

REGISTERED NURSING

Offered as: **Associate of Applied Science Degree**

UACCM is among eight community colleges that make up the Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC), a program fully approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. Students receive their education via Internet-based compressed video and live-streaming, which allows for full-time interaction with instructors. ARNEC was created to provide LPN's/LVN's with the opportunity to take the next step towards advancing their careers in nursing.

Our graduates are employed quickly after graduation in all areas of health care, including acute care and long-term care settings. Many of these students choose to further their education and gain acceptance into BSN programs. The consortium has established agreements with many institutions within the state to seamlessly transfer to their bachelor's degree nursing programs.

Approximately one-third of all nurses currently in the workforce are over 55 years old and may retire within the next decade, creating an abundance of job openings. Registered nurses are the single largest health care occupation. Nursing is one of the fastest-growing career fields and offers endless opportunities to become part of a rewarding, high-wage profession.

COURSES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Composition I and II
- General Psychology
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II
- Introduction to Computers
- Math for Nurses
- Microbiology
- NCLEX-RN Preparation
- Nursing Practicum I, II, & III
- Nursing Process I, II, & III
- Nutrition
- Psychology of Human Development

REQUIREMENTS:

Student must provide a current TB assessment and clearance, a satisfactory criminal and maltreatment background check, proof of influenza and varicella immunizations/titer, and a current American Heart Healthcare Provider CPR certification before the first day of class.

After completing the Associate Degree in Registered Nursing, students are eligible to apply for licensure to take the NCLEX-RN. A student must pass this exam in order to receive his or her nursing license.

After UACCM

GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED IN:

- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Nursing homes
- Home health care
- Public schools
- Mental health facilities
- Industry
- Health care departments
- Government agencies

ARKANSAS WAGES:

Average Annual Wage: **\$58,810**

EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS:

St. Vincent Morrilton, Arkansas Department of Health, Baptist Health, Conway Regional Health System, Dardanelle Hospital, Brookridge Cove Rehab & Care Center, River Chase Rehabilitation & Care Center, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Arkansas Children's Hospital, Hospice Home Care, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Atkins Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center, physician's offices, schools, and U.S. Armed Forces



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