University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville
LPN to RN Online Track
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **How long is the program and when does it begin?**
    a. The LPN to RN program is an 11-month program. Each spring a new class begins and continues through the summer and fall.
    b. The program follows the academic calendar of the College. Students can expect a break between the spring and summer semester in May and between the summer and fall semester in August.

2. **Can I work at my own pace?**
    a. Students are required to meet assignment and testing deadlines each week. This is not a work at your own pace program.

3. **Can I work full time while in the LPN to RN program?**
    a. Students are encouraged not to be employed during the year.
    b. If employment is necessary, it is suggested that students work no more than 24 hours a week.

4. **How many times will I have to come to campus throughout the program?**
    a. Students should plan to meet with the faculty on campus approximately 7-8 times throughout the program. The faculty makes every effort to keep student travel minimal. Travel dates are published at the beginning of each semester. These dates are tentative and may change due to unexpected circumstances.

5. **What are the clinical requirements each semester?**
    a. Students are required to complete clinical with the faculty each semester. Clinical days are 12-hour shifts at various medical facilities and in community areas, such as health department, etc.
    b. Clinical sites will vary. The majority of the clinical will be done in Batesville, Searcy, and Little Rock on Saturday, and/or Sunday.
    c. Students will be required to complete clinical rotations during each semester. Tentative clinical hours are: Spring semester: 8 clinical days (12 hour shifts). Summer semester 7 clinical days (12 hour shifts); and Fall semester 5 clinical days (12 hour shifts) and 96 hours of preceptorship. (These clinical hours are tentative).
    d. There will be clinical orientation days that are required by the clinical sites.

6. **What are the admission criteria for the online track?**
   a. To be considered for admission to the online track, applicants must:
      1. complete the Kaplan entrance exam. The exam is given in the summer semester each year. (Kaplan dates are posted on the website. Call the secretary for an appointment 870-612-2071).
      2. be a resident of Arkansas.
      3. have an unencumbered Arkansas LPN license.
      3. must have a reliable computer that meets the minimum requirements

7. **What documents are required for admission to the LPN to RN program?**
   a. Prior to taking the Kaplan exam applicants should provide the following:
      1. complete the UACCB Application for Admission form.
      2. submit an official copy of your high school transcript or GED scores and official copies of transcripts showing all other for credit course work taken at other colleges and universities to UACCB.
      3. provide proof of immunization against measles and rubella if born after January 1, 1957 (2 measles and 1 rubella required). Records can be obtained from your high school, childhood doctor or county health department and submitted to UACCB.
      4. submit scores from ASSET, ACT, COMPASS or SAT standardized tests to UACCB.
      5. complete a Division of Nursing and Allied Health Application. The application must be renewed yearly. Submit to the Division of Nursing and Allied Health *between* June 1st and July 15th at 5:00 pm.
      6. submit a copy of your current unencumbered LPN license to the Division of Nursing and Allied Health.

8. **What classes are required before I can be admitted?**
   a. **Students must complete the following pre-requisites with a grade of "C" or higher:**
      1. English Composition I
      2. English Composition II
      3. College Algebra
      4. Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab *
      5. Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab*
      6. Computer Software Applications **

   b. **Co-requisites with a grade of "C" or higher (These courses may be taken during the program or before entering the program.):**
      1. Microbiology with Lab *
      2. General Psychology

9. **What are the computer requirements? What browser works best?**
   a. Some courses may require specific software in addition to the minimums listed here.
   b. Minimum Hardware (the latest version of each)
      1. Pentium IV based PC
      2. 512 MB Ram memory
      3. Windows

4. High speed network connection
5. DVD
6. Sound Card
7. XGA video adapter or higher
8. Webcam with sound system

   c.   Minimum Software (the latest version of each)
1. Internet Explorer
2. QuickTime (http://www.quicktime.com)
3. Adobe Shockware (http:www.adobe.com/downloads/
4. Adobe Flash Player (http://www.adobe.com/downloads/
5. Adobe Acrobat Reader
6. RealPlayer (http://www.real.com/realplayer
7. Java (http://www.java.com)
8. Firefox or Google Chrome
9. Respondus Lockdown Browser

10. Do I need to complete a criminal background check prior to admission?

      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'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. You will be required to sign a statement, before beginning the nursing program, that states you have read and understand 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. You can access the information at: http://www.arsbn.arkansas.gov/lawsRules/Pages/nursePracticeAct.aspx

      11. Is there a review course at the end of the program? Yes. We have a 4 day Kaplan Review Course. Online students will have the option of attending the course on campus or computer based from home.

*All science courses must have been completed with a grade of C or better within 5 years of the application period. For example, if the application deadline is July 2016, all science courses must be completed by the end of Summer semester 2011. All applicants for the LPN to RN tracks may be granted a waiver on the five years of this deadline provided he/she can provide proof of having completed an LPN education program within the last 12 months or have at least 1200 work hours per year as an LPN providing direct patient care. The RN program admission and progression committee will review each applicant's request on a case-by-case basis. Applicants who cannot provide satisfactory proof of meeting the above criteria will not be considered for a wavier.

**Computer Software Applications must be taken within 5 years of the application deadline.