

Interested in an ATU-Ozark Health Program?

Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus is committed to preparing students for rewarding careers in healthcare. We offer a diverse range of high-demand, high-wage health programs. Get started on your future in healthcare now! Learn more below and find the perfect path for you.



Explore your Options

Each program's web page has specific information regarding program admissions requirements, pre-requisite classes, and more.

- Cardiac Sonography: Students who complete the non-invasive Cardiac Sonography (CS) program of study will be prepared to enter the healthcare field in cardiac sonography labs as adult cardiac sonographers. Cardiac sonography, also known as echocardiography, is a rapidly advancing specialty area of cardiac imaging that uses ultrasound technology to evaluate the heart. The Cardiac Sonography program is located at the ACHE building in Fort Smith.
<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/degrees/associates/cardiac-sonography.php>
- Health Information Technology: The Health Information Technology (HIT) program provides students with the skills and competencies in health data management, medical coding and billing, information systems, and clinical workflow critical to function in an electronic environment.
<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/degrees/associates/health-information-technology.php>
- Human Services: Graduates of the Human Services (HS) program will be qualified to hold professional and paraprofessional jobs in such diverse settings as group homes and halfway houses; correctional, intellectual disability, and community mental health centers; family, child, and youth service agencies; and programs concerned with alcoholism, drug abuse, family violence, and aging. Depending on the employment setting and the kinds of clients served there, job titles and duties vary a great deal. The primary purpose of the human services professional is to assist individuals and communities to function as

effectively as possible in the primary living domains.

<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/degrees/associates/human-services.php>

- Medical Assisting: Medical Assisting (MA) graduates perform administrative and clinical duties under the direction of physicians in their offices or other medical settings. Basic medical assistant training and education consist of learning experiences in communication skills, examination room procedures, clinical laboratory skills, and general office practices. The Medical Assisting program is located at the Morton Hall building in Russellville.

<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/degrees/associates/medical-assisting.php>

- Occupational Therapy Assistant: The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program is designed to prepare successful graduates for entry-level employment in the field of Occupational Therapy Assistants. A Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist, provides rehabilitative services to individuals with mental, physical, emotional, or developmental disabilities. The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is located at the Morton Hall building in Russellville.

<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/degrees/associates/occupational-therapy-assistant.php>

- Paramedic/Emergency Medical Services: The Paramedic/Emergency Medical Services (EMTP) program equips individuals with skills across the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective learning domains at the Emergency Medical Technician level and/or the Emergency Medical Technician- Paramedic level. Successful completion of the program readies graduates for responding to emergencies and providing critical care to patients in pre-hospital settings.

<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/degrees/associates/emergency-medical-services-technician.php>

- Physical Therapist Assistant: The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program is designed to prepare successful graduates for entry-level employment in the field as physical therapist assistants. The physical therapist assistant is an educated health care provider who works under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist and assists to provide specially prescribed treatments and exercises through a plan of care developed by the physical therapist that are aimed at improving mobility, relieving pain, or preventing and /or limiting physical disability.

<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/degrees/associates/physical-therapist-assistant.php>

- Practical Nursing: The Practical Nursing (LPN) program prepares students for the entry-level of nursing. Students will have a variety of clinical experiences, including adult health, medical/surgical, maternal child, mental health, geriatrics and pediatrics. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN exam for licensure.

<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/degrees/associates/practical-nursing.php>

- Registered Nursing: The Registered Nursing (RN) program prepares a graduate to function as an entry level registered nurse, providing direct care to persons as individuals and as members of a family or group.

The program is designed for persons who are already licensed practical nurses (LPN) or paramedics who wish to pursue their AAS-RN degree. Successful completion of the RN program allows students to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam for licensure.

<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/degrees/associates/registered-nursing.php>



Important Information to Remember

- Cardiac Sonography, Medical Assisting, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing (fall start), and Registered Nursing all require a program application that must be fully completed and submitted by **March 1st.**
- Paramedic/Emergency Medical Services and Practical Nursing (spring start) both require a program application that must be fully completed and submitted by **October 1st.**
- Health Information Technology and Human Services are not cohort programs, so they do not require a program application. Once you have applied and been accepted to the ATU-Ozark campus, you may immediately begin taking classes in these programs.
- Applicants are required to take an entrance exam for all programs **except** Health Information Technology, Human Services, and Paramedic/Emergency Services.
 - **TEAS Test**- Cardiac Sonography, Medical Assisting, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Practical Nursing
 - **HESI Test**- Registered Nursing
 - **No entrance exam**- Health Information Technology, Human Services, and Paramedic/Emergency Services
- Cardiac Sonography, Medical Assisting, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Physical Therapist Assistant determine entrance selection based on TEAS test scores as well as additional requirements in addition to the TEAS test scores. Be sure to check those webpages for more specific information.
- Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing determine entrance selection based solely on the number of available spaces and the highest overall entrance exam rankings of qualified applicants.



TEAS Test Information

- The Test of Essential Academic Skills, or TEAS, is a standardized exam that many health programs use to assess applicants. The idea behind the exam is to test an applicant's readiness for a health program. The TEAS exam covers four main content areas: reading, math, science, and English and language usage.
- The TEAS is scheduled by the Allied Health secretary after the application deadlines. An email with available test dates will be sent to the email address provided on the student's program application. Prior to taking the TEAS, applicants will be required to register and pay a testing fee at atitesting.com. The TEAS is a computerized test; therefore, test scores will be immediately available. Test results will then be forwarded to the program office and the Office of Student Services. Acceptance of TEAS results from online testing and/or at locations other than Arkansas Tech University- Ozark Campus are allowed, providing the results meet additional requirements (see TEAS Test Information link below for additional requirements).

HESI Information

- The Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) test is an entrance exam that Registered Nursing applicants must take before being accepted into the program. Applicants to the Registered Nursing program must have a valid LPN license or Paramedic license AND meet the required work hours (work hours required only if necessary- see the RN webpage for specific guidelines).
- RN faculty recommends applicants to use NCLEX exam study material when preparing to take the HESI exam because much of the material on the NCLEX exam is covered on the HESI exam.
- The HESI PN or Paramedic to ADN MOBILITY EXAM will be used by the RN program for admission consideration. Prior to taking the HESI PN or Paramedic to ADN MOBILITY exam, applicants will be required to pay a testing fee via the HESI Elsevier website. This is a computerized test; therefore, test scores will be immediately available. Test results will then be forwarded to the program office and the Office of Student Services. For information on how to register for the HESI exam, see the Health Program FAQs link below.



Resources

- Health Program FAQs
<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/docs/TEAS%20and%20HESI%20FAQ.pdf>
- TEAS Test Information
<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/docs/TEAS%20Procedure.pdf>
- Creating an ATI Account for TEAS Test
<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/docs/How%20to%20Create%20a%20Student%20ATI%20Account%20for%20TEAS.pdf>
- Registering for the TEAS Test
<https://www.atu.edu/ozark/docs/Registering%20for%20the%20TEAS-Student.pdf>
- TEAS Practice
http://www.testprepreview.com/teas_practice.htm AND
<https://www.mometrix.com/academy/teas-practice-test>
- TEAS Test Prep LibGuide
<http://libguides.atu.edu/teas>



Contact Information

We hope this guide to ATU-Ozark health programs has helped you to better understand the differences and requirements of each of our health program options. If you need additional help or clarification, the Allied Health Administrative Assistant is always happy to answer any questions. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

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