UACCM PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM  
Morrilton & Clinton Campuses  
ADMISSION PROCESS, APPLICATION PACKET & FAQ’s

Admission Process

Admission into the UACCM Practical Nursing (PN) Program is a competitive process. A class of 24 students begins each Spring (January) and Summer (May Intersession) at Morrilton. A class of 8 begins each Spring (January) at Clinton. There are a number of steps which must be completed before a student can be considered for the PN program.

1. Students attempting to enter the PN program must be admitted to the college by March 1 for the Summer class and October 1 for the Spring class.

2. Steps for application to the nursing program:

   (1) Complete the Application for Admission to the Nursing Program and return it to the Division of Health Professions and Natural Sciences Office (Kirk Building, Suite 100 [KB 100]).

   (2) Request an entrance exam date from the Administrative Specialist in KB 100. In order to be eligible to take the exam, students must be eligible and have met all entrance requirements – see Section 3 below. Once eligibility for the program is verified, students must pay for the entrance exam before getting a test date/time.

   (3) Placement test scores must be submitted to the Division of Health Professions and Natural Sciences office (Kirk Building, Suite 100) after the test is completed. Placement scores are determined by the results of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The TEAS must be taken at UACCM. The TEAS will be offered prior to the application deadline. Students will only be allowed to take the TEAS one time per application period. Previous TEAS scores from UACCM taken within the last three years may be considered. In order for a previous score to be used to determine eligibility, the student must submit a copy of the exam results with the nursing application.

   Due to the limited seats and test dates available, students who have applied to the UACCM nursing program will be given priority to the available test appointments. Students applying to other programs and schools may be scheduled to take the TEAS if seats are available.

3. Students must:

   A. Complete the following prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or higher prior to beginning the PN program: BIOL 2004 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, BIOL 2014 Human Anatomy and Physiology II, and NUTR 1503 Nutrition. Students may be enrolled in the prerequisite courses at the time of application to the PN program.

   B. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing in order to be accepted into the Practical Nursing program.
C. Students who score below these placement scores must complete any remedial courses prior to entering the nursing program:

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19 – ACT English 80 – COMPASS Writing
19 – ACT Reading 83 – COMPASS Reading
17 – ACT Mathematics 27 – COMPASS Alg.

Remedial Courses that may be required are:

- ACAD 0303 Basic Composition
- MATH 0803 Basic Alg. or Math 1333 App. Business Math
- ACAD 0213 Reading

4. Students who have been suspended from UACCM for the possession or use of controlled substances, illicit drugs, the unlawful possession and use of alcohol will be ineligible to make application to the Practical Nursing program.

5. Students must submit a Practical Nursing Program Application by March 1 (Morrilton ONLY) for the Summer semester or October 1 (Clinton and Morrilton) for the Spring semester. If the deadline to submit the application is on a Saturday, Sunday and/or Holiday for which the campus is closed, the deadline will be the next business day in which the campus is open.

6. Students who are selected for admission into the PN program must submit to the Division of Health Professions and Natural Sciences office current proof of tuberculosis screening and/or tuberculosis prevention. A mandatory orientation will be held at which time a background check will be initiated; this check must be completed with a satisfactory results. During the first semester, American Heart Healthcare Provider CPR will be taught. Students will be conditionally admitted to the PN program for up to two weeks, pending submittal of all documentation as required. Students failing to submit the required documentation within the prescribed time frame will be removed from the program.

7. Students from Van Buren County and surrounding areas (within a 40 mile radius of Clinton) will be given priority status to the Clinton Campus. If there are not enough students in the Van Buren County area to complete the class of eight meeting the program requirements, students applying to the Morrilton Campus will be given an option to study nursing at the Clinton Campus.

8. Students who are selected for admission into the PN program but decline the position must reapply to the program at the next admission time and compete for readmission.

9. Students who are not selected as a candidate to the Practical Nursing program must submit a new application packet each semester they wish to be considered for admission to the program.

Selection of Candidates

The Practical Nursing Selection Committee is responsible for selecting the best-qualified applicants for admission to the PN program. A Practical Nurse Selection Rating Form will be used to assign points to each applicant according to the TEAS exam and education points. **Students must score a minimum of 275 points in order to be eligible for the program.** The Practical Nursing Selection Rating Form will be used to tabulate the points for each applicant. After the tabulation of points, the applicants will be ranked from highest to lowest. Students will be selected for admission into the program based upon the number of points received from the selection criteria. In the event of a tie, the students with the same score will be ranked according to the TEAS total points.
UACCM is committed to the elimination of all discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or handicap. The College seeks to comply with all federal, state, and local statutes and regulations, including those that promote equal protection and equal opportunities for students, employees, and applicants.

**Background Checks Upon Admission**

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’s approval to take the licensure examination. Eligibility to take the licensure examination is dependent on meeting standards in the ASBN Nurse Practice Act and Rules. The student will be required to sign a statement, before beginning the nursing program, that states the student has read and understood ACA § 17-87-312 and the specific offenses which, if pleaded guilty, nolo contendre, or found guilty of will make an individual ineligible to receive or hold a license in Arkansas. The information can be accessed at [http://www.arsbn.arkansas.gov/lawsRules/Pages/nursePracticeAct.aspx](http://www.arsbn.arkansas.gov/lawsRules/Pages/nursePracticeAct.aspx)

Students will be required to complete a background check upon selection into the Practical Nursing program. Students will be conditionally admitted to the PN program for up to two weeks pending the receipt of a satisfactory background check. If the student is unsuccessful in obtaining a satisfactory background check, the student will be removed from the PN program. Students may contact the Division of Health Professions and Natural Sciences at 501-977-2152 for additional information.
UACCM Practical Nursing Checklist

☐ Completed application to the college.

☐ Requested official transcripts from all other colleges be sent to UACCM.

☐ Completed all requirements for admission.

☐ Admitted to the college/received ID #.

☐ Completed and signed application.

☐ Paid for TEAS at Student Accounts.

☐ Scheduled TEAS - 501-977-2049.

☐ TEAS test completed. Total score of 275 on scoring tool?

☐ Yes.

   Turned in Application to Div. of Health Professions and Natural Sciences Office (Kirk Building Suite 100) by deadline (October 1 for Spring class; March 1 for Summer class).

☐ No.

   Scheduled an appointment to see Advisor or Division Chair of Health Professions & Natural Sciences to discuss ways to improve score.
Please complete this form in its entirety in blue or black ink only. Please write legibly.

Personal Information

Name: __________________________________________ UACCM ID#: __________________________

Address: __________________________________________ Phone (H): __________________________

________________________________________ (W): __________________________

________________________________________ (C) __________________________

Enrollment Information

Please indicate the semester for which you are applying to enter the nursing program. Students must complete the PN prerequisite courses prior to the program starting date. If you are not accepted into the program or if you are accepted and decline the position, you must reapply if you wish to be considered the next application period.

Preferred Campus:

□ Morrilton □ Clinton

Are you willing to attend classes/clinicals at either campus?

□ Yes □ No

Semester and Year for which you are applying (check one semester):

□ Spring, 20______ □ Summer, 20______

TEAS Scores

Only TEAS scores taken at UACCM within the last three years may be considered. If a student wishes previous TEAS scores to be considered, the results must be submitted with this application. The student may only take the TEAS one time per semester, must be eligible and have applied to the Practical Nursing program before scheduling the exam.

Prerequisite Information

All applicants must complete the following prerequisites: BIOL 2004 Human Anatomy & Physiology I, BIOL 2014 Human Anatomy & Physiology II, and NUTR 1503 Nutrition with a grade of “C” or higher. If the ACT or COMPASS test scores indicate that remedial courses are required, those courses as well as the prerequisite courses must be completed prior to beginning the PN program. In addition, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing in order to be accepted into the Practical Nursing program.
Remedial and/or Prerequisite Courses

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Application Deadline

NOTE: Students must be admitted to the college by the application deadline.

The PN Nursing Application must be submitted to the Division of Health Professions and Natural Sciences Office (Kirk Building, Suite 100) on or before the application deadline. If the deadline is on a Saturday, Sunday, and/or Holiday for which the campus is closed, the deadline will be the next business day in which the campus is open.

Application deadlines:

- Summer Admission (Morrilton ONLY): March 1st by 4:30 p.m.
- Spring Admission (Morrilton & Clinton): October 1st by 4:30 p.m.

Signature

I hereby certify that all information supplied is complete and accurate. I understand that I shall not be considered for the PN program until I have been admitted to UACCM and submitted all documentation specified. I understand that withholding information requested or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to the program. I understand that any TEAS exam scores taken after the application deadline will NOT be used in calculating admission points.

I also certify that I have received a copy of, have read, and understand §17-87-312 Criminal Background Checks. I understand that admission to the nursing program does not guarantee that I will be able to sit for the NCLEX-PN ®. I know that I will have an initial background check and another at the completion of the nursing program which will include fingerprints submitted to the Arkansas State Police and the FBI.

______________________________  _______________________
Signature                                  Date

Statement of Assurance

UACCM assures that no person shall on basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity. UACCM, in making decisions regarding student admissions and other functions and operation, adheres to a policy of non-discrimination.
PN STUDENT SELECTION RATING FORM
(411 Points Possible; 2 Minimum Reviewers)

NOTE: Must score a minimum of 275 points in order to be eligible for the nursing program.

NAME: ____________________________________ UACCM ID# _________________

1. **TEAS Test Scores** - Fill in individual scores (400 points possible; from one exam date only).
   
   Reading _______
   Mathematics _______
   Science _______
   English _______
   
   Total TEAS Scores _______

2. **Education Points** - Circle appropriate point value (11 points possible).

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   Total Education Points _______

Total TEAS Points _______
Total Education Points _______
TOTAL SELECTION POINTS _______

1\(^{st}\) Reviewer: ____________________________ Date: ________________

2\(^{nd}\) Reviewer: ____________________________ Date: ________________

3\(^{rd}\) Reviewer: ____________________________ Date: ________________
CURRICULUM PLAN
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

Prerequisites to the program:

*MUST be completed with a “C” or better prior to entrance in the nursing program.*

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**Prerequisite Hours = 11**

**Semester One:**

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**Semester One Hours = 15**

**Semester Two:**

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**Semester Two Hours = 15**

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**Semester Three Hours = 16**

**Total Program Hours = 57**
ESTIMATED PRACTICAL NURSING EXPENSE LIST
(All prices subject to change)

**Tuition**
Conway County Student.......................................................... $87.00/credit hour
In-State-Non Conway County Student........................................ $95.00/credit hour
Out-of-State Student.............................................................. $128.00/credit hour

*Note: Contact Admissions Office for residency status requirements.*

**Fees:**
System Integration................................................................. $1/credit hour
Document................................................................. $10/semester
Library................................................................. $5/credit hour
Technology............................................................. $10/credit hour
Student Activity.......................................................... $1/credit hour
Public Safety........................................................... $3/credit hour
Campus Improvement.................................................. $12/credit hour
Nursing Lab............................................................. $40/lab
Practical Nursing Testing............................................... $175/semester
Malpractice Insurance................................................ $17/semester

**Other Costs:**
CPR Certification............................................................... $5
TB Skin Test................................................................. Varies
Criminal Background Checks................................................ $92
NCLEX-PN®................................................................. $200
Arkansas State Board of Nursing Application........................................ $100
Temporary Permit.......................................................... $35
Uniforms (2), Lab Jacket, Shoes & Watch........................................ $200
Nurse Pack................................................................. $110

Textbooks................................................................. See University Bookstore at [www.uaccm.edu](http://www.uaccm.edu) for current prices
17-87-312. Criminal background checks.

(a) 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.

(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 (b)(1) of this section, no person shall be eligible to receive or hold a license issued by the board if that person has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of any of the following offenses by any 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 controlled substance into the body of another person as prohibited in § 5-13-210;
(13) Terroristic threatening in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-301;
(14) Rape as prohibited in §§ 5-14-103;
(15) Sexual indecency with a child as prohibited in § 5-14-110;
(16) Sexual assault in the first degree, second degree, third degree, and fourth degree as prohibited in §§ 5-14-124 – 5-14-127;
(17) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;
(18) Offenses against the family as prohibited in §§ 5-26-303 – 5-26-306;
(19) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201;
(20) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-203;
(21) Permitting abuse of a child as prohibited in § 5-27-221(a)(1) and (3);
(22) 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;
(23) Felony adult abuse as prohibited in § 5-28-103;
Theft of property as prohibited in § 5-36-103;
Theft by receiving as prohibited in § 5-36-106;
Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301;
Burglary as prohibited in § 5-39-201;
Felony violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act §§ 5-64-101 – 5-64-608 as prohibited in § 5-64-401;
Promotion of prostitution in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-70-104;
Stalking as prohibited in § 5-71-229;
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;
Computer child pornography as prohibited in § 5-27-603; and
Computer exploitation of a child in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-605.

The board may issue a nonrenewable temporary permit for licensure to a first-time applicant pending the results of the criminal background check.

The permit shall be valid for no more than six (6) months.

Except as provided in subdivision (f)(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.

The provisions of subsections (e) and subdivision (f)(2) of this section may be waived by the board upon the request of:

An affected applicant for licensure; or
The person holding a license subject to revocation.

Circumstances for which a waiver may be granted shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

The age at which the crime was committed;
The circumstances surrounding the crime;
The length of time since the crime;
Subsequent work history;
Employment references;
Character references; and
Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the public.

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:
The affected applicant for licensure, or his authorized representative; or
The person whose license is subject to revocation or his or her authorized representative.

No record, file, or document shall be removed from the custody of the Department of Arkansas State Police.

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.

Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this section shall not extend to any document created for purposes other than this background check.

The board shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this section.

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 (i)(2) of this section.

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:

Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;
Murder in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-10-102 and murder in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-10-103;
Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;
Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103;
(E) 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;

(F) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-203 and endangering the welfare of a minor in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-27-204;

(G) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202; NURSE PRACTICE ACT 15 Arkansas State Board of Nursing

(H) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301;

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

(J) Adult abuse that constitutes a felony as prohibited in § 5-28-103.
Practical Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What are the pre-requisite courses for the PN program? There are 11 hours of pre-requisite courses. These include Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credit hours), Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credit hours) and Nutrition (3 credit hours).

Will I be required to take an entrance exam prior to entering the nursing program? Yes, all students who want to be considered for admission into the PN program will be required to take the (TEAS) Test for Essential Academic Skills test.

How do I apply for admission into the PN program? Once you have completed the pre-requisite courses or are currently enrolled in them, you may be eligible to apply for the PN program. You will need to register to take the TEAS test. The testing dates are available online at www.uaccm.edu. Go to “Testing Services” on the drop down menu on the right. Make sure of the application deadline and have all necessary applications and documents turned in to the Nursing Department by the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.

How long will the PN program take? This varies for everyone. However, if you were to begin as a full time student (12 semester hours) and not have to take remedial courses, it is possible to complete the LPN program in as little as 18 months. However, based on enrollment status (full or part time) and remedial courses, it is hard to determine the exact amount of time for completion of the program.

When does the nursing program start? A new class begins each Spring (January) and Summer (May) semester.

How many students are selected for the program? Up to 24 students are selected each Spring and Summer semester to begin the program on the Morrilton campus and 8 students each spring on the Clinton campus.

How do I get into the nursing program? A Practical Nurse Selection Rating Form will be used to assign points to each applicant according to the TEAS exam and education points. The rating form will be used to tabulate the points for each applicant. The applicants will be ranked from highest to lowest. Students will be selected for admission into the program based upon the number of points received from the selection criteria.

How do I read the TEAS test results and apply them to the application? Points are given for the Adjusted Individual Score that you receive for each section: Reading, Mathematics, Science and English and Language Usage (NOT the Adjusted Individual Total Score). To determine the amount of points, please refer to the PN Student Selection Rating Form which can be found in the Practical Nursing Program Application Packet.

Do you offer evening or online courses for the nursing program? The pre-requisite courses may be offered online or during the evening. However, once accepted into the actual PN track, no evening classes are available. Some LPN courses are online or hybrid, but class time is definitely required.

Do I have to take any remedial courses? Once you take the ACT or Compass test, please visit with an Admissions Counselor about your scores. They can review your scores and help you with any course placement. UACCM offers different levels of remediation, and a counselor can help you determine if you have to take any of those courses.

Do courses from other colleges transfer in? When transferring credits from other colleges, there is not a guarantee that the credit will transfer. However, if you have taken any of the prerequisite courses at another institution, please contact the Registrar in order to determine if these credits may transfer. The Registrar’s Office is located in the University Center in Room 215 or can be reached by calling 501-977-2052. You may also contact Deborah Rodgers, Division Chair of Health Professions and Natural Sciences, at 501-977-2152 to determine if credits will be transferrable.

Can I work a full time job while going through the nursing program? Working is not prohibited, but students are strongly advised to limit work hours as much as possible. Most students have found it difficult to manage a job and succeed in the program due to time commitments.
Do I have to have all my prerequisite courses completed before applying to the nursing program? No, however, you must have either completed your pre-requisite courses or be currently enrolled in them. Practical Nursing pre-requisite courses must be completed prior to the program start date for the semester. Students may be enrolled in their final pre-requisite classes at the time of selection. *If you are enrolled in the pre-requisite courses, you are eligible to apply; however, you will not receive education points for courses currently enrolled in.

Is this an Associate’s Degree or a Technical Certificate? The Practical Nursing program is a technical certificate program. It requires 57 semester hours to complete the certificate, not including any remedial courses that may be necessary.

What if I am not selected for the nursing program the first time I apply? Students who are not selected as a candidate to the Practical Nursing program must submit a new application packet each semester they wish to be considered for admission to the program. There is not a waiting list and there is no guarantee that students that make alternates will be admitted into the program.

Are financial aid and/or scholarships available? Yes. There are several financial aid/scholarship options. For more information, you can call the financial aid office at 501-977-2055. One of the first things to do is complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You may do this by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov. UACCM’s school code is 005245.

What is the NCLEX? The National Council Licensure Examination is the competency examination for licensure. Currently the cost of the test is $200. Those interested in working as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the state of Arkansas are required to both graduate from a state-approved PN program and pass the NCLEX – PN national licensure examination.

When is the deadline to apply for the PN program? The deadline for the Spring semester is October 1st. The deadline for the Summer semester is March 1st of each academic year.

Is there a time limit on Anatomy and Physiology? No. However students will be responsible for knowing the information when they enter the practical nursing program.

Do Anatomy and Physiology I and II have to be from the same institution? According to the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) at www.adhe.edu, Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be from the same institution (beginning in the Fall 2007).

How often can a student take the TEAS? The TEAS will be given in Testing Services prior to the application deadline. Students will only be allowed to take the TEAS one time per application period. Only TEAS scores from UACCM will be considered.

Can I use TEAS results from prior application periods? Yes. TEAS test scores from one test application period given at UACCM within the last 3 years will be considered. Only TEAS results from one complete test will be considered. You may not superscore TEAS results.

Is there a study guide available for the TEAS? Yes. There is a study guide available in the campus bookstore. The cost of the study guide is approximately $60.00. You may also use free websites such as http://www.testprepreview.com/teas_practice.htm. Websites such as this may not provide study material in depth. The use of other forms of study guides is strongly urged. You may also visit www.atitesting.com for more resources and study tips for the TEAS.

What subjects are covered on the TEAS exam? There are 4 subjects that you will be tested over on the TEAS exam which include basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English (including language usage). The objectives assessed on the TEAS exam are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants.
Will I have to have a criminal background check done? Yes, students will be required to complete a background check upon selection into the Practical Nursing program. Students must have a clean background check to be admitted into the program. For more information or questions about the criminal background check, please contact the Nursing Department at 501-977-2152 or visit the Nursing Admission website (under Criminal Background Check).

How much does the nursing program cost? The cost of the program may vary for each student, depending on if you have to take any remedial courses and also depending on where you live. The cost of tuition is $84.50 per credit hour for those who live in Conway County. If you live outside of the county, but in Arkansas, the cost is $91.50 per credit hour. The PN program is 57 credit hours to complete. There are also other fees and costs incurred. Please see the Practical Nursing Application available on-line under Nursing Admissions for more information.

Where will my clinicals be held? Mandatory clinicals often require a lot of travel and times vary. Clinicals may be held at nursing homes, hospitals, schools, hospice, and a variety of other health care facilities across multiple counties surrounding Conway County. Clinical hours may begin at the clinical site as early as 5:30 a.m. and end as late as 7 p.m. depending upon the clinical planned.

I already have a Bachelor’s Degree. Will this help me get into the nursing program? In order to apply for the PN program, the prerequisite courses must be completed or currently enrolled in them. If you did not complete the prerequisite courses with your Bachelor’s degree, then you will be required to complete the courses. Having a Bachelor’s degree may increase your educational point value if you have completed the prerequisite. If not, then holding a degree will not increase your chance of being accepted into the program.

What are the responsibilities of a LPN? In many facilities, LPNs are not permitted to initiate/maintain IV’s, hang IV piggybacks or administer IV medication, administer certain medications, or administer blood/blood products. LPNs provide direct patient care including: observation of patient status, taking and monitoring vital signs, providing treatments (i.e., dressing changes and care of wounds), administering medications, collecting/performing laboratory tests, monitoring and recording intake and output, and providing direct care of the patient under the supervision of a healthcare provider with an advance degree (i.e., RN, APN, Physician).

Does UACCM offer a RN program? Yes, but it is a LPN to RN bridge program. You must be a LPN first before applying to the RN program. The RN program also has pre-requisites that are needed before applying. Applications for the RN program are due by August 31st and classes begin in January of each year. For more information on this program, please contact 501-977-2152 or visit www.uaccm.edu.

What other documents will I need to be admitted into the PN program? After being accepted into the PN program, you will need to possess an American Heart Healthcare Provider CPR certification, TB evaluation and clearance and a clean background check. You must present these documents at the beginning of the PN track. To ensure all students have the correct and current CPR certification, a CPR course will be held within the first two weeks of the semester.

I have children at home and I am not sure how I am going to afford my nursing supplies, what do I do? Career Pathways is a grant funded program that is available to students who have minor children living at home. You must meet certain criteria to qualify. There is an income limit due to number of people living in your household. If you qualify for certain government assistance, you may qualify for this program. For more information about the educational and financial help that Career Pathways can provide, please contact the Career Pathways Office at 501-977-2186.

What kind of CPR certification do I need? You must possess an American Heart Association, Level C Healthcare Provider certification. A CPR class will be held within the first two weeks of the PN program. If you want to schedule a CPR course earlier or before the semester starts, contact Vicki Shadell at 501-977-2132.