Registered Nursing Program
LPN/Paramedic to RN Transition Online Option

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
The LPN/Paramedic to RN Transition Online program is intended to enable qualified Licensed Practical Nurses and/or qualified State Certified Paramedics who aspire to become Registered Nurses to do so within a minimum period of time and with a minimum duplication of course content and credits. Computer literacy is required for satisfactory performance in the program. Students will be assigned clinical rotations throughout the program. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX RN).

Application Procedures and Deadline
Classes are admitted in June. Class size is limited; and all applicants are not accepted for participation.

All applicants will have an equal opportunity regardless of race, age, disability, sex, creed, religion, or nationality.

Applicants with special needs due to disability must make this fact known prior to admission, so that necessary accommodations can be made. Because of the nature of the profession it may not always be possible to accommodate students with severe disabilities. Please refer to functional ability requirements.

Application Deadline: 2nd Friday in March

Acceptance Procedure
Applicants that are selected for admission must notify the nursing division of intent to register by picking up an acceptance packet within the allotted time. Upon acceptance into the program students must submit evidence of the following in order to begin classes:

1. Current American Heart Association (AHA) CPR Certification.
2. Functional Ability Acknowledgement Form.
3. P.P.D. Skin Test or Chest X Ray.
4. Hepatitis B Series or Signature on SEARK Vaccination Waiver Claim Form.
5. Arkansas State Police and FBI Criminal Background Checks.

All students accepted must have a criminal background check. Students are responsible for any fees associated with the background check.

Students enrolled in Allied Health programs with a clinical component will be assessed a fee for malpractice insurance.

NOTE: Random drug screening may be utilized at any time during the course of the program at the students’ expense.
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Counseling
Counselors and faculty advisors are available to aid students in course selection and future planning.

Admission Requirements
1. Completion of High School (or GED Equivalency) Diploma.
2. Complete all SEARK College Admission Requirements.
3. Graduate from a State Board approved practical nursing or Paramedic program.
4. COMPASS scores of 41% in Math, 75% in Writing, and 82% in Reading; or ACT Composite Score of 18; or completion of 15 semester hours of general education applicable to the program with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
5. Possess a current unencumbered Arkansas LPN license or EMT P certification.
6. Provide transcripts from all colleges and/or schools of nursing and allied health attended.
7. Place ACT or COMPASS scores on file.
8. Transfer students must present a letter of good standing from previous nursing program director.
9. Possess a 2.5 Grade Point Average.
10. Complete the required general education courses from an accredited college or university with a 2.5 GPA; A grade of "C" or above is required for each course. (Total quality points in the required general education courses are calculated in determining admission status).
11. Complete a Division of Nursing & Allied Health Application form and submit to the Division of Nursing & Allied Health prior to the application deadline date.
12. Completion of the required nursing program entrance exam. Scores must be included with application.
13. Attend a mandatory pre acceptance orientation.
14. Provide evidence of recent satisfactory work experience.
15. Students enrolling in the program must have strong computer literacy.

The above information must be submitted to:
Southeast Arkansas College
Nursing & Allied Health Technologies Division
1900 Hazel Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603

Financial Aid
For students who qualify, financial aid consists of funds made available from federal, state, and local sources. Scholarships, grants, loans, and Veteran’s benefits are all available to qualified students.

Accreditation
Southeast Arkansas College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Registered Nurse Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Ste. 850; Atlanta, GA 30326; (404) 975-5000; www.acen.org. Substantive Change request will be submitted for the Online Option.

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Nursing Course Requirements
+ Course may not be transferable. Check with your transferring institution.

Technical Certificate (LN/EMT P) 10

2nd Year Summer Session
NURS 2114 Nursing Process I 4
NURS 2122 Nursing Practicum I 2

2nd Year 1st Semester
NURS 2217 Nursing Process II 7
NURS 2224 Nursing Practicum II 4

2nd Year 2nd Semester
NURS 2317 Nursing Process III 7
NURS 2324 Nursing Practicum III 4

COMPLETION AWARD: Associate of Applied Science 65

Approval
The Nursing program is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

For More Information Contact:
Nursing & Allied Health Division
Southeast Arkansas College
1900 Hazel St Pine Bluff, AR 71603
Phone: (870) 543-5917