skills necessary to acquire and demonstrate competence in a discipline as complex as nursing, and needed for successful admission and continuance in the Everett Community College Nursing Program, include these listed items.

   Nursing is a strenuous profession. The ability to bend, stretch, reach, and lift heavy objects, along with grasping small instruments or giving injections, are activates commonly expected of nurses. If you have conditions or injuries that limit your mobility, manual dexterity, hearing or vision, the profession of nursing may be a challenge for you.

   During physical examinations, a nursing student will need to use their senses of
sight, hearing, smell and touch, along with non-verbal communication to make an accurate assessment.

Communication skills are a must for anyone thinking of entering any health care profession. Working with other students, staff, faculty, clients and other professionals, you will need to recognize, acknowledge, and respond to non-verbal communications, along with exhibiting and awareness of social and cultural differences. If English is not your first language and you are not comfortable speaking or writing in English, you may want brush up with an EXL class or contact the Bridges Center located in Rainier Hall, room 112, or call the Center at 425-259-8789. They help non-native English speaking students that are interested in healthcare careers.

You will also be called on to quickly read and comprehend extensive written material, and then apply this information while engaging in critical thinking in the classroom and clinical setting.

A nursing student should have the emotional stability to function effectively under stress and to adapt to an environment that may change rapidly without warning and in unpredictable ways. Feeling empathy towards situations and circumstances of others and effectively communicating that empathy is a highly useful and necessary skill for anyone considering a nursing profession.

If you question your ability in any of these areas, we strongly suggest taking another look at whether nursing is a good fit for you. For a more in-depth list of these skills along with disability accommodations, please read the “Essential Qualifications” document found on the nursing’s web page.

7. There are eight core prerequisite classes for the nursing program, and two of these classes have their own prerequisites. Depending on your pre-college course work and testing, you may also need to take preparatory math or English classes before beginning your nursing prerequisites. In order to graduate from EvCC, all students must take a diversity class. Any class with a Capital D in its title will work, but we suggest Anth& 206D, as it also completes a prerequisite requirement. Please note that the communications class must be interpersonal communications, not intercultural communications or public speaking.
8. Starting Winter 2015, all students wishing to apply to Everett’s nursing program must complete the new “Nursing Pre-Application Class.” This is a non-credit class and the fee for it will replace the one associated with the part-one application, which will no longer be used beginning with Winter quarter of 2015.

Only one application will be used and turned in when a student is ready to compete for admission into the nursing program. There is a link for this new application included in the class, and also one located on the nursing web page.

If you had previously turned in a part-one application and paid the filing fee, your cost for the class will be waived, but you must still take the class. While enrolled in the class, students will request an official credit evaluation for any transcripts they may have from other colleges. This evaluation can take about 8 weeks, so this class must be taken no later than the quarter before the deadline date for the application period they wish to compete for.

This is a permission required class and its prerequisite is turning in official unopened copies of transcripts to the Health Professions Service Center in Liberty Hall, room 251. If all prerequisite classes were completed at EvCC, there is no need to turn in official transcripts, but a permission code is still needed to enroll in the class. This class is mandatory for anyone wishing admittance into Everett’s nursing program, and if not finished before the deadline date they wish to compete for, will block a student from being considered for that application period.

9. Applying to EvCC and getting your student number is easy and done online through the student kiosk on Everett’s website. Once you have a student number and have watched this online information session, you can meet with an adviser one-on-one by checking the dates and times listed on the nursing page under advising. You must have a student number to meet with an adviser, as they use your student number to record the advising notes in your degree audit account.

All of the prerequisite courses must be completed with at least a 2.0 grade average. The four biology courses need to have a cumulative GPA of 2.85. All of the biology courses must be completed prior to the deadline of the quarter you wish to apply for. Any of the non-science courses can be outstanding at the deadline date, but would need to be completed with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA the quarter before starting the nursing program.
When you have decided on which quarter you would like to be considered for, you will need to turn in your application starting around 30 days prior to the deadline date for that quarter. At this time, you should also start your background check and create a Complio account through American Databank. Your Complio account is used to upload your immunization records and other required documents. Your background check and Complio account must be finished and compliant in all categories by the deadline date and time to be considered for that quarter.

10. Here are the links for American DataBank, so at the appropriate time you can create your online immunization and criminal background accounts, and also for Summit America if you do not have personal insurance coverage.

11. The clinical passport, shown as the immunization guide on the nursing web page, is a list of all the immunizations and other documents needed in order to be considered for the program. Please pay close attention to the timeframe for completions of the different immunizations, especially the two-step Tuberculosis Skin Test and the Hepatitis B series, which takes up to eight months to finish. Your Complio account is active for one year, and your background check is valid for six months. This is why we suggest that you not start either until about one month before the deadline date, so if you are not accepted into the program on your first try, the background check would not be expired for the next application deadline.

12. Don’t look like Mr. Bones after the first quarter of the nursing program. You need to plan ahead for this rigorous program as it will tax you physically, emotionally, socially and financially. We strongly suggest you do not work while in the program. Also, make friends and family aware of the demands on your time and attention that nursing school requires.

13. After completing either a two year associate degree in nursing program, or a four-year bachelors program, you must take and pass the national licensure test, called the NCLEX. As we stated earlier, more than 85% of EvCC students pass this test on their first attempt.

14. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is increasingly becoming more important and a necessary thing to have. Some hospitals and healthcare facilities now require that newly hired nursing staff sign a contract that within 3-5 years they will acquire a BSN. Many others hire only BSN prepared nurses. Here at EvCC we have a fantastic opportunity for our students to get their BSN from the University of Washington Bothell, right on our campus. You attend University of Washington Bothell classes
one day a week on our campus for one year, and then receive a bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington Bothell. What could be simpler? This way you can work as a nurse and work on your degree at the same time.

15. Whatever BSN program you consider, make sure to carefully check the prerequisites, as they do differ from program to program. An advisor from the University of Washington Bothell is on our campus most Tuesdays. Call the Everett University Center here on campus for more details at 425-405-1600.

16. We are anticipating several important changes in our program prerequisites and admissions process in the future. These changes may take place as early as Fall 2015 and include an online application process, a different entrance exam switching from the TEAS test to the PAX test, a point system for admission acceptance, and a new associate in Nursing direct transfer agreement with other colleges in the state that will change some of the prerequisites for the program. So check the nursing web page frequently for new updates.

17. Everett Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious belief, sex, marital status sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national or ethnic origin, disability, genetic information, veteran status or age.

18. We’ve reached the end of our presentation, but we wanted to make sure you keep these keep points in mind when thing about, or starting the application process to our nursing program. If you have any further questions you can call the Health Professions Service Center at 425-388-9461, and we hope to see you on campus soon.