Admission Process

Admission into the UACCM Practical Nursing 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 Practical Nursing program.

1. Students attempting to enter the Practical Nursing program must be admitted to UACCM by March 1 for the Summer class and October 1 for the Spring class. (Note: If you have not attended class or completed an admission application within the last 12 months at UACCM, you will need to complete a new College Admission Application.)

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

3. Go to the Student Account window in the University Center and pay for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) test. If you are submitting previous TEAS points (taken within the last 3 years), payment for the test is not necessary.

4. If eligible students are taking the TEAS for this application period, contact the Administrative Specialist in KB 100 (501-977-2049) to schedule a time/date to take the TEAS test. To be eligible to take the test students must meet all entrance requirements. The TEAS must be taken at UACCM and will be offered prior to the application deadline. Students will only be allowed to take the TEAS one time per application period. Previous TEAS points 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 test results with the program application.

Due to the limited seats and test dates available, students who have applied to the UACCM Practical 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.

5. Any student who has previously been in the Practical Nursing program at UACCM must follow the Readmission/Progression Policy. See page 9 of this packet for more information.

Important Requirements

1. Students who score below these placement scores must complete any remedial courses prior to entering the Practical Nursing program. The ACT, COMPASS, and Accuplacer test scores are good for 5 years.

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Remedial Courses that may be required are:
- ACAD 0303 Basic Composition
- MATH 0803 Basic Alg. or Math 1253 App. Technical Math
- ACAD 0213 Reading
2. Students must complete the following prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or higher prior to beginning the Practical Nursing 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 Practical Nursing program. Only prerequisites that appear on the student’s official transcript at the time of application will count toward the total points for selection.

3. 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.

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, including all documentation, 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 Practical Nursing program must submit to the Division of Health Professions and Natural Sciences office current proof of tuberculosis screening and/or tuberculosis prevention. A mandatory information session will be held at which time information on the required background check will be given; this check must be started before the beginning of the program and the results must be satisfactory in order to remain in the program. During the first semester, American Heart Healthcare Provider CPR will be taught. By the first day of class, students are required to provide copies of all required documentation to the Division of Health Professions and Natural Sciences office. Students failing to submit the required documentation within the prescribed time frame will be removed from the program.

7. The application is only good for one admission period. Students who decline a position or who were not selected as a candidate must submit a new application the next application period 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 Practical Nursing program. A Practical Nurse Selection Rating Form (see page 4) will be used to assign points to each applicant according to the TEAS test and education points. **Students must score a minimum of 275 points in order to be considered for the program.** If TEAS score was not at least 275, students may schedule an appointment with your advisor, a nursing faculty, or the Program Chair of Practical Nursing to discuss ways to improve points. 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 application date.

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 Practical 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 Practical Nursing program, that states the student has read and understood ACA §17-87-312 and the specific offenses which, if pleaded guilty, nolo contendere, 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.org/Websites/arsbn/images/NURSEPRACTICEACT_2018.February2018.pdf.

Students will be required to complete a background check by the first day of the Practical Nursing program. Students will be conditionally admitted to the Practical Nursing 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 Practical Nursing program. Students may contact the Program Chair- Practical Nursing at 501-977-2002 for additional information.

UACCM Practical Nursing Checklist

☐ Completed application to the college.
   - Requested official transcripts from all other colleges be sent to UACCM.
   - Admitted to the college/received ID #.
   (Note: If you have not attended class or completed an admission application within the last 12 months at UACCM, you will need to complete a new College Admission Application.)

☐ Completed, signed, and return the Practical Nursing Program Application to the Division of Health Professions and Natural Science by deadline (October 1 for Spring class; March 1 for Summer class).

☐ Paid for TEAS at Student Accounts (if taking test this application period).

☐ Scheduled TEAS - 501-977-2049 (if taking test this application period).
   If using previous TEAS points taken at UACCM within the last three years, turn in points with signed application.