



**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
REGISTERED NURSING (ADN) PROGRAM**

**LPN-TO-RN PATHWAY
INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET**

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The registered nursing LPN-to-RN pathway is a 2-semester program that combines classroom instruction, simulated patient care, and clinical experience to prepare graduates for a successful career in nursing. Two LPN-to-RN pathways are available for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) desiring to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Registered Nursing.

--Option one: Join the on-campus traditional cohort in the classroom setting, with weekday clinicals.

--Option two: Online lecture courses with weekend clinicals. *Clinical attendance on the UACCB campus is required. Students will be notified in advance.*

Students accepted into the program must complete the required 54-credit hours and will then, upon successful completion of the program, be awarded 13-credit hours for their LPN education.

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 a RN. (See Potential Bars for Licensure below).

Important: Students will be required to travel to UACCB as well as clinical sites on scheduled dates. This includes but is not limited to orientation, lab skills competency clinical, simulation clinical, etc. Clinical rotations will be scheduled with as much advance notice as possible, however, may be subject to change. Facilities currently utilized for clinical are in Batesville, Searcy, Jonesboro, and Conway. Locations may change based on clinical site availability.

APPLICATION PERIOD

The application period for the Registered Nursing LPN-to-RN Pathway program opens September 1, 2024, and closes October 31, 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 tiebreaker.

LPN TO 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 NACE Foundations of Nursing Entrance Exam
 - Test dates and more information can be found at <https://www.uaccb.edu/testing-services>

LAST WEEK OF AUGUST:

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

SEPTEMBER 1ST-OCTOBER 31ST:

- Complete the LPN-to-RN Pathway application for the pathway(s) of your choice.

PROGRAM APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must possess a valid, unencumbered LPN license with the privilege to practice in the state of Arkansas. This must be maintained throughout the duration of the program.
- Cumulative college Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
- Meet the score requirement for the admission exam--National League for Nursing NACE Foundations of Nursing 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.
- 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 LPN-to-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, findings on a criminal background check may prevent attendance at clinical sites, resulting in the inability to meet the program requirements.**
- Electronically sign the LPN-to-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 write state board examination according to the [Nurse Practice Act §17-87-312](#).

For Licensing Restrictions Based on Criminal Records see: [ACA §17-33-102](#).

For more information on 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 approved 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.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION INFORMATION -- MUST BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2024

The LPN-to-RN program entrance exam will be the NACE Foundations of Nursing V1.2 Exam, through the National League for Nursing. The NLN NACE Foundations of Nursing V1.2 exam is comprised of 100 questions with a time limit of 120 minutes.

For general information, please go

To: <https://ondemand.questionmark.com/home/405669/user>. Choose "Login" at the top right. Create an NLN account. If you already have an old account, contact Mr. Ramos at jramos@nlm.org.

Estimated Exam cost: \$70 In-person test at UACCB Main Campus Building, room 224 (Testing Center).

Study guide: Sign in to your NLN account, choose "Buy Exam - test prep Foundations of Nursing Prep" \$55.00.

NACE EXAM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the national average, currently **68.42%**, or higher on the NLN NACE FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING V1.2 exam to be eligible for selection. **Applicants scoring below 68.42% will not be eligible for consideration.**

- The exam must be taken within the previous 12 months of the time of selection. There is a limit of three (3) attempts in a 12-month period, a 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.
- Testing will be available on-site at the UACCB testing center. There is no additional cost for transcripts for students taking the exam on-site. UACCB will automatically receive an official transcript. For more information, visit [UACCB Testing Services](#).
 - Dates for on-site testing will be posted on the UACCB website.
- NLN NACE Foundations of Nursing V1.2 exams taken at other institutions will only be accepted when an official transcript is sent directly to UACCB from NLN and meets the specified criteria. Students who plan to take the entrance exam at another institution will need to contact NLN customer service and request that a transcript be sent to UACCB. There is a \$25.00 transcript fee for exams not taken at UACCB.
- **Online proctored NACE Foundations of Nursing V1.2 exam scores will not be accepted.**

LPN TO REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM (AAS DEGREE PLAN)

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
PSYC 11003 (Previously PSY 1003) General Psychology

Admission Requirement:

All LPN to RN Pathway students will be required to complete a noncredit Transition to RN Practice course prior to beginning the program. This is a self-paced course that must be completed between the acceptance of their seat and orientation.

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., $4.0 \times 25 = 100$ points)
- The NLN NACE FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING v1.2 composite score will account for a maximum of 100 points of the overall 200 points possible.

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

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

SCORING EXAMPLE

Student Name	Prerequisite GPA	NACE Composite	Bonus	Total Score
Example Student	$2.50 \times 25 = 62.5$ points	$58.7\% = 58.7$ points	1 point (Veteran)	122.2 points

SELECTION NOTIFICATION

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

Acceptance:

- Option #1 on-campus: Up to 30 of the top-scoring applicants are accepted into the program and 5 alternates are chosen.
- Option #2 online: 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. This event is for the applicant and their support group. (i.e., spouse, significant other, parents, children, family members, friends, etc.).

Meet and Greet Dates for the Spring 2025 entrance date are as follows:

- Thursday, August 15, 2024 @ 5:30 pm-Nursing and Allied Health building Room 902
- Saturday, October 5, 2024 @ 12 pm-Nursing and Allied Health building Room 902

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 LPN-to-RN PATHWAY COSTS

Estimated Program Expenses LPN-RN	Spring Semester Level II	Fall Semester Level III	Nursing Course Total
In district	\$1,305.00	\$1,305.00	\$2,610.00
Out of district	\$1,545.00	\$1,545.00	\$3,090.00
Out of State	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$3,900.00
Additional required Expenses			
Nursing Fee	\$865.00	\$865.00	\$1,712.00
Other Fees	\$960.00	\$960.00	\$1,920.00
Simulation Lab Fees	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$170.00
Nursing Supply Kit (Purchased through the bookstore)	\$325.00		\$325.00
Uniforms and Program Insignia	\$350.00		\$350.00
In-district Total	\$3,890.00	\$3,215.00	\$7,087.00
Out-of-District Total	\$4,130.00	\$3,455.00	\$7,567.00
Out of State Total	\$4,535.00	\$3,860.00	\$8,377.00
*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.			