



**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
REGISTERED NURSING (ADN) PROGRAM
LPN-TO-RN PATHWAY
INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET
SPRING ENTRY – FOR CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY***

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 in-person weekend clinicals.

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 choosing the online pathway 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. The institution is not responsible for organizing or providing transportation for clinical rotations.

APPLICATION PERIOD

The application period for the Registered Nursing LPN-to-RN Pathway program opens September 1, 2026 at midnight, and closes October 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

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

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.**
- Complete the request for information form ([UACCB Nursing Program Admissions Information Request Form](#)) also available at <https://www.uaccb.edu/nursing>
 - Please include the following in your email:
 - Your full name
 - Any names you are registered under or have used for testing
 - The program you are interested in
 - A valid email address that you routinely check
- Sign up to take the NACE 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 application instructions to students who have requested information using the UACCB Nursing Program Admissions Information Request Form. These instructions will also be posted at [uaccb.edu/nursing](https://www.uaccb.edu/nursing)

SEPTEMBER 1ST-OCTOBER 31ST:

- Complete the LPN-to-RN Pathway application for the pathway(s) of your choice.
 - It is essential to ensure that you are applying to the correct program based on your preferred pathway:
 - Option one: On-Campus Pathway Application = *Registered Nursing LPN to RN*
 - Option two: Online Pathway Application = *Registered Nursing LPN to RN Online*
- Once your application is received, an automated confirmation email will be sent to your **UACCB student email account within 24–48 hours**. This email will contain instructions on how to submit documentation for any bonus points for which you may be eligible. Students will only be considered for the specific program(s) for which an application has been submitted. If you apply to multiple programs, you will receive a separate confirmation email for each.
- If you are eligible for any of the following bonus points, it is your responsibility to submit the required documentation as outlined in the confirmation email. Certifications and licenses must be valid at the time of submission to qualify. Bonus points will not be applied if the required documentation is not received. For more information regarding bonus points, please refer to page 7.

FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF YOUR NURSING APPLICATION:

- Carefully review the automated confirmation email sent to your UACCB student email account. UACCB has multiple programs with open applications at the same time, and it is the student's responsibility to ensure they have applied to the correct program.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email within 48 hours, please email nah@uaccb.edu to inquire about the status of your application. Please allow up to 72 hours for a response.
- If the name on your application does not match the name on your entrance exam results, please email nah@uaccb.edu and request that additional names be added to your application. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that test scores are linked to their application. We do not receive any identifying information on test scores other than the name provided.
- All correspondence regarding your application, including admissions or acceptance details, will be sent **exclusively to your UACCB email address**. Personal email addresses will not be used for these communications. Please ensure you regularly check your UACCB email and respond to any communication related to your application

Important: If any items are missing from your application, you will receive an email from the nursing department specifying what is needed. **It is critical that you respond promptly to these emails.** Applications that remain incomplete because the student does not respond to requests for additional information will not be considered for admission.

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.
- 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.
 - No more than 8 credit hours of prerequisite coursework outstanding by the selection date (typically early November).
 - 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, 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 §17-3-102](#).

For more information on background checks, go to [ASBN - Criminal Background Checks](#) or contact The Arkansas State Board of Nursing at ASBN.info@Arkansas.gov or 501-686-2700.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Upon acceptance, students must provide documentation of the following immunizations in order 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 required vaccination(s) **or** apply for and receive an exemption from each clinical facility based on either:

1. Religious reasons, or
2. Medical reasons.

Each facility requires its own exemption application, along with any additional supporting documentation. It is the student's responsibility to apply for the exemption and provide proof of exemption approval. Students who are employed at a facility and have an employee exemption must still complete the student exemption process, 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.**

Immunization Compliance Deadlines:

All required immunizations must be compliant **no later than January 31** of the admission year, with the exception of the current seasonal Influenza (flu) vaccine. The Influenza vaccine must be compliant **no later than October 1** of the current flu season. Failure to meet these deadlines will result in inability to attend clinical rotations and may jeopardize progression in the program.

Required Immunizations:

- MMR (2 doses) or a positive titer showing immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- Hepatitis B series or a signed waiver declining vaccination
- Varicella (2 doses) or a positive 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 dose], Pfizer [2 doses], or Moderna [2 doses]) or proof of exemption as described above
- Influenza vaccine for 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.

NACE ADMISSION EXAMINATION - MUST BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2026

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 150 minutes.

For general information regarding the NACE Foundations of Nursing Exam, please go to:

<https://www.nln.org/education/assessment-services/student-resources>

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

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

NACE EXAM REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must achieve the national average or higher, on the NLN NACE Foundations of Nursing V1.2 exam to be eligible for selection. The current national average is 68%. *Applicants scoring below 68% will not be eligible for consideration.*
- The exam must have been taken within the previous 12 months at the time of selection (November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2026).
- Applicants are allowed a maximum of three (3) attempts in a 12-month period, with a minimum of 4 weeks (28 days) between attempts. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the proper time has elapsed between attempts.
- The highest score will be used in the selection process.

On-Site Testing at UACCB:

- Testing will be available at the UACCB Testing Center.
- There is no additional cost for transcripts for students testing on-site, as UACCB will automatically receive an official transcript.
- Dates for on-site testing will be posted on the UACCB website.
- For more information, visit [UACCB Testing Services](#).

Testing at Other Institutions:

- Exams taken at other institutions will only be accepted if an official transcript is sent directly to UACCB from NLN and meets the specified criteria.
- Students testing at other institutions may fill out the Duplicate Score Report here <https://form.jotform.com/220405151209038> or contact NLN Customer Service at custhelp@nlm.org to request that a transcript be sent to UACCB.
- There is a \$25 transcript fee for exams not taken at UACCB.

Important: Scores from online proctored NLN NACE Foundations of Nursing V1.2 exams will not be accepted.

LPN TO REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM (AAS DEGREE PLAN)

Prerequisites:

BIOL 24001, 24003 - Anatomy & Physiology I, Lab
 BIOL 24103, 24101 - Anatomy & Physiology II, Lab
 ENGL 10103 - English Comp I
 ENGL 10203 - English Comp II
 MATH 12103 - Math for Health Care Professions
 BIOL 20001 - Microbiology Lab
 BIOL 20003 – Microbiology
 PSYC 11003 General Psychology

*All prerequisite courses, must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

SELECTION RUBRIC

The nursing program utilizes a competitive, selective admissions process. Because the number of qualified applicants may exceed the number of available seats, all eligible applicants will be evaluated using a standardized point system.

The UACCB Nursing Program evaluates applicants using the GPA of required prerequisite courses, rather than the overall cumulative GPA. Applicants will receive a score based on the following rubric:

- Required prerequisite GPA will account for a maximum of 100 points of the total 200 points possible. GPA is multiplied by 25 to determine points awarded (e.g., $4.0 \times 25 = 100$ points). The NLN NACE Foundations of Nursing V1.2 composite score will account for a maximum of 100 points of the total 200 points possible.

Bonus points may be awarded to applicants who submit appropriate documentation for the following:

- NREMT-Basic (or higher) with copy of current state license = 1 point
- United States Veteran with copy of DD214 = 1 point
- All prerequisite courses completed and transcribed at the time of selection = 1 point

In the event of a tie in total score, the date and time the application was submitted may be used as a tiebreaker.

SCORING EXAMPLE

Student Name	Prerequisite GPA	NACE Composite	Bonus	Total Score
Example Student	$2.50 \times 25 = 62.5$ points	$68.7\% = 68.7$ points	1 point (Veteran)	132.2 points

SELECTION TIMELINE AND NOTIFICATION

Following the close of the application period, the Nursing Admissions Committee will review all eligible applications and complete the selection process. Decisions are typically made within 7–10 business days after the application deadline; however, applicants should expect to receive an admission decision no later than November 15.

Notification of acceptance, alternate status, or denial will be sent electronically to the applicant's official UACCB student email account.

Acceptance

- Option One – On-Campus Pathway: Up to 8 of the top-scoring applicants will be offered admission, and 3 alternates will be selected.
- Option Two – Online Pathway: Up to 32 of the top-scoring applicants will be offered admission, and 5 alternates will be selected.

Accepted students must return the formal acceptance by the deadline provided in their acceptance notification. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the offered seat.

If an accepted applicant declines or forfeits their seat, it will be offered to the next alternate in the order established during the selection process. **No additional waiting list or alternate list is maintained beyond the named alternates.** Once all alternate positions have been exhausted, any remaining unfilled seats will remain vacant until the next admission cycle.

Applicants 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:

August 20, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the Nursing & Allied Health Building

October 3, 2026 at 12:30 pm 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

Students who speak English as a second language shall meet the Arkansas State Board of Nursing admission requirements by successfully completing an approved English proficiency examination. Acceptable examinations and minimum passing scores for registered nurses include:

- Cambridge Assessment English (B2 First, C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency): Overall score of 169 and 194 in Speaking

- TOEFL Internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT): Overall score of 4.5, 4.5 in Speaking, and 3.5 in Reading, Listening, and Writing
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): Overall score of 6.5 and 7.0 in Speaking
- Michigan English Test (MET): Overall score of 58 and 59 in Speaking
- Occupational English Test (OET): 360 in Speaking, 340 in Reading, 350 in Writing, and 320 in Listening
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score of 55, 76 in Speaking, and 62 in Reading, Writing, and Listening

Applicants are responsible for meeting the current English proficiency requirements established by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. Because approved examinations and minimum passing scores may change, applicants should refer to the current Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) English proficiency requirements for foreign health care workers: <https://www.hrsa.gov/office-global-health/foreign-healthcare-worker-requirements>.

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	Total Cost
In district	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00	\$2,850.00
Out of district	\$1,680.00	\$1,680.00	\$3,360.00
Out of State	\$2,145.00	\$2,145.00	\$4,290.00
Additional required Expenses			
Nursing Fee	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,800.00
Other Fees	\$1,021.00	\$1,021.00	\$2,042.00
Simulation Lab Fees	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$178.00
Nursing Supply Kit (Purchased through the bookstore)	\$175.00		\$175.00
Uniforms and Program Insignia	\$350.00		\$350.00
In-district Total	\$4,610.00	\$4,346.00	\$8,956.00
Out-of-District Total	\$4,865.00	\$4,601.00	\$9,466.00
Out of State Total	\$5,330.00	\$5,066.00	\$10,396.00
*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.			

Option 1: On-Campus LPN to RN Pathway Schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fall 2026	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 for students
Spring 2027	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 for students

Practicum = clinical experiences; Theory = classroom learning

Option 2: Online LPN to RN Pathway Schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Saturday	Sunday
Fall 2026	Livestream of classes available at above times*	Livestream of classes available at above times*	RN Program: Practicum 0630-1530**	RN Program: Practicum 0630-1530**
	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
Spring 2027	Livestream of classes available at above times*	Livestream of classes available at above times*	RN Program: Practicum 0630-1530**	RN Program: Practicum 0630-1530**

* Online students are **not required** to attend livestreamed classes in real-time. Recorded lectures will be available for students to access at their convenience.

** Practicum (clinical experiences) occur most weekends.

LPN to RN Program Admissions Checklist

Before Applying to the Nursing Program

- ☐ Apply and be admitted to UACCB.
- ☐ Complete all required UACCB admissions and onboarding requirements.
- ☐ Request nursing admissions information using the request form
- ☐ Activate and regularly monitor your UACCB student email account.
- ☐ Ensure you meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirements

NLN NACE Admission Examination

- ☐ Complete the NLN NACE examination with a composite score of 68% or higher.
- ☐ Ensure your NACE score was earned between November 1, 2025, and October 31, 2026.
- ☐ Verify you have taken the NACE no more than three (3) times within the previous 12 months.
- ☐ Allow at least 28 days between NACE attempts.

Academic Requirements

- ☐ Complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher, OR have no more than 8 credit hours of prerequisite coursework outstanding at the time of selection (early November).
- ☐ Repeat any prerequisite course with a final grade of D or F and earn a C or higher before the selection date.
- ☐ Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended to UACCB Admissions.

Complete Your Nursing Application

- ☐ Submit the LPN to RN Nursing Application by October 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.
- ☐ Complete all required electronic acknowledgements, including the Arkansas Nurse Practice Act and the Essential Mental and Physical Abilities Statement.

English Language Requirement (If Applicable) ☐ Not Applicable

If English is your second language:

- ☐ Complete an Arkansas State Board of Nursing approved English proficiency examination.
- ☐ Meet the required minimum passing scores.

- ☐ Submit all required documentation per instructions in the English as a Second Language confirmation email

After Submitting Your Application

- ☐ Watch for your automated confirmation email (within 24–48 hours).
- ☐ Review the confirmation email carefully and complete any additional required steps.
- ☐ Submit any bonus point documentation (if applicable).

If applicable, submit documentation as instructed in your application confirmation email for:

- ☐ NREMT-Basic or Higher
- ☐ United States Veteran (DD-214)
- ☐ Regularly monitor your UACCB student email for updates or requests from the Nursing Department.

Reminders

- ☐ Submit your application before the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.
- ☐ Respond promptly to any requests from the Nursing Department. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ☐ Meeting the minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission. Admission is competitive and based on the published selection rubric.
- ☐ All application updates and admission decisions will be sent only to your UACCB student email account.
- ☐ Keep copies of all documents submitted for your records.
- ☐ A criminal background check is required upon acceptance.
- ☐ Drug screening will be required throughout the program.

Questions?

If you have questions about the admissions process, application requirements, or would like additional information about the LPN to RN Pathway Programs, please contact the College Navigator assigned to the LPN to RN Programs.

Caitlyn Croft (she/her) - College Navigator

Office: 870-612-2108

Text: 870-612-2000

Email: caitlyn.croft@uaccb.edu

Caitlyn is available to assist prospective and current applicants throughout the admissions process and can help answer questions regarding application requirements, deadlines, and program information.