

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

ENROLLING IN COLLEGE

The basic responsibilities of selecting a major field, enrolling in the prescribed courses of study in the field, and complying with the University's requirements for graduation rest with the student.

The Department of Nursing offers undergraduate study in nursing to qualified high school graduates, graduates of diploma and associate degree programs in nursing, and licensed practical nurses. This baccalaureate program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and the Arkansas State Department of Higher Education. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is also accredited by the National League for Nursing.

Satisfactory completion of two academic years of (pre-nursing) courses followed by two years of upper division professional nursing courses is required. Arkansas Tech University's nursing curriculum is designed to prepare students for beginning professional responsibilities in a variety of health-care settings and to provide the necessary foundation for graduate students. Upon completion of degree requirements, the student is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN).

The Department of Nursing utilizes the clinical facilities and services of the Arkansas River Valley area; however, in order to completely meet the objective of certain courses, the student should be prepared to travel out of this area. Students are required to provide their own transportation for practicum courses.

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FINANCIAL AID

What is the purpose of financial aid?

The primary purpose of student financial aid at Arkansas Tech is to provide assistance to students who, without aid, would be unable to attend college.

What kind of assistance is available?

Financial assistance consists of scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time employment, which may be offered to student singularly or in various combinations, depending upon the degree of need.

How is need determined?

In determining the extent of a student's need the University must consider the financial support which may be expected from the income, assets, and other resources of the parents and the student. Aid awards by the University are considered supplementary to the efforts of the student's family in assisting their children with college expenses.

Is need the only consideration?

Other basic considerations are character, leadership potential, skills, and experience.

Who administers the financial aid program?

All awards are administered by the Student Aid Office in accordance with the University's equal educational opportunity policy.

How do I apply?

Application forms for all types of aid may be obtained from the Student Aid Office in the Doc. Bryan Student Services Building.

Career Options

BACCALAUREATE NURSING

Hospital Nursing, Nursing in Community Clinics, Nursing Homes, and Extended Care Facilities, Nursing in Space Programs, School Nurse, Nursing Administration, Occupational Nurse, background for Graduate Programs in Nursing, Nursing in the Armed Services.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The employment outlook is bright dependent upon the economics of the area, and opportunities are not limited geographically.

EDUCATION PREPARATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

COURSES OFFERED IN THE MAJOR

Nursing Skills

Pharmacology

Theories and Concepts of Nursing

Practicum in Nursing

Health Assessment

Nursing Research

Special Problems in Nursing

(Independent Study)

Selected Topics

(In Depth Topics of Interest in Nursing)

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission in lower division foundation courses is open to any Arkansas Tech University student who meets the prerequisites of the University. Nursing majors are encouraged to seek academic advising from the nursing faculty immediately upon acceptance to the University.

Admission to the upper division nursing courses is competitive and subject to approval by the Nursing Departments Admission/Progression Committee. Students are considered for admission for spring preceding the fall in which they plan to enter nursing courses. The deadline to apply for Spring admission to upper division nursing is October 1 or March 1 if applying for Fall.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE UPPER DIVISION NURSING COURSES

1. Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale.
2. Completion of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better in each: Engl 1013, Engl 1023, Math 1113, Biol 2014, Biol 3054, Biol 3074, Chem 1113 and LAB 1111, Psy 2003, Psy 3813, Soc 1003, NUR 2303, and NUR 3803. Students who attempt any 3000 or 4000 level course (Biol 3054, Biol 3074, Psy 3813, NUR 3803) twice (2 times) and cannot achieve a grade of "C" or better in any of these courses will not be considered for or be able to continue in upper division. An attempt is "any enrollment in any course and dropping it (or changing to audit) after the first day of the 10th week of the semester during the spring or fall semester or after the third week of either summer session for any reason, and/or failure (grade of "D", "F", or "F*") of the course".
3. Completion of the following courses:

American History or Government	3 hours
Social Science	3 hours
Humanities	3 hours
Fine Arts	3 hours
TECH 1001	1 hour
Electives	1 hour
Physical education	1 hour

(See General Education requirements for specific course alternative)
4. Acquisition of professional/student liability insurance and current certification of CPR for Adult and Child as taught by the American Heart Association.
5. Evidence of immunity to chicken pox or vaccination.
6. Initiation of Hepatitis B Vaccine series.

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Department of Nursing
Admission and Progression Committee
Admission Criteria

The Admission and Progression Committee use the following criteria to rank applicants for admission to upper division nursing courses. These criteria utilize existing admission policies.

Applicants will be ranked in groups and the criteria for selection of upper division students are as follows:

For students desiring entry to Spring Upper Division Nursing (Level I):

1. Student has $GPA \geq 3.0$ during time of application and at the end of fall semester;
2. Do not admit at this time

For students desiring entry to Fall semester Upper Division Nursing (Level I):

1. Student has $GPA \geq 3.0$ during time of application and at the end of spring semester;
2. Do not admit at this time.

The student must have completed a minimum of 54 hours of required prerequisite courses and have a $GPA \geq 3.0$.

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BSN Nursing Curriculum

Freshman Year: 1st Semester		Sophomore Year: 2nd Semester (Level 0)	
ENGL 1013 Comp I	3 hours	NUR/BIOL 3803 Pathophysiology	3 hours
MATH 1113 C. Algebra*(MATH1103)	3 hours	PSY 3813 Lifespan Development	3 hours
CHEM 1113/LAB 1111	4 hours	NUR 2023 Introduction to Nursing	3 hours
*(CHEM1214)		NUR 3103 Skills I	3 hours
**SOC 1003 Intro to Sociology	3 hours	<u>NUR 3303 Health Assessment</u>	<u>3 hours</u>
*(SOCI 1013)		Total:	15 hours
PE	1 hour		
<u>TECH 1001</u>	<u>1 hour</u>		
Total:	15 hours		
Freshman Year: 2nd Semester		Junior Year: 1st Semester (Level I)	
ENGL 1023 Comp II	3 hours	NUR 3213 Care of Older Adult	3 hours
**PSY 2003 General Psych	3 hours	NUR 3204 Theories and Concepts	4 hours
*(PSYC1103)		NUR 3404 Practicum I	4 hours
BIOL 2404 A & P I OR		NUR 3513 Skills II	3 hours
BIOL 2014 Anatomy	4 hours	<u>NUR 3402 Pharmacology I</u>	<u>2 hours</u>
*(BIOL2404)		Total:	16 hours
Social Science/FA/Hum/Speech	3 hours		
<u>US History/Govt.</u>	<u>3 hours</u>		
Total:	16 hours		
Sophomore Year: 1st Semester		Junior Year: 2nd Semester (Level II)	
BIOL 3054 Microbiology	4 hours	NUR 3606 Theories & Concepts II	6 hours
Fine Art/Humanities	6 hours	NUR 3805 Practicum II	5 hours
BIOL 2414 A & P II OR		<u>NUR 3802 Pharmacology II</u>	<u>2 hours</u>
BIOL 3074 Physiology	4 hours	Total:	13 hours
<u>NUR 2303 Nutrition</u>	<u>3 hours</u>		
Total:	17 hours		
Total Program Hours: 120		Senior Year: 1st Semester (Level III)	
Application to Upper Division deadline Spring - October 1st or Fall - March 1st At time of application: 3.0 GPA *ACTS NUMBERS Option 1: Social Sciences 6 hrs, Fine Arts/Hum 6 hrs; Speech 3 hrs. Option 2: Social Sciences 6 hrs; Fine Arts/Humanities 9 hrs. Option3: Social Sciences 9 hrs; Fine Arts/ Humanities 6 hrs. **Also General Ed Social Science Requirements		NUR 4206 Theories& Concepts III	6 hours
		NUR 4405 Practicum III	5 hours
		NUR 4303 Nursing Research	3 hours
		<u>Elective</u>	<u>1 hour</u>
		Total:	15 hours
		Senior Year: 2nd Semester (Level IV)	
		NUR 4606 Theories & Concepts IV	6 hours
		NUR 4804 Practicum IV	4 hours
		<u>NUR 4903 Synthesis</u>	<u>3 hours</u>
		Total:	13 hours

SOCIAL SCIENCE HIST 1503 World Civ. I *(HIST1113) HIST 1513 World Civ. II *(HIST1123) HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1865 *(HIST2113) HIST 2013 U.S. History since 1865 *(HIST2123) POLS 2003 American Gov*(PLSC2003) ECON 2003 Principles of Econ I *(ECON2103) ANTH 1213 Intro to Anthropology *(ANTH1013) ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthro*(ANTH2013) GEOG 2013 Reg. Geog. of the World *(GEOG2103) AMST 2003 American Studies (Soc 1003 Intro to Sociology) - Required Nursing (Psy 2003 General Psy) - Pre-requisites	FINE ART/ Humanities ART 2123 Experiencing Art *(ARTA1003) MUS 2003 Intro. to Music* (MUSC1003) JOUR 2173 Intro. to Film ENGL 2173 Intro. to Film TH 2273 Intro. to Theater *(DRAM1003) ENGL 2003 Intro. World Lit *(ENGL2113) ENGL 2013Intro Amer. Lit *(ENGL2653) PHIL 2003 Intro Philosophy *(PHIL1103) SPEECH Sph 1003 Intro Speech Communication Sph 2003 Public Speaking Sph 2173 Business and Professional Speaking	US HISTORY/GOVT HIST 1903 Survey American History HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1865 *(HIST2113) HIST 2013 U.S. History 1865 to Present *(HIST2123) POLS 2003 American Government *(PLSC2003)
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