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# 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 pre-admission testing (PAX exam) information and dates are available on the UACCM website. [www.uaccm.edu/academics/nursing/pn\\_admission.html](http://www.uaccm.edu/academics/nursing/pn_admission.html)

### APPLICATION AND TESTING DATES:

**Spring applications accepted:** February 1 – May 15

**PAX testing dates for spring:** March 1 – May 1

**Fall applications accepted:** July 1 – October 15

**PAX testing dates for fall:** August 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. A copy of this act may be found at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsservices/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing>

## 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 hold a current Nursing Assistant license or have Nursing Assistant listed on their transcript within the last two years.
- 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 Applied Technical Math, MATH1253
- **Composite** score of 102 or higher on the PAX 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.

## WEIGHTED POINT SYSTEM

All eligible applicants will be scored based on a maximum 600 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)\*\***
- PAX exam **composite** score (Points = Score) (up to 200 points)
- PAX exam Science score (Points = Score) (up to 100 points)
- PAX exam Reading score (Points = Score) (up to 100 points)

\*\*Items “d” and “e” combined equal to a total of 50 points possible.

## PN PROGRAM ESTIMATED COST

**Pre-requisite:** 12 hours at \$92 per credit hour (pch) = \$1104.00

Estimated Program Expenses	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
Credit hours per semester	15	15	15
Tuition: \$92.00 per credit hour (pch)	\$1380	\$1380	\$1380
<b>Mandatory Fees:</b>	\$640	\$640	\$640
<b>Program Specific Fees:</b>	\$297	\$297	\$297
<b>Supplies and Other:</b>			
Computer meeting requirements (approximate)	580.00		
Uniforms, Shoes, Watch (varies by student)	200.00		
Vaccinations/titers (varies by student need)	100.00		

Estimated Program Expenses	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
*Passport Hospital Orientation	10.00		
**Criminal Background Check	38.00		
**Urine Drug Screening	36.00		
NCLEX-PN® (\$200), ***Temporary License (\$30), AR Application for Licensure (\$100), Background check (\$36.25), ***LiveScan fingerprinting (\$15.00)			381.25
<b>Total Estimate per Semester:</b>	<b>\$3281</b>	<b>\$2317</b>	<b>\$2698.25</b>

\*Semester 1 (Level I) students may register and complete during the first or second semester depending upon facility rotation scheduling.

\*\*Semester 1 (Level I) students must register online prior to 1st day of classes and pay with debit/credit card.

\*\*\*Semester 3 testing costs are approximate & dependent on if the student chooses to apply for a temporary permit & participate in LiveScan fingerprinting.

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***Estimated costs above does not include text books. Visit [theuaccmbookstore.com/](http://theuaccmbookstore.com/) for pricing.***

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## 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 <sup>st</sup> attempt)
2020	86.98%	91.35%
2019	91.67%	86.05%
2018	94.32%	95.3%

## PRACTICAL NURSING TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE DEGREE PLAN

### Pre-requisite courses

BIOL 2004 Human Anatomy & Physiology I  
 BIOL 2014 Human Anatomy & Physiology II  
 NUR 1004 Nursing Assistant\*

### Practical Nursing Courses

NSG 1213 Math for Nurses  
 NUR 1105 Basic Nursing I  
 NUR 1001 Professional/Ethical Issues in Nursing  
 NUR 1006L Clinical Practicum I  
  
 NUR 1222 Maternal/Child Nursing  
 NUR 1207 Medical Surgical Nursing I  
 NUR 1216L Clinical Practicum II  
  
 NUR 2202 Mental Health  
 NUR 2207 Medical Surgical Nursing II  
 NUR 2206L Clinical Practicum III

\*Applicants who hold a current Arkansas Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license may be exempted from NUR 1004 Nursing Assistant.

## 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) 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) and ACA 17-3-102 may be ineligible to obtain or hold a nursing license in Arkansas. Additional information is available at [www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsservices/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing](http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsservices/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing)

### **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;6

(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.