



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE REGISTERED NURSING (ADN) PROGRAM TRADITIONAL PATHWAY INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE – REGISTERED NURSING

The registered nursing traditional pathway is a 3-semester, 67-credit-hour program that combines classroom instruction, simulated patient care, and clinical experience to prepare graduates for a successful career in nursing. After graduation, students are eligible to apply for the national examination (NCLEX-RN) administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, for licensure as a registered nurse (RN).

Successful completion of this program meets the educational requirements of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. However, program completion does not guarantee approval to take the NCLEX-RN examination nor guaranteed eligibility to be licensed as an RN. (See Potential Bars for Licensure below).

Length of the Program: 3 semesters
Method: On campus, face-to-face delivery
Course Availability: Fall Entrance Only

Important: Clinical rotations will be scheduled with as much advance notice as possible; however, they may be subject to change. Not all clinicals are in Batesville. The institution is not responsible for organizing or providing transportation for clinical rotations.

APPLICATION PERIOD

The application period for the Registered Nursing Traditional Pathway program opens May 1, 2024, and closes June 30, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

The application must be completed prior to the deadline. **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**

Important: Once the application period opens, submit your applications in a timely manner. In the event of a tie in scores, the application date and time may be used as a tie breaker.

REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS & TIMELINE

STARTING TODAY:

- Apply to UACCB. <https://www.uaccb.edu/application/>

- Application, admission, and onboarding for UACCB must be completed before you can apply to the nursing program.
- Email your name and contact information to UACCB Nursing Program at nah@uaccb.edu to be added to the interested student contact list.
- Sign up to take the ATI TEAS Entrance Exam
 - Test dates and more information can be found at <https://www.uaccb.edu/testing-services>

LAST WEEK OF APRIL:

- The nursing program will send instructions on how to apply to the nursing program. These will also be posted at uaccb.edu/nursing.

MAY 1ST-JUNE 30TH:

- Complete the RN Nursing application.

PROGRAM APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Cumulative college Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
- Score proficient on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) admission exam. (*See additional information below*)
- Complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or higher.
 - If an applicant has a transcribed D or F in a prerequisite course and **has not** completed the course earning a “C” or higher by the time of selection, they are ineligible for the selection process, even if currently enrolled in or registered to retake the course.
 - Only transcribed grades will be accepted at the time of selection.
 - No more than 8 credit hours of prerequisite courses can be outstanding at the time of selection. Selections are made in early July.
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended to the admissions office for transfer credit evaluation.
 - It is the student’s responsibility to ensure transcripts are on file by the deadline for the program for which the student is applying.
- Electronically sign the RN application to acknowledge understanding of the Arkansas [Nurse Practice Act Annotated Code 17-87-312](#) and [17-3-102](#) regarding criminal offenses and licensure.
- Upon acceptance into the program, complete a mandatory Criminal Background Check. **Please note, a positive criminal background check may prevent attendance at clinical sites, resulting in the inability to meet the program requirements.**
- Electronically sign the RN application to acknowledge understanding of the required physical and mental abilities essential for safe and effective client care (see below).
- Ability to pass drug screening throughout the program. UACCB has deemed all Nursing and Health Professions students to be in safety-sensitive positions. In safety-sensitive positions, it is crucial to maintain a drug-free environment.

Therefore, students are prohibited from using medical marijuana. This ensures safety and compliance with regulations.

POTENTIAL BARS FOR LICENSURE AS A NURSE

Upon application for licensure, per the Arkansas [Nurse Practice Act §17-87-312](#) all nursing students are mandated by state law to be fingerprinted and have a state and federal criminal background check at the student's expense. Please note that,

- Persons convicted of certain crimes may not be eligible to take the state board examination.
- Completion of this program does not guarantee eligibility to take the state board examination according to the [Nurse Practice Act §17-87-312](#).

For Licensing Restrictions Based on Criminal Records see: [ACA §17-3-102](#).

For more information on ASBN background checks, go to <https://www.ark.org/bon/fingerprint/index.php> or contact Karen McCumpsey, MNSc, RN, CNE, Assistant Director, Arkansas State Board of Nursing at karen.mccupmsey@arkansas.gov.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Upon acceptance, students must provide documentation of the following immunizations to attend clinical rotations and meet program requirements. UACCB does not require student vaccination against COVID-19 or Influenza (flu), however, most clinical facilities do. To be eligible to attend required clinical rotations you must provide proof of vaccination(s) OR apply for and receive an exemption from each clinical facility based on either 1) religious or 2) medical reasons.

Each facility requires their own application as well as additional supporting documents. It is the student's responsibility to apply for the exemption and provide proof of exemption approval. Please note, students employed at a facility who have an employee exemption already must still complete the process for a student exemption, per facility policy. Not all clinical facilities grant student exemptions. If a student is prohibited from attending clinical sites and cannot meet program objectives, the student will not be able to successfully complete the program. **UACCB cannot grant exemptions.**

- MMR x 2 or a titer showing immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.
- Hepatitis B series or sign a waiver declining vaccination.
- Varicella x 2 or a titer showing immunity to varicella (Chicken Pox).
- TB Skin Test, blood test, or Chest X-ray (per CDC guidelines).
- COVID-19 vaccination series (Johnson & Johnson (1) or Pfizer (2) or Moderna (2)) or proof of exemption as described above.
- Influenza vaccine in the current season.

MENTAL & PHYSICAL ABILITIES STATEMENT

Each student should be aware of the mental and physical abilities required in each program. If you determine that you are unable to do any of the skills listed and have a documented disability, you will need to determine if reasonable accommodation can be provided. To request accommodation, you will need to contact UACCB's Testing and Disability Services office and present documentation of your disability.

Each student will be expected to perform the following essential functions to perform the work necessary to complete the Nursing Program:

1. Work in a standing position and walk for prolonged periods of time.
2. Lift and transfer clients up to 6 inches from a stooped position, then push or pull weight up to 3 feet.
3. Lift and transfer clients 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, and 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, spelling, vocabulary and penmanship with classmates, faculty, and community members.
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.

TEAS ADMISSION EXAMINATION – MUST BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2024

The TEAS exam is comprised of 170 questions, 20 of which are non-scored pretest items, with a time limit of 209 minutes. The exam has 4 individually timed test sections based on 9-12th-grade science, reading, math, and English language comprehension. The TEAS exam is approximately \$87.00.

Test dates and more information can be found at <https://www.uaccb.edu/testing-services>

The current ATI TEAS study manual and practice exams are available at www.atitesting.com.

- Applicants must score proficient (currently 58.7%) or higher on the TEAS exam to be eligible for selection. Applicants scoring below 58.7% **will not** be eligible for consideration.

- The TEAS exam must be taken within the previous 12 months at the time of selection (limit three (3) attempts in a 12-month period, minimum of 4 weeks (28 days) apart). Students are responsible for ensuring proper time has passed between attempts.
- The highest score will be used in the selection process.
- When registering for the TEAS exam, enter “U of AR CC Batesville” to send your complimentary transcript (official score) to UACCB.
- TEAS testing will be available on-site at the UACCB testing center.
 - Dates for TEAS on-site testing will be posted on the UACCB website and the TEAS website.
- TEAS exams taken at other institutions will only be accepted when an official transcript is sent to UACCB directly from ATI and meets the above criteria.
- **Online proctored TEAS exam scores will not be accepted.**

REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM (AAS DEGREE PLAN)

This revised program curriculum is pending review and final approval by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Prerequisites:

BIOL 24001, 24003 (Previously BIO 2001, 2003) Anatomy & Physiology I, Lab
 BIOL 24103, 24101 (Previously BIO 2011, 2013) Anatomy & Physiology II, Lab
 ENGL 10103 (Previously ENG 1103) English Comp I
 ENGL 10203 (Previously ENG 1203) English Comp II
 MATH 12103 (Previously MTH 1213) Math for Health Care Professions
 BIOL 20001 (Previously BIO 2201) Microbiology Lab
 BIOL 20003 (Previously BIO 2203) Microbiology

Corequisite (must be completed prior to or during the first semester):

PSYC 11003 (Previously PSY 1003) General Psychology

All courses, including pre- and co-requisites, must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

SELECTION RUBRIC

The nursing program is a competitive program with a selective admissions process. The program may have more qualified applicants than positions available. Therefore, all eligible applicants will be scored based on a point system.

Applicants will be given a score based on the following rubric:

- Prerequisite GPA will account for a maximum of 100 points of the overall 200 points possible. (i.e., 4.0 x 25=100 points)
- The TEAS composite score will account for a maximum 100 points of the overall 200 points possible.

Bonus Points will be awarded to the following applicants, with appropriate documentation:

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) with copy of current state certification = 1 point
- NREMT-Basic (or higher) with copy of current state license = 1 point
- United States Veteran with copy of DD214 = 1 point

SCORING EXAMPLE

Student Name	Prerequisite GPA	TEAS Composite	Bonus	Total Score
Example Student	2.50 X 25=62.5 points	58.7%=58.7 points	1 point (CNA)	122.2 points

SELECTION NOTIFICATION

Electronic notifications will be sent for acceptance, alternate, or denial using the UACCB official email address of the applicant.

Up to 40 of the top-scoring applicants are accepted into the program and 5 alternates are chosen.

Students must return the formal acceptance to the nursing department by the date specified or the seat will be forfeited.

Anyone receiving a letter of ineligibility or denial who would like additional information may request an appointment with the Director of Nursing.

MEET & GREET

All applicants are encouraged to attend a scheduled Meet & Greet. Applicants will receive additional program details, can ask questions, meet faculty, administration, and current nursing students.

There are two dates for the Meet & Greet:

April 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Nursing & Allied Health Building

May 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Nursing & Allied Health Building

This event is for the applicant and their support group (i.e., spouse, significant other, parents, children, family members, friends, etc.).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing requires all nursing students who speak English as a second language to pass an English proficiency examination. For more information on the score requirements for this exam see the current UACCB catalog under International Students <https://course-catalog.uaccb.edu/admissions-process> or reach out to the nursing program.

TRANSFER CREDIT

A student requesting a transfer from another college must meet the UACCB transfer policies outlined in the college catalog.

MILITARY SERVICE

Any student whose plan of study is interrupted due to military service obligations while enrolled in the nursing program will be guaranteed readmission upon return. The student will be required to meet the readmission standards set by the program.

ESTIMATED RN PROGRAM COSTS

Estimated Program Expenses	Fall Semester Level 1	Spring Semester Level II	Summer Semester Level III	Total Cost
In-district	\$1,092.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00	\$3,612.00
Out of district	\$1,287.00	\$1,485.00	\$1,485.00	\$4,257.00
Out of State	\$1,625.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$5,375.00
Additional required Expenses				
Nursing Fee	\$865.00	\$865.00	\$865.00	\$2,595.00
Other Fee	\$919.00	\$960.00	\$960.00	\$2,839.00
Sim	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$255.00
Nursing Supply Kit (Purchased through the bookstore)	\$325.00			\$325.00
Uniforms and Program Insignia	\$350.00			\$350.00
In-district Total	\$3,286.00	\$3,170.00	\$3,170.00	\$9,541.00
Out of District Total	\$3,481.00	\$3,395.00	\$3,395.00	\$10,186.00
Out of State Total	\$3,409.00	\$3,785.00	\$3,785.00	\$10,894.00
*These are estimated costs and subject to change.				
Estimated expenses for the nursing major courses only. Cost for pre-requisite and co-requisite general education courses not included. Uniforms, program insignia, and nursing supply kits are one-time expenses incurred during the semester of program entry.				

RN Program Schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fall 2024	RN Program Practicum: 0630-1530	RN Program Practicum: 0830-1230 *Some afternoons may be required*	RN Program: Theory 0900-1100 & 1200-1400	RN Program: Theory 0900-1100 & 1200-1400	Faculty Prep Day-No Classes
Spring/Fall 2025	RN Program: Theory 0830-1100 & 1200-1430	RN Program: Theory 0830-1100 & 1200-1430	RN Program: Practicum 0630-1530	RN Program: Practicum 0830-1230 *Some afternoons may be required*	Faculty Prep Day-No Classes