



Practical Nursing Program Information and Application Packet

The UACCB Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, University Tower Bldg., 1123 South University, Suite 800, Little Rock, AR 72204-1619, 501-686-2700. The 11-month program prepares graduates for the NCLEX PN licensure exam and entry level competency as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). The 11-month technical certificate program combines classroom and clinical practicum instruction. Eligible students enter the program each August following an application and selection process.

The curriculum is comprised of 17 general education credits and 36 practical nursing credits. Students who successfully complete the program with a grade of C or higher in all course work earn a Technical Certificate. Graduates who meet Arkansas State Board of Nursing requirements are eligible to apply for the National Council of Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Only those applicants who meet ALL admission selection criteria will be considered for admission. Applications and pre-admission testing information and dates are available at the Division of Nursing and Allied Health offices or the UACCB website: <http://www.uaccb.edu/index.php?id=44>. **Please call 870-612-2071 to schedule a HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam date.** HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam information is available at the NAH Reception desk.

Applications accepted:	March 15 - May 1
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PLEASE NOTE:

*Any applicant seeking transfer credit for pre-requisite courses must submit official transcript(s) to the Enrollment Center in a timely manner. Applicants who are lacking official transfer credit for pre-requisite courses may not enter the program.

*Applicants to the PN program should be aware that potential bars for licensure are set forth by ACA §17-87-312.

Acceptance in and completion of a nursing program does not guarantee the ASBN will grant approval to take the licensure examination. A copy of this act may be found at www.arsbn.org in the Nurse Practice Act

Practical Nursing Program admission eligibility criteria:

- Admitted to UACCB (UACCB Admissions Office)
- Cumulative college Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale
- Score of 65% or higher on HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam
- Grade of "C" or better on all pre-requisite courses*
- Science courses must have been completed within a five-year period prior to program application.
- No more than eight credit hours of pre-requisite courses to be completed during the summer session preceding the start of the nursing program unless approval by administration
- Letter of good standing for applicants who have previously attended a PN program

*** Official transcripts for all pre-requisite courses taken at other colleges must be submitted to the Admissions Office for transfer credit evaluation**

All eligible applicants will be scored based upon the weighed point system. (see next page)

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University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville

Practical Nursing Technical Certificate Program

Admission Process

Eligible Applicants

- Admitted to UACCB (UACCB Admissions Office)
- Completed PN ONLINE Nursing Application (Application period: **March 15 – May 1**)
- Cumulative college Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale
- Score of 65% or higher on HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam
- Science courses must have been completed within a five-year period prior to program application
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All eligible applicants will be scored based upon the following weighted point system.

Weighted Point System	
Item	Points
a. Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology ¹ within five years of starting Nursing core courses (C = 50 Points, B = 75 Points, A = 100 Points)	
b. Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology ¹ Lab within five years of starting Nursing core courses (C = 50 Points, B = 75 Points, A = 100 Points)	
c. CNA licensure ² (50 Points) or Health Skills (7 credit hours) (100 points)	
d. Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.00 for all college coursework (50 Points)	
e. Unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.00 for all college coursework. (50 Points) ³	
f. HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam (Points = Score) (up to 100 points)	
g. HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam Science Score (Points = Score x 2) (up to 200 points)	
h. HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam Reading Comprehension (Points = Score) (up to 100 points)	
Maximum Points Available = 800	Total

¹ BIO 2003/2001 Anatomy and Physiology I with lab AND BIO 2013/2011 Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab may be substituted for BIO 1013/1011 Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology with Lab (The lecture and lab grades will be averaged, multiplied by 25, and rounded to the nearest whole number to determine points for this option. Example: A&P I Lecture grade of “A” and A&P II Lecture grade of “B” would generate $4.0 + 3.0 / 2 = 3.5$, $3.5 \times 25 = 87.5$, round up to equal 88 points. This would be the point total for Item “a.” The same logic applies to Item “b.”)

² Applicants who possess a current Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license may be exempted from NAH 1507 Health Skills.

³ Items “d” and “e” combined equal a total of 100 possible points.

Applicants with the highest point totals are admitted first. If there is a tie among point totals prior to reaching program capacity, the following formula will be used to determine selection: **(Cumulative score on HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam) + (Overall GPA x 25)**

PN PROGRAM INFORMATION

Practical Nursing Technical Certificate Degree Plan

Pre-requisite general education courses	Practical Nursing courses
BIO 1013 Essential of Anatomy & Physiology ¹ BIO 1011 Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology Lab ¹ NAH 1507 Health Skills ² ENG 1103 English Composition I MTH 0003 Beginning Algebra (or higher-level Math course)	PNG 1110 PN Theory I PNG 1105 PN Practicum I PNG 1210 PN Theory II PNG 1205 PN Practicum II PNG 1304 PN Theory III PNG 1302 PN Practicum III

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²Applicants who possess a current Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license may be exempted from NAH 1507 Health Skills.

ESTIMATED Program expenses	PNG 1110 & 1105 Fall Semester	PNG 1210 & 1205 Spring Semester	PNG 1304 & 1302 Summer Semester
Tuition and Fees ³			
In-district	\$1537.50	\$1537.50	\$624.00
Out-of-district	\$1740.00	\$1740.00	\$705.00
Additional required expenses			
General nursing fee	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Uniforms & Program Insignia ⁴	\$260.00		
Accessories (stethoscope, watch, scissors) ⁴	\$60.00		
Criminal background check	\$51.00		
Licensure Fees & CBC			\$330.00
Textbooks ⁵	www.uaccb.edu		
In-district TOTAL	\$2308.50	\$1937.50	\$1354.00
Out-of-district TOTAL	\$2511.00	\$2140.00	\$1435.00

³Estimated expenses for the nursing major courses only. Cost for pre-requisite and co-requisite general education courses not included.

⁴Uniform, program insignia, accessories, and certified background check are a one-time expense incurred during the semester of program entry.

⁵Textbook purchase price is not included in the estimated program expenses.

Program Approval
Arkansas State Board of Nursing 1123 South University, Suite 800 Little Rock, AR 72204-1619 Phone: (501) 686-2700 <i>Continuing Accreditation through June 2023</i>

Program retention and NCLEX PN pass rates			
Graduate Year	Percent of students completing PN program	Percent of students passing NCLEX PN licensure exam	
		1 st attempt	All attempts
2019	70 %	84.2%	100%
2018 (ASBN 2019 Data)	55.5%	87.5%	100%
2017 (ASBN 2018 Data)	52%	100%	100%

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Potential Bars for Licensure as a Nurse

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN) requires a criminal background check for all graduates applying for licensure. Graduating from a nursing program does not assure ASBN approval to take the licensure examination. Eligibility to take licensure examination is dependent on meeting requirements set forth by the ASBN Nurse Practice Act and Rules. Anyone who has pleaded guilty, nolo contendere or found guilty of any of the offenses stated in ACA §17-87-312 (listed below) may be ineligible to obtain or hold a nursing license in Arkansas. Additional information is available at

<http://www.arsbn.arkansas.gov/lawsRules/Pages/nursePracticeAct.aspx>

17-87-312. Criminal background checks.

(a) (1) Each first-time applicant for a license issued by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and national criminal background check, to be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(2) At the time a person applies to an Arkansas nursing educational program, the program shall notify the applicant in writing of the provisions and requirements of this section.

(b) The check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(c) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the board and shall be responsible to the Department of Arkansas State Police for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

(d) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the board all information obtained concerning the applicant in the commission of any offense listed in subsection (e) of this section.

(e) Except as provided in subdivision (l)(1) of this section, a person shall not be eligible to receive or hold a license issued by the board if that person has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to or has been found guilty of any of the following offenses by a court in the State of Arkansas or of any similar offense by a court in another state or of any similar offense by a federal court:

(1) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;

(2) Murder in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-10-102 and murder in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-10-103;

(3) Manslaughter as prohibited in § 5-10-104;

(4) Negligent homicide as prohibited in § 5-10-105;

(5) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;

(6) False imprisonment in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-11-103;

(7) Permanent detention or restraint as prohibited in § 5-11-106;

(8) Robbery as prohibited in § 5-12-102;

(9) Aggravated robbery as prohibited in § 5-12-103;

(10) Battery in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-201;

(11) Aggravated assault as prohibited in § 5-13-204;

(12) Introduction of a controlled substance into the body of another person as prohibited in § 5-13-210;

(13) Aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer or an employee of a correctional facility, § 5-13-211, if a Class Y felony;

(14) Terroristic threatening in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-301;

(15) Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103; NURSE PRACTICE ACT 24

(16) Sexual indecency with a child as prohibited in § 5-14-110;

(17) Sexual extortion, § 5-14-113;

(18) Sexual assault in the first degree, second degree, third degree, and fourth degree as prohibited in §§ 5-14-124 -- 5-14-127;

(19) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;

(20) Felony offenses against the family as prohibited in §§ 5-26-303 -- 5-26-306;

(21) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201;

(22) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-205 and endangering the welfare of a minor in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-27-206;

(23) Permitting abuse of a minor as prohibited in § 5-27-221(a);

- (24) Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print media, transportation of minors for prohibited sexual conduct, pandering or possessing visual or print medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, or use of a child or consent to use of a child in a sexual performance by producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child as prohibited in §§ 5-27-303 -- 5-27-305, 5-27-402, and 5-27-403;
 - (25) Computer child pornography as prohibited in § 5-27-603;
 - (26) Computer exploitation of a child in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-605;
 - (27) Felony adult abuse as prohibited in § 5-28-103;
 - (28) Felony theft of property as prohibited in § 5-36-103;
 - (29) Felony theft by receiving as prohibited in § 5-36-106;
 - (30) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301;
 - (31) Burglary as prohibited in § 5-39-201;
 - (32) Felony violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, §§ 5-64-101 -- 5-64-510, as prohibited in the former § 5-64-401 and §§ 5-64-419 -- 5-64-442;
 - (33) Promotion of prostitution in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-70-104;
 - (34) Stalking as prohibited in § 5-71-229; and
 - (35) Criminal attempt, criminal complicity, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy as prohibited in §§ 5-3-201, 5-3-202, 5-3-301, and 5-3-401, to commit any of the offenses listed in this subsection.
- (f) (1) (A) The board may issue a nonrenewable temporary permit for licensure to a first-time applicant pending the results of the criminal background check.
- (B) The permit shall be valid for no more than six (6) months.
- (2) Except as provided in subdivision (l)(1) of this section, upon receipt of information from the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police that the person holding the letter of provisional licensure has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of, any offense listed in subsection (e) of this section, the board shall immediately revoke the provisional license. NURSE PRACTICE ACT 25
- (g) (1) The provisions of subsection (e) and subdivision (f)(2) of this section may be waived by the board upon the request of:
- (A) An affected applicant for licensure;
 - (B) The person holding a license subject to revocation.
- (2) Circumstances for which a waiver may be granted shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (A) The age at which the crime was committed;
 - (B) The circumstances surrounding the crime;
 - (C) The length of time since the crime;
 - (D) Subsequent work history;
 - (E) Employment references;
 - (F) Character references; and
 - (G) Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the public.
- (h) (1) Any information received by the board from the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police pursuant to this section shall not be available for examination except by:
- (A) The affected applicant for licensure or his or her authorized representative; or
 - (B) The person whose license is subject to revocation or his or her authorized representative.
- (2) No record, file, or document shall be removed from the custody of the Department of Arkansas State Police.
- (i) Any information made available to the affected applicant for licensure or the person whose license is subject to revocation shall be information pertaining to that person only.
- (j) Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this section shall not extend to any document created for purposes other than this background check.
- (k) The board shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this section.
- (l) (1) For purposes of this section, an expunged record of a conviction or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to an offense listed in subsection (e) of this section shall not be considered a conviction, guilty plea, or nolo contendere plea to the offense unless the offense is also listed in subdivision (l)(2) of this section.
- (2) Because of the serious nature of the offenses and the close relationship to the type of work that is to be performed, the following shall result in permanent disqualification:
- (A) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;
 - (B) Murder in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-10-102 and murder in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-10-103;
 - (C) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;
 - (D) Aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer or an employee of a correctional facility, § 5-13-211, if a Class Y felony; NURSE PRACTICE ACT 26 (E) Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103;
 - (F) Sexual extortion, § 5-14-113;

- (G) Sexual assault in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-14-124 and sexual assault in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-14-125;
- (H) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;
- (I) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201;
- (J) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-205;
- (K) Adult abuse that constitutes a felony as prohibited in § 5-28-103; and
- (L) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301. History Acts 1999, No. 1208, § 4; 2001, No. 303, §§ 2-4; 2003, No. 103, §§ 1, 2; 2003, No. 1087, § 15; 2003, No. 1386, § 1; 2003, No. 1449, § 1; 2005, No. 1923, § 2; 2011, No. 570, § 121; 2013, No. 302, § 1; 2015, No. 1047, § 1; 2017, No. 367, §§ 17, 18; 2017, No. 492, § 1; 2017, No. 664, §§ 11, 12.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Required Physical and Mental Abilities:

The delivery of nursing care is both physically and mentally demanding. Students preparing to enter a UACCB nursing program are required to be physically and mentally capable of completing the clinical and theory requirements. At a minimum, the following mental and physical abilities will be required throughout the nursing program. These same abilities will likely also be needed throughout a nursing career.

The following mental and physical abilities are required in the nursing program:

1. Work in a standing position and walk for long periods of time.
2. Lift and transfer patients up to 6 inches from a stooped position, then push or pull weight up to 3 feet.
3. Lift and transfer patients from a stooped to an upright position to accomplish bed-to-chair and chair-to-bed transfers.
4. Apply up to 10 pounds of pressure to bleeding sites and in performing CPR.
5. Respond and react immediately to auditory instruction, request, and/or monitor equipment, perform auscultation without auditory impairment.
6. Perform up to twelve hours in a clinical laboratory setting.
7. Perform close and distance visual activities involving objects, people, and paperwork, as well as discriminate depth and color perception.
8. Discriminate between sharp/dull and hot/cold when using hands.
9. Perform mathematical calculations for medication preparation/administration.
10. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, using appropriate grammar and vocabulary and penmanship with classmates, faculty, and members of the community.
11. React appropriately under stressful situations.
12. Demonstrate evidence of critical thinking in various settings.
13. Demonstrate gross and fine motor dexterity.
14. Participate effectively in group activities.