

FULL TIME PRACTICAL NURSING

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This interdisciplinary practical nursing program is designed to provide a beginning point for individuals seeking upward mobility in the nursing profession. Practical Nursing students are prepared for giving direct and primary nursing care under the immediate supervision of the clinical instructor, staff R.N., Advance Practice Nurse (APN), and/or physicians in the cooperating clinical facilities. Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) are eligible for acceptance into the Practical Nursing program. The program prepares Practical Nurses for employment in a wide range of health care settings including: hospitals, nursing homes, physician's offices, and private duty care. The Arkansas State Board of Nursing approves the Practical Nursing program with regular evaluations to ensure a quality program of education in the nursing field. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply and take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) for licensure as a practical nurse.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Classes are admitted in **August and January**. 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.

Application DEADLINES

:
**August Fall Admission,
2nd Friday in March**

**January Spring Admission,
1st Friday in October**



ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE

Should the qualified applicants exceed the available slots in the program, admission into a particular class will be based on the date of completed application. After Admission to the College and acceptance into the Practical Nursing program, the student must submit evidence of the following in order to begin classes: .

1. Current CPR Certification—AHA Health Care Provider
2. Functional Ability Acknowledgment Form
3. P.P.D. Skin Test or Chest X-Ray
4. Hepatitis B Series or Signature on SEARK Vaccination Waiver Claim Form.
5. Criminal Background check and Drug Screen results

The ASBN requires that all applicants for licensure submit to a criminal background check and drug screening. All students accepted into the PN program will be required to have State and Federal criminal background checks conducted through the Clinical Credentialing Agency chosen by the school. The cost of the subscription Drug Screen, and Criminal Background check is at the student's expense.

Conviction of certain crimes may make the applicant ineligible to test for licensure despite successful completion of the Practical Nursing program.

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 student's expense.

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ADVISING

Faculty advisors are available to assist students in course selection and future planning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

First Step: ADMISSIONS to Southeast Arkansas College
Requirements: High School (or GED Equivalency) diploma plus general and specific requirements listed below:

- Completion of all General Admissions procedures of the College.
- Current American Heart Association (AHA) **CPR** Certification.
- Current unencumbered State Certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant (**CNA**).

Provide one or all of the following test scores:

- **Accuplacer Reading** 78;
- **Next Generation Accuplacer Reading** score of at least 250
- **ACT Reading** score – 19
- **COMPASS Reading** –83 OR
- **Completion of a course in developmental reading, writing or math with a letter grade of C or better.**
- **Possess a GPA of 2.5 or higher.**

Second Step: Completion of the Nursing and Allied Health Application for admission Provide transcripts from all colleges and /or schools attended. Complete all pre-admission requirement courses with a “C” or better. Transfer students must present a Letter of Good Standing from previous nursing program Director. Completion of the required nursing program entrance exam **KAPLN** with a composite score of at least **55% or above**.

* NOTE:

Students **must** test out of developmental courses, and successfully complete the general studies developmental education courses in Reading (Developmental Reading and Basic English), Writing (Fundamental Writing), and Technical Math.

***First time college students MUST take Technical Math or a higher math. Intermediate Algebra may be substituted for Tech Math ONLY for returning students considering that it is no longer an offered course.**

The student is responsible for submitting all documentation listed above, and submission of an NAH applications to:

**Nursing & Allied Health Technologies Division
Southeast Arkansas College
1900 Hazel Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603**

FINANCIAL AID

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

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SUMMER TERM

**BIOL	2453	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
**BIOL	2451	Human Anatomy & Physiology I (Lab)	1
**BIOL	2463	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
**BIOL	2461	Human Anatomy & Physiology II (Lab)	1
ALLI	1117	Nursing Assistant	7
Total			15

FALL

Module I (1st 8-Wks.)

PNUR	1138	Fundamental Nursing Concepts & Skills I	8
NURS	1111	Vocational Legal/Ethical Concepts	1
NURS	1161	Nursing Care of the Geriatric Client	1
Total			10

Module II (2nd 8-Wks.)

PNUR	1245	Fundamental Nursing Concepts & Skills II	5
PNUR	1211	Pharmacology Concepts & Application	1
Total			6

SPRING

Module III

PNUR	1317	Medical Surgical Nursing & Clinical I	7
PNUR	1232	Nursing Care of Mothers & Infants	2
PNUR	1242	Nursing Care of Children	2
PNUR	1321	Nursing Care of the Mentally III Client	1
Total			12

SUMMER

Module IV (8-Wks.)

PNUR	1417	Medical Surgical Nursing & Clinical II	7
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COMPLETION AWARD: Technical Certificate **50**

**Courses must be completed within past 5 years or receive special permission for acceptance.

APPROVAL

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

ACCREDITATION

Southeast Arkansas College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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