

PRACTICAL NURSING APPLICATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

The UACCM 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 18-month program prepares graduates for the NCLEX PN licensure exam and entry level competency as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). It combines classroom and clinical practicum instruction. Eligible students enter the program each January and August following an application and selection process.

The curriculum is comprised of 12 pre-requisite credits and 45 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. All applications must be submitted online. Applications and Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) information and dates are available on the UACCM website. www.uaccm.edu/academics/nursing/pn_admission.html

APPLICATION AND TESTING DATES:

Applications for Fall admission accepted: January 1 – April 1

NEX testing dates: January 1 – April 1

Applications for Spring admission accepted: July 1 – October 1

NEX testing dates: July 1 – October 1

PLEASE NOTE:

Any applicant seeking transfer credit for pre-requisite courses must submit official transcript(s) to the college 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 & ACA 17-3-102. Acceptance in and completion of a nursing program does not guarantee the ASBN will grant approval to take the licensure examination. Potential bars for licensure are addressed in this document on page 4.

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Admitted to UACCM.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
- Grade of "C" or better for all pre-requisite courses. *
- Must have Nursing Assistant listed on their transcript within the last two years or hold a current Arkansas Nursing Assistant license.
- Pre-requisites must all be completed prior to the start of the program.
- Math for Nurses requires a placement score of: 17 ACT Math section OR 27 Compass Algebra OR 48 ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra OR 230 ACCUPLACER NG QAS OR a grade of 'C' or better in Quantative Literacy, MATH1113
- **Composite** score of 140 or higher on the NEX exam.
- Letter of good standing for applicants who have previously attended a nursing program.

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

APPLICATION SCORING:

All eligible applicants will be scored based on a maximum 500 points using the following weighted points system:

- Anatomy & Physiology I (A = 50 points, B = 40 points, C = 30 points)
- Anatomy & Physiology II (A = 50 points, B = 40 points, C = 30 points)
- Nursing Assistant (A = 50 points, B = 40 points, C = 30 points)
OR Holds current Arkansas CNA license (50 points)
- ****Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.00 scale (25 points)**
- ****Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.00 scale (25 points)****
- NEX exam **composite** score (Points = Score) (up to 300 points)

**Items "d" and "e" combined equal to a total of 50 points possible.

PRACTICAL NURSING TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE DEGREE PLAN

Pre-requisite courses

BIOL 24004 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 24014 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
NUR 10204 Nursing Assistant*

Practical Nursing Courses

NURS 12143 Math for Nurses
PNUR 11005 Basic Nursing
PNUR 10091 Pharmacology I

PNUR 11036 Clinical Practicum I
PNUR 12202 Maternal/Child Nursing
PNUR 12037 Med-Surg Nursing I
PNUR 10191 Pharmacology II
PNUR 12106 Clinical Practicum II
PNUR 22002 Mental Health
PNUR 22137 Med-Surg Nursing II
PNUR 10291 Pharmacology III
PNUR 22036 Clinical Practicum III
PNUR 22011 NCLEX Prep

*Applicants who hold a current Arkansas Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license may be exempted from NUR 1004 Nursing Assistant. Proof of licensure is required and a transcription fee may apply to meet the graduation requirement.



PN PROGRAM ESTIMATED COST

(Based on in-county tuition rates)

Pre-requisite: 12 hours at \$105 per credit hour (pch) = \$1224

Estimated Program Expenses	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
Credit hours per semester	15	15	15
Tuition: \$105 per credit hour (pch)	\$1575	\$1575	\$1575
Mandatory Fees:	\$705	\$705	\$705
Program Specific Fees:	\$710	\$710	\$710
Total Tuition & Fees per Semester:	\$2990	\$2990	\$2990
<i>Estimated costs above does not include text books. Visit theuaccmbookstore.com/ for pricing.</i>			
Clinical Supplies and Other Additional Costs:			
Uniforms (purchased on campus)	\$110		
Clinical Accessory Package (optional)	\$100		
Vaccinations/titers (varies by student need)	\$100		
*Passport Hospital Orientation	\$20		\$20
**Criminal Background Check	\$40		
**Maltreatment Check	\$11		
**Urine Drug Screening	\$48		
Estimated Additional Costs per Semester:	\$429	\$0	\$20
Total Estimate per Semester:	\$3419	\$2990	\$3010

*Semester 1 (Level I) students may register and complete during the first or second semester depending upon facility rotation scheduling. Certification is good for one year- students may be required to recertify in Level 3 to remain compliance with clinical facility policies.

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***Level 3: NCLEX-PN ® (\$200), AR Application for Licensure (\$100), Background check (\$36.25), LiveScan fingerprinting (\$20) Temporary License (\$30) TOTAL = \$386.25

Program retention and NCLEX PN pass rates

Graduate Year	Percentage of students completing the PN program	Percentage of students passing NCLEX PN licensure exam (1 st attempt)
2025	87.50%	100%
2024	79.17%	100%
2023	95.83%	100%
2022	95.83%	97.6%

REQUIRED PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITIES:

The delivery of nursing care is both physically and mentally demanding. Students preparing to enter a UACCM Practical Nursing program are required to be physically and mentally capable of completing the clinical and classroom 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:

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

POTENTIAL BARS FOR LICENSURE AS A NURSE

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN) and Arkansas law requires applicants for initial licensure to submit a state and federal criminal background check. 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. If an applicant has pleaded guilty, nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of any offense listed in ACA §17-3-102, he/she is not eligible for Arkansas licensure. ACA §17-3-102 provides an opportunity to request a waiver of eligibility criteria related to a criminal background in certain circumstances. Additional information and the full list of offenses listed in ACA §17-3-102 is available at

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arsbn-criminal-background-checks>

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