

REGISTERED NURSING APPLICATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

The UACCM Registered 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 12-month program prepares graduates for the NCLEX RN licensure exam and entry level competency as a Licensed Registered Nurse (RN). It combines classroom and clinical practicum instruction. Eligible students enter the program each January following an application and selection process.

The curriculum is comprised of 33 pre-requisite credits and 33 registered nursing credits. Students who successfully complete the program with a grade of “C” or higher in all course work earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing. Graduates who meet Arkansas State Board of Nursing requirements are eligible to apply for the National Council of Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to become a Licensed Registered 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 (NACE exam) information and dates are available on the UACCM website. www.uaccm.edu/academics/nursing/pn_admission.html

APPLICATION AND TESTING DATES:

Applications accepted: March 1 – October 1

NACE Testing: March 1 – October 1 on Monday and Tuesday **only**

Entrance Exam: Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (NACE)

- Must be taken on UACCM campus with Testing Services in BTC 207
- Can be taken twice during the application period (highest score will be used if both turned in)
- Turn score in to Nursing Department in Kirk Building, Room 100
- \$70 testing fee paid at Student Account window in University Center
- Take receipt to Testing Services in Business Technology Center, Room 207
- Schedule test

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 RN 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/programs/services/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing>

REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Admitted to UACCM.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
- Prerequisite 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 LPN license.
- Pre-requisites must all be completed prior to the start of the program.
- **Composite** score of 60 or higher on the NACE 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.

POINT SYSTEM

All eligible applicants will be scored based on a ranking points system:

- Prerequisite GPA multiplied by 10
 - Prerequisite GPA must be greater than or equal to 2.5
 - Example: Prerequisite GPA = 3.4 x 10 = 34 points
- NACE score
 - Score must be a minimum of 60
 - Score will be added to Prerequisite GPA points
- Graduate of UACCM PN Program = 2 points added to total points
- Must score a minimum of 100 points to be eligible

Example of Points ranking:

- If you have a 2.6 prerequisite GPA, multiply by 10 and you have 26 GPA points.
- If you have 26 GPA points and make a 70% on the NACE, then you have a total of 96 points—you are ineligible.
- If you are a UACCM PN graduate, add 2 points. You will have a total of 98 points. You are still ineligible.

- If you have a 3.7 prerequisite GPA, multiply by 10 and you have 37 GPA points.
- If you have 37 GPA points and make a 70% on the NACE, then you have a total of 107 points—you are eligible.
- If you are a UACCM PN graduate, add 2 points. You will have a total of 98 points. You are still eligible.

RN PROGRAM ESTIMATED COST

Estimated Program Expenses	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
Credit hours per semester	12	9	12
Tuition: \$102 per credit hour (pch)	\$1224	\$918	\$1224
Mandatory Fees:	\$528	\$396	\$528
Program Specific Fees:	\$710	\$710	\$710
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	\$10		\$10
**Criminal Background Check	\$40		
**Maltreatment Check	\$11		
**Urine Drug Screening	\$38		
Additional Cost per Semester	\$409	\$0	\$0
Total Estimate per Semester:	\$2871	\$2024	\$2462

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

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

***Level 3: NCLEX-RN (\$200), AR Application for Licensure (\$100), Background check (\$36.25), Live Scan Fingerprinting (\$20), Temporary License (\$30) TOTAL - \$386.25

Estimated costs above may not include text books. Visit theuaccmbookstore.com/ for pricing.

REGISTERED NURSING ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE PLAN

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

ENG 1013 Composition I
 ENG 1023 Composition II
 CIS 1013 Intro to Computers
 PSY 2003 General Psychology
 PSY 2023 Psychology of Human Development
 BIOL 2004 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
 BIOL 2014 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
 BIOL 2104 Microbiology
 NUTR 1503 Nutrition
 NSG 1213 Math for Nurses

REGISTERED NURSING COURSES

NSG 2119 Nursing Process I
 NSG 2123 Nursing Practicum I
 NSG 2216 Nursing Process II
 NSG 2223 Nursing Practicum II
 NSG 2111 NCLEX-RN Preparation
 NSG 2318 Nursing Process III
 NSG 2323 Nursing Practicum III

You can be lacking ONE prerequisite course by the fall semester before the program starts, but you must be enrolled in that course in the fall. All prerequisites must be completed with a letter grade of “C” or higher before the program starts in January.

REQUIRED PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITIES:

The delivery of nursing care is both physically and mentally demanding. Students preparing to enter a UACCM Registered 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

<https://www.uaccm.edu/academics/nursing/CBC.17.87.312.Feb2020.pdf>

<https://www.uaccm.edu/academics/nursing/CBCAct990of2019.Feb2020.pdf>