



Associate of Applied Science in Registered Nursing Information and Application Packet

UACCB offers 3 registered nurse educational options including:

- Prelicensure (Generic) entry track that is available for the non-nurse
- Two LPN to RN tracks for the licensed practical nurse desiring to earn RN licensure:
 - On-campus LPN to RN track in the traditional classroom setting
 - Online LPN to RN track

The 67-credit hour Associate of Applied Science degree RN program is comprised of 27 general education credits and 40 registered nursing credits. Prelicensure entry option students must complete 67 credit hours. LPN to RN option students must complete 58 of these credits and will be awarded 9 (nine) credit hours for PN education upon successful completion of the program. All RN students must maintain a grade of C or higher in all required course work to be eligible for graduation.

Applications accepted	Prelicensure entry option	LPN to RN option
	March 15 – May 1	June 1 - July 15

Registered Nursing Program admission eligibility criteria:

- Admitted to UACCB (UACCB Admissions Office)
- Completed RN Nursing ONLINE Application (Application periods opens: **March 15-May 1 for Prelicensure Entry option and June 1-July 15 for LPN to RN option**)
- Cumulative college Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher on a 4.00 scale
- Score of 75% or higher on HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam
- Grade of “C” or better on all pre-requisite courses**
- No more than eight credit hours of pre-requisite courses to be completed during the summer session preceding the start of the nursing program for Generic RN Option unless approval by administration
- No more than eighteen credit hours of pre-requisite courses to be completed during the fall session preceding the start of the nursing program for the LPN to RN Option unless approval by administration
- Letter of good standing for applicants who have previously attended an RN program

**Class Size is limited, therefore may be filled with applicants who score well above 75%*

*** Official transcripts for all pre-requisite courses taken at other colleges must be submitted to the Admissions Office for transfer credit evaluation*

**Recent students (just graduated) UACCB PN program will be exempt from some requirements. See NAH Secretary for further details.*

All eligible applicants will be scored based upon a weighed point system. (see next page)

NOTE: Any applicant seeking transfer credit for pre-requisite courses must submit official transcript(s) to the Enrollment Center in a timely manner. Applicants who are lacking official transfer credit for pre-requisite courses may not enter the RN program.

Additional requirements for LPN to RN track applicants:

1. Maintain current unencumbered LPN license throughout the program.
2. Proof of current Arkansas residency.
3. **Online LPN to RN students must maintain reliable internet access throughout the program.**
4. **Attendance of a one-week Review Course in the fall semester (included in nursing fees).**

NOTE: Applicants to the RN program should be aware that potential bars for licensure are set forth by ACA §17-87-312 and 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 on the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Website:

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing>

University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville
Registered Nursing Associate of Applied Science Program
Admission Process

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Weighted Point System

Item	Points
a. A&P I Lecture/Lab = The lecture and lab grades will be averaged, multiplied by 25, and rounded to the nearest whole number to determine points for this option. Example: A&P I Lecture grade of “A” and A&P I Lab grade of “B” would generate $4.0 + 3.0 / 2 = 3.5$, $3.5 \times 25 = 87.5$, round up to equal 88 points. (up to 100 points)	
b. A&P II Lecture/Lab = The lecture and lab grades will be averaged, multiplied by 25, and rounded to the nearest whole number to determine points for this option. Example: A&P II Lecture grade of “C” and A&P II Lab grade of “C” would generate $2.0 + 2.0 / 2 = 2$, $2 \times 25 = 50$. (up to 100 points)	
c. Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.00 for all college coursework (50 Points)	
d. Unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.00 for all college coursework. (50 Points) ¹	
e. HESI A2 Overall Score (Points = Score) (up to 100 points)	
f. HESI Science Score (Points = Score x 2) (up to 200 points)	
g. HESI Reading Comprehension (Points = Score) (up to 100 points)	
Maximum Points Available = 700	Total

¹ Items “c” and “d” combined equal a total of 100 possible points.

Applicants with the highest point totals are admitted first. If there is a tie among point totals prior to reaching program capacity, the following formula will be used to determine selection: **(Cumulative score on HESI A2 Admission Assessment + (Overall GPA x 25)**

Registered Nursing Program (AAS) Degree Plan

Prelicensure entry RN applicants must possess college credit for NAH 1507 Health Skills or CNA 1107 Nursing Assistant prior to entering the program. A valid CNA license may be substituted (must remain valid throughout RN program).

Pre-requisite courses	Co-requisite courses	Nursing major courses
BIO 2003 Anatomy & Physiology I BIO 2001 Anatomy & Physiology I lab BIO 2013 Anatomy & Physiology II BIO 2011 Anatomy & Physiology II lab ENG 1103 English Composition I ENG 1203 English Composition II MTH 1023 College Algebra	BIO 2203 Microbiology BIO 2201 Microbiology lab PSY 1003 General Psychology CIS 1053 Computer Software Applications ¹	NRN 1506 Nursing Theory I ² NRN 1513 Nursing Practicum I ² NRN 2208 Nursing Theory II NRN 2214 Nursing Practicum II NRN 2303 Nursing Theory III NRN 2313 Nursing Practicum III NRN 2408 Nursing Theory IV NRN 2414 Nursing Practicum IV NRN 2501 Nursing Seminars (Online)

¹Students seeking transfer credit for CIS 1053 Computer Software Applications are advised that transfer credit for CIS 1003 Introduction to Computers **will not meet RN program requirements**. Suggested to call registrar prior to enrolling in a course to ensure transferability.

²After successful completion of the program, LPN to RN option students will be awarded 9 (nine) credit hours for PN education. Prelicensure entry option students must complete all required coursework.

^{*}Refer to the college catalog for Science and Computer Software Application (CSA) scores older than 5 years.

ESTIMATED Program expenses	Fall Semester Level I <i>Generic entry option</i>	Spring Semester Level II	Summer Semester Level III	Fall Semester Level IV
Tuition and Fees ³				
In-district	\$928.50	\$1233.00	\$624.00	\$1334.50
Out-of-district	\$1050.00	\$1395.00	\$705.00	\$1510.00
Online track	N/A	\$1449.00	\$732.00	\$1568.50
Additional required expenses				
General nursing fee	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
Uniforms & Program Insignia ⁴	\$260.00	\$260.00		
Accessories (stethoscope, watch, scissors) ⁴	\$60.00	\$60.00		
Criminal background check ⁴	\$51.00	\$51.00		
Textbooks ⁵	www.uaccb.edu	www.uaccb.edu		
In-district TOTAL	\$1774.50	\$2079.00	\$1099.00	\$1809.50
Out-of-district TOTAL	\$1896.00	\$2241.00	\$1180.00	\$1985.00
Online TOTAL	N/A	\$2295.00	\$1207.00	\$2043.50

³Estimated expenses for the nursing major courses only. Cost for pre-requisite and co-requisite general education courses not included.

⁴Uniform, program insignia, accessories, and certified background check are a one-time expense incurred during the semester of program entry.

⁵Textbook purchase price is not included in the estimated program expenses.

Approval & Accreditation

Arkansas State Board of Nursing
1123 South University, Suite 800
Little Rock, AR 72204-1619
Phone: (501) 686-2700
Continuing Accreditation through Fall 2025

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
Phone (404) 975-5000 or www.acenursing.org
Status: The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the RN

Program retention and NCLEX RN pass rates

Graduate Year	Percent of students completing RN program	Job Placement	Graduates passing NCLEX RN licensure exam	
		6 months completion of program	1 st attempt	Within 12 months
2019	95.8%	81.63%	58.4%	TBA
2018	69.8%	92%	80%	89%
2017	68.9%	92%	87.5%	92%

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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 §17-3-102/ACA 17-87-312 (listed below) may be ineligible to obtain or hold a nursing license in Arkansas. Additional information is available at the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Website. <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing>

17-3-102. Licensing restrictions based on criminal records. (a) An individual is not eligible to receive or hold a license issued by a licensing entity if that individual has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of any of the following offenses by any 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, unless the conviction was lawfully sealed under the Comprehensive Criminal Record Sealing Act of 2013, § 16-90-1401 et seq., or otherwise previously sealed, pardoned or expunged under prior law: (1) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101; (2) Murder in the first degree and second degree as prohibited in §§ 5-10-102 and 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 as prohibited in § 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; (16) Sexual indecency with a child as prohibited in § 5-14-110; (17) Sexual extortion as prohibited in § 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) 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; (23) Permitting the abuse of a minor as prohibited in § 5-27-221; (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) Theft of property as prohibited in § 5-36-103; (29) 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; (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; and (36) All other crimes referenced in this title. (b) (1) If an individual has been convicted of a crime listed in subsection (a) of this section, a licensing entity may waive disqualification or revocation of a license based on the conviction if a request for a waiver is made by: (A) An

affected applicant for a license; or (B) The individual holding a license subject to revocation. (2) A basis upon which a waiver may be granted includes without limitation: (A) The age at which the offense was committed; (B) The circumstances surrounding the offense; (C) The length of time since the offense was committed; (D) Subsequent work history since the offense was committed; (E) Employment references since the offense was committed; (F) Character references since the offense was committed; (G) Relevance of the offense to the occupational license; and (H) Other evidence demonstrating that licensure of the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the public. (c) If an individual has a valid criminal conviction for an offense that could disqualify the individual from receiving a license, the disqualification shall not be considered for more than five (5) years from the date of conviction or incarceration or on which probation ends, whichever date is the latest, if the individual: (A) Was not convicted for committing a violent or sexual offense; and (B) Has not been convicted of any other offense during the five-year disqualification period. (d) A licensing entity shall not, as a basis upon which a license may be granted or denied: (1) Use vague or generic terms, including without limitation the phrase "moral turpitude" and "good character"; or (2) Consider arrests without a subsequent conviction. (e) Due to the serious nature of the offenses, the following shall result in permanent disqualification for licensure: (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) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102; (4) Aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer or an employee of a correctional facility as prohibited in § 5-13-211, if a Class Y felony; (5) Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103; (6) Sexual extortion as prohibited in § 5-14-113; (7) 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; (8) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202; (9) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201; (10) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-205; (11) Adult abuse that constitutes a felony as prohibited in § 5-28-103; and (12) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301. (f) This chapter does not preclude a licensing entity from taking emergency action against a licensee as authorized under § 25-15-211 for the sake of public health, safety, or welfare. (g) The permanent disqualification for an offense listed in subsection (e) of this section does not apply to an individual who holds valid license on the effective date of this chapter.

Required Physical and Mental Abilities

The delivery of nursing care is both physically and mentally demanding. Students preparing to enter a UACCB nursing program are required to be physically and mentally capable of completing the clinical and theory requirements. At a minimum, the following mental and physical abilities will be required throughout the nursing program. These same abilities will likely be needed throughout a nursing career.

The following mental and physical abilities required in the nursing program:

1. Work in a standing position and walk for long periods of time.
2. Lift and transfer patients up to 6 inches from a stooped position, then push or pull weight up to 3 feet.
3. Lift and transfer patients from a stooped to an upright position to accomplish bed-to-chair and chair-to-bed transfers.
4. Apply up to 10 pounds of pressure to bleeding sites and in performing CPR.
5. Respond and react immediately to auditory instruction, request, and/or monitor equipment, perform auscultation without auditory impairment.
6. Perform up to twelve hours in a clinical laboratory setting.
7. Perform close and distance visual activities involving objects, people, and paperwork, as well as discriminate depth and color perception.
8. Discriminate between sharp/dull and hot/cold when using hands.
9. Perform mathematical calculations for medication preparation/administration.
10. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, using appropriate grammar and vocabulary and penmanship with classmates, faculty, and members of the community.
11. React appropriately under stressful situations.
12. Demonstrate evidence of critical thinking in various settings.
13. Demonstrate gross and fine motor dexterity.
14. Participate effectively in group activities.