LPN to REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM

2019 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

Each applicant must apply for admission to Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus BEFORE applying to the technical portion of the Registered Nursing Program. Application information may be obtained by contacting the Office of Student Services in person or through the following:

Office of Student Services
Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus
1700 Helberg Lane
Ozark, AR 72949
479-667-2117
www.atu.edu/ozark

Each applicant is responsible for verifying that all of the following requested information has been completed and submitted to the Allied Health Secretary between January 1, 2019, and March 1, 2019. All application items requested should be submitted as a complete packet if possible and physically brought to the Allied Health Secretary in the Health Education Building. Applicants are responsible for items sent separately. An appointment should be made with the Allied Health Secretary by March 1, to review the application for completeness. Call 479-508-3325 or email smoffit@atu.edu for this appointment.

The following items must be received by the Allied Health Secretary by March 1, in order to be considered complete:

- Registered Nursing Program Application for Admission
- Acknowledge of Essential Functions form
- Understanding of Clinical Participation Requirements form
- Copy of current unencumbered Arkansas LPN license
- Understanding of Criminal Background Check form
- Copy of current CPR
- Unofficial copies of transcripts from any other schools attended other than ATU

Registered Nursing Program
Attn: Allied Health Secretary
Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus
1700 Helberg Lane
Ozark, AR 72949

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION PACKET IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NURSING PROGRAM.
The Registered Nursing Program (RN) at Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus is a course of study leading to the attainment of an Associate of Applied Science degree upon completion of a platform of 37 hours of coursework and 30 hours of technical coursework. The RN program curriculum includes platform coursework which must be completed prior to enrollment in the technical phase. The technical phase will include 2 consecutive semesters of study starting with the fall term and continuing until end of the spring term of the following year. Students will be required to maintain a "C" grade average and demonstrate satisfactory skill competency during the technical phase in order to meet program requirements for graduation.

The Registered Nursing Program at Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus has been granted Full Approval by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing (1123 South University Avenue, Suite 800, Little Rock, AR 72204-1619); telephone: 501-686-2700; website: www.arsbn.org).

### PLATFORM COURSEWORK

Students will be required to complete a platform of 37 hours of coursework with a “C” or better and a minimum 2.75 GPA prior to admission to the technical phase of the RN program. Students must also hold a current, unencumbered LPN license in the state of permanent residence and at time of application must have either a) graduated from an ASBN approved PN school in the past 12 months OR b) worked a minimum of 1000 hours as an LPN in the 12 months prior to application. Any LPN completing the Alternative to Discipline program is considered encumbered and will not be considered for admission. Work experience must be in acute or long term care. See last page of this application for clarification of this work experience. (All courses required in the platform for the nursing program are either currently offered on the Arkansas Tech University Ozark or Russellville campuses. Applicants with platform coursework completed at other institutions should have their official transcripts sent to the Office of Student Services for review. The platform coursework includes:

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<td>Introduction to Sociology</td>
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<td>CHEM</td>
<td>1111 and 1113</td>
<td>Survey of Chemistry Lab/A Survey of Chemistry</td>
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Substitution and/or waiving of platform coursework will be at the discretion of the Registered Nursing program chair in accordance with the policies and procedures of Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus.
TECHNICAL COURSEWORK

Students must apply to the technical phase of the program following completion of the platform coursework. Admission to the technical phase is competitive due to limited enrollment. Satisfactory completion of the technical coursework will enable a student to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree and apply for state licensure as a registered nurse. The technical phase of the program includes a combination of classroom/laboratory study and required clinical education. During the classroom/laboratory portion of the program, students will have the opportunity to learn registered nursing procedures and practice specific procedures on fellow nursing students. Students will be expected to participate in all class and laboratory activities as both a demonstration subject and a simulated patient for their classmates. The clinical education portion of the program consists of working with patients in a clinical facility as a student while under the supervision of a clinical instructor. Clinical education sites are located in various cities and towns throughout the area and some may even require lodging due to their distance from Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus. Students will be responsible for all travel associated with clinical education. In addition, each student will be responsible for all meals and lodging associated with clinical education, unless provisions are made by the clinical education site to which they are assigned. Projected technical coursework for the 2019-2020 class will include the following:

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<td>RN</td>
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<td>Theories and Concepts for Registered Nursing II</td>
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NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Registered Nursing Program at Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus does not discriminate on the basis of color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, age, religion, national origin, or disability, in any of its practices, policies, or procedures. This includes, but is not limited to, admission, employment, financial aid, or educational service. Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus complies with all applicable state and federal laws including, but not limited to, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 as amended, Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Civil Rights Act of 1991. A copy of the Affirmative Action Plan, including specific responsibilities and provisions for implementation and compliance will be made available upon request. Responsibility for implementation and compliance with this Affirmative Action policy has been delegated to the Affirmative Action officer, e-mail affirmative.action@atu.edu
ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

In order to be considered for admission to the RN program, each student must meet the following criteria:

- Eligibility for admission to Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus
- Completion of platform coursework with a “C” or better and a minimum 2.75 GPA; conditional acceptance may be granted to those students who are in the process of completing remaining platform coursework. Failure to maintain a 2.75 GPA and “C” or better upon completion of remaining platform coursework or failure to complete all platform coursework prior to the start of the program may lead to forfeiture of RN program admission offer.
- Current unencumbered Arkansas LPN licensure. Recent graduates must have made application to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing in order to be considered for conditional admission. Upon an applicant receiving conditional admission, the applicant must show proof of a temporary license prior to beginning coursework. The applicant must pass the NCLEX-PN prior to August 28, which is the final date to drop/withdraw from courses with full reduction of tuition/fees. Failure to take or pass the NCLEX-PN by this time will result in the student being administratively withdrawn from the program.
- Submission of complete and accurate RN Program Application Packet for Admission
- Completion of appropriate HESI PN to ADN MOBILITY EXAM testing
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Students who speak English as a second language must meet the same admission criteria as other students.
- Must have either a) graduated from an ASBN approved PN school in the 12 months prior to application OR b) been employed a minimum of 1,000 hours as an LPN in the 12 months prior to application. **Work experience must be in acute or long term care.** Volunteer hours are not considered in the 1,000 hours.

CLASS SIZE

The class size will be determined dependent on clinical site availability and job market.

HESI PN to ADN MOBILITY EXAM

Prior to taking the HESI PN to ADN MOBILITY exam, applicants will be required to pay a testing fee. This is a computerized test and therefore test scores will be immediately available. Test results will then be forwarded to the RN program office and the Office of Student Services. Acceptance of HESI results from testing at locations other than Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus will be at the discretion of the RN Program. The HESI PN to ADN MOBILITY EXAM will be used by the RN program for admission consideration.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Due to the limited spots available for each class of RN students, the RN Program must use a method of ranking each candidate according to the candidate’s qualifications. Applicants will be ranked by scores on the HESI PN to ADN MOBILITY EXAM.
In the case of a tie in the application score for applicants, the following criteria will be utilized as tie-breakers (the criteria are arranged in order of importance):

1. Cumulative GPA for all college coursework completed prior to the application deadline
2. Date/time of submission of completed LPN to RN program application materials.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Offers of admission for available spaces will be made to the qualified applicants with the highest overall ratings. All applicants will be notified by the RN Program of their admission status. Applicants accepted into the program must notify the RN Program office as soon as possible of their decision to accept or decline the offer of admission. Applicants who decline admission or are not accepted for admission may reapply for admission the following year. In the event an opening for a student becomes available, then applicants from the alternate list will be offered admission according to individual ranking.

The timeline for the application and selection process is included below:

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<td>March 1, 2019</td>
<td>RN program application and forms included in packet due to RN program office.</td>
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<td>AFTER May 15, 2019</td>
<td>Students with completed applications will complete appropriate HESI PN to ADN MOBILITY EXAM as scheduled by Student Services</td>
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<td>AFTER June 15, 2019</td>
<td>RN applications will be reviewed and students will be selected for entry to the technical coursework.</td>
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**FINANCIAL AID**

Students requesting information regarding financial aid are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office as follows:

Financial Aid Office
1700 Helberg Lane
Ozark, AR 72949
479-508-3111

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**PROJECTED PROGRAM COSTS**

Estimated costs for enrollment in the technical phase of the RN program are as follows:

- Approximately $4,000 for tuition and fees
- Approximately $1,400 for textbooks
- Approximately $300 for a lab coat and clinical uniform
- $15 for a campus parking permit
- Approximately $25 for TB testing
- Approximately $90 for Hepatitis B vaccination
- Approximately $350 for NCLEX review
- Approximately $350 for Arkansas State Board of Nursing licensure

The above projected costs are subject to change.

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION**

Students admitted to the RN program will be expected to obtain criminal background checks following entry into the program. Criminal background checks may be a requirement for attendance at some of the clinical education sites affiliated with the RN program. Based upon the results of these checks, an affiliated clinical education site may determine not to allow a particular student's presence at a facility. In addition, a criminal background may preclude licensure or employment following graduation. Students are responsible for the associated costs and delivery of background results to the clinical facility requesting the information.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING**

Drug and alcohol testing may be a requirement for attendance at some of the clinical education sites affiliated with the RN program. Based upon the results of these checks, an affiliated clinical education site may determine not to allow a particular student's presence at a facility. The student is responsible for the costs associated with any drug and alcohol testing required for attendance at a particular clinical education site. In addition, the student is also responsible for submission of testing results to the clinical education facility requesting the information.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR THE REGISTERED NURSE**

Successful participation in the RN Program includes the ability to perform essential functions, which are necessary for delivery of nursing services in a safe, ethical, legal manner. The essential functions are expected to be demonstrated, with or without reasonable accommodation, by students participating in the RN program. Upon reviewing the Essential Functions for the RN Student included in this packet, the candidate will complete the Acknowledgment of Essential Functions for the Registered Nursing Student form and indicate whether or not that student can perform the essential functions. Prior to admission to the program, the student is responsible for providing written documentation of any disabilities, along with evidence for the need for accommodation. Requests for accommodations will be forwarded to the Disability Coordinator for the university. The university will then decide if reasonable accommodations can be made for that particular student.
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<td>Motor Skills</td>
<td>The student should possess sufficient motor capabilities in order to provide safe and effective physical therapy procedures. Capabilities required include, but are not limited to:</td>
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<td>- Ability to assist and protect patients who are walking, exercising, or performing other activities</td>
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<td>- Ability to adjust, move, position, and lift patients and equipment</td>
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<td>- Ability to perform pushing, pulling, bending, twisting, reaching, standing, kneeling, sitting, walking, and crawling</td>
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<td>- Ability to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)</td>
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<td>- Ability to manipulate equipment including adjustment of dials, gauges, small nuts/bolts, and various equipment settings</td>
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<td>- Sufficient endurance to move about a clinical setting steadily throughout an 8-hour work day</td>
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<td>Sensory Skills</td>
<td>The student should possess sufficient sensory abilities in order to competently assess and monitor patients. Capabilities required include, but are not limited to:</td>
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<td>- Sufficient visual ability to recognize and interpret facial expressions and body language, identify normal and abnormal patterns of movement, to read or set parameters on equipment, to discriminate color changes, recognize a patient’s physiological status, and assess the patient's environment</td>
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<td>- Sufficient auditory ability to recognize and respond to verbal communication, auditory timers, equipment alarms, and effectively use devices for measurement of blood pressure</td>
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<td>- Sufficient tactile ability to palpate pulses; detect and assess changes or abnormalities in skin texture, skin temperature, muscle tone, and joint movement</td>
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<td>Communication</td>
<td>The student should possess sufficient ability to communicate effectively and competently in the English language with others using appropriate verbal, computer and written methods. Capabilities required include, but are not limited to:</td>
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<td>- Ability to read at a level of competency that allows one to safely perform the essential functions of an assignment</td>
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<td>- Ability to write in a legible manner</td>
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<td>- Ability to present information about nursing procedures and services to patients, family members, and other health care professionals</td>
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<td>- Ability to recognize, interpret, and respond to nonverbal behavior of self and others</td>
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<td>- Ability to interpret and communicate information regarding the status, safety, and rehabilitation of patients</td>
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<td>Behavior</td>
<td>The student should possess sufficient ability to exercise good judgment, develop therapeutic relationships with patients and others, work in stressful situations, and tolerate close physical contact with patients and co-workers. Capabilities required include, but are not limited to:</td>
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<td>• Ability to work with multiple patients and colleagues at the same time</td>
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<td>• Ability to work with others under stressful conditions</td>
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<td>• Ability to work with individuals of varying socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds</td>
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<td>• Ability to act in the best interests of patients</td>
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<td>Critical Thinking</td>
<td>The student should possess sufficient ability to comprehend and process information in a timely manner. Capabilities required include, but are not limited to:</td>
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<td>• Ability to collect and interpret data related to patients and nursing services</td>
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<td>• Ability to prioritize multiple tasks, process information, and make decisions</td>
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<td>• Ability to apply knowledge from education to the provision of nursing services</td>
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<td>• Ability to observe, measure, and interpret normal and abnormal patient responses to nursing interventions, and appropriately modify treatment interventions</td>
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<td>• Ability to act safely and ethically in the nursing lab and clinic</td>
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Criminal Background Check Statement

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing requires a criminal background check be performed on each first time applicant for licensure. Information taken from the Arkansas Nurse Practice Act is found below. Applicants are reminded that completion of the Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus LPN to RN program does not guarantee whether or not the applicant will be allowed to sit for the licensure examination or receive an Arkansas RN license. Applicants must read the statement below, which is taken directly from the Arkansas Nurse Practice Act, in its’ entirety and sign the attached release.

17-87-312. Criminal background checks.

(a) Each first-time applicant for a license issued by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and national criminal background check, to be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) The check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(c) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the board and shall be responsible to the Department of Arkansas State Police for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

(d) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the board all information obtained concerning the applicant in the commission of any offense listed in subsection (e) of this section.

(e) Except as provided in subdivision (l)(1) of this section, no person shall be eligible to receive or hold a license issued by the board if that person has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of any of the following offenses by any court in the State of Arkansas or of any similar offense by a court in another state or of any similar offense by a federal court:

(1) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;

(2) Murder in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-10-102 and murder in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-10-103;

(3) Manslaughter as prohibited in § 5-10-104;

(4) Negligent homicide as prohibited in § 5-10-105;

(5) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;
(6) False imprisonment in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-11-103;

(7) Permanent detention or restraint as prohibited in § 5-11-106;

(8) Robbery as prohibited in § 5-12-102;

(9) Aggravated robbery as prohibited in § 5-12-103;

(10) Battery in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-201;

(11) Aggravated assault as prohibited in § 5-13-204;

(12) Introduction of controlled substance into the body of another person as prohibited in § 5-13-210;

(13) Terroristic threatening in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-301;

(14) Rape as prohibited in §§ 5-14-103;

(15) Sexual indecency with a child as prohibited in § 5-14-110;

(16) Sexual assault in the first degree, second degree, third degree, and fourth degree as prohibited in §§ 5-14-124 – 5-14-127;

(17) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;

(18) Offenses against the family as prohibited in §§ 5-26-303 - 5-26-306;

(19) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201;

(20) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-205;

(21) Permitting abuse of a child as prohibited in § 5-27-221(a)(1) and (3);

(22) Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print media, transportation of minors for prohibited sexual conduct, pandering or possessing visual or print medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, or use of a child or consent to use of a child in a sexual performance by producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child as prohibited in §§ 5-27-303 - 5-27-305, 5-27-402, and 5-27-403;

(23) Felony adult abuse as prohibited in § 5-28-103;

(24) Theft of property as prohibited in § 5-36-103;

(25) Theft by receiving as prohibited in § 5-36-106;

(26) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301;

(27) Burglary as prohibited in § 5-39-201;
(28) Felony violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act §§ 5-64-101 – 5-64-608;

(29) Promotion of prostitution in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-70-104;

(30) Stalking as prohibited in § 5-71-229;

(31) Criminal attempt, criminal complicity, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy as prohibited in §§ 5-3-201, 5-3-202, 5-3-301, and 5-3-401, to commit any of the offenses listed in this subsection;

(32) Computer child pornography as prohibited in § 5-27-603; and

(33) Computer exploitation of a child in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-605.

(f)(1)(A) The board may issue a nonrenewable temporary permit for licensure to a first-time applicant pending the results of the criminal background check.

(B) The permit shall be valid for no more than six (6) months.

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (l)(1) of this section, upon receipt of information from the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police that the person holding the letter of provisional licensure has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of, any offense listed in subsection (e) of this section, the board shall immediately revoke the provisional license.

(g)(1) The provisions of subsections (e) and subdivision (f)(2) of this section may be waived by the board upon the request of:

(A) An affected applicant for licensure; or

(B) The person holding a license subject to revocation.

(2) Circumstances for which a waiver may be granted shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) The age at which the crime was committed;

(B) The circumstances surrounding the crime;

(C) The length of time since the crime;

(D) Subsequent work history;

(E) Employment references;

(F) Character references; and

(G) Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the public.

(h)(1) Any information received by the board from the Identification Bureau of the
Department of Arkansas State Police pursuant to this section shall not be available for examination except by:

(A) The affected applicant for licensure, or his authorized representative; or

(B) The person whose license is subject to revocation or his or her authorized representative.

(2) No record, file, or document shall be removed from the custody of the Department of Arkansas State Police.

(i) Any information made available to the affected applicant for licensure or the person whose license is subject to revocation shall be information pertaining to that person only.

(j) Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this section shall not extend to any document created for purposes other than this background check.

(k) The board shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this section.

(l)(1) For purposes of this section, an expunged record of a conviction or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to an offense listed in subsection (e) of this section shall not be considered a conviction, guilty plea, or nolo contendere plea to the offense unless the offense is also listed in subdivision (l)(2) of this section.

(2) Because of the serious nature of the offenses and the close relationship to the type of work that is to be performed, the following shall result in permanent disqualification:

(A) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;

(B) Murder in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-10-102 and murder in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-10-103;

(C) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;

(D) Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103;

(E) Sexual assault in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-14-124 and sexual assault in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-14-125;

(F) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-205 and endangering the welfare of a minor in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-27-206;

(G) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;

(H) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301;

(I) Endangering the welfare of incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201; and

(J) Adult abuse that constitutes a felony as prohibited in § 5-28-103.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Essential Functions for the Registered Nursing Student. I believe to the best of my knowledge that I have the ability to learn and perform the Essential Functions:

(Please check one)

☐ without reasonable accommodations
☐ with reasonable accommodations (further documentation is attached)

_____________________________________  __________________
Student Name                                Date

_____________________________________
Student Signature
Understanding of Clinical Participation Requirements

Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus Registered Nursing Program uses external affiliated agencies for clinical experiences for our students. Affiliated agencies may impose requirements for students in order to be allowed access to clinical experiences.

Students may be required to provide the following information to external affiliated agencies:

- Health Screening/Immunizations
- CPR Certification
- Criminal Background Investigation
- Drug Testing

The student should maintain copies of the documents listed above. Affiliating agencies may require the student to provide a copy of the documentation.

NOTICE AND RELEASE - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I, the undersigned applicant to the Registered Nursing Program at Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus, understand that participation in a clinical experience is part of the Registered Nursing Program and that participation in a clinical experience includes working as a student at an affiliating agency. I understand that I will be responsible for all travel, meals, and lodging associated with clinical education. I further understand that affiliating agencies have the right to establish requirements for participation in clinical experience.

I understand that I am responsible for providing copies of the documentation requested by the affiliated agency. I understand and agree that if I am rejected for participation in a clinical experience by an affiliating agency or if I refuse to submit to checks or tests that are required by an affiliating agency in order to participate in a clinical experience, I may be unable to complete my program of study and graduate from the Registered Nursing Program. I hereby release Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus, its employees, and all affiliating agencies from any liability with regard to my participation in a clinical experience and decisions made concerning my participation in a clinical experience.

__________________________________________
Student Name

__________________________________________
Date

__________________________________________
Student Signature
Understanding of Criminal Background Check Requirements

Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus Registered Nursing Program prepares students through classroom and clinical experiences for entry level as a registered nurse. Arkansas State Board of Nursing has additional requirements a student must meet in order to sit for the National Council for Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

In addition to the criminal background investigation students will submit to clinical facilities during the program, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing will be required to provide a State and Federal Criminal Background Investigation prior to licensure. Students must understand that the Criminal Background Investigation results may prevent the student from being able to sit for the NCLEX-RN.

NOTICE AND RELEASE - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I, the undersigned applicant to the Registered Nursing Program at Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus, understand that participation in the Registered Nursing Program does not guarantee the right to sit for the NCLEX-RN. I also understand that participation in the Registered Nursing Program does not guarantee licensure as a Registered Nurse.

I hereby release Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus, its employees, and all affiliating agencies from any liability with regard to my licensure as a Registered Nurse following successful completion of the program, and understand that any of the crimes listed in the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act may bar me from practicing as a Registered Nurse after program completion.

In signing this document, I am also verifying that I have read the information from the Nurse Practice Act in its entirety regarding Criminal Background checks and understand the information contained therein.

__________________________________________  ________________
Student Name                                      Date

__________________________________________
Student Signature
**LPN to RN PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

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Please indicate if you are currently a student of:

- [ ] Arkansas Tech University
- [ ] Arkansas Tech University – Ozark Campus

Have you previously attended another Registered Nursing Program?

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes  Name of school attended ________________________________

**You must check one of the two options listed below and complete the requested information.**

- [ ] I completed from an Arkansas State Board of Nursing approved program in Practical Nursing in the past 12 months.
  - Program Name __________________________  Completion Date __________

- [ ] I completed an Arkansas State Board of Nursing approved program more than 12 months ago. (If this statement is selected, employer must sign statement below.)
  I hereby certify that the applicant has worked a minimum of 1000 hours in the past twelve months in this **acute care or long term care setting** in the capacity of an LPN.

  

  Employer Signature   Employer Printed Name   Company Name and Phone Number

(Remember to forward official transcripts for all previous schools attended to the Office of Student Services, 1700 Helberg Lane, Ozark, AR 72949)

I certify that the above information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying information on any of the requested forms may be cause for immediate dismissal from the Nursing program.

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Definition of Acute Care or Long Term Care Facilities

Long term care facilities include Nursing Homes or Skilled Nursing Facilities.

Acute Care is defined as a facility or position that requires time sensitive and rapid intervention to prevent illness, injury or death. Examples include, but are not limited to:

Inpatient hospitals, including inpatient medical hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, inpatient psychiatric hospitals, and LTACs (long term acute care) facilities.

Urgent care facilities

Ambulatory surgery centers

Dialysis centers

Home health agencies

Hospice

Primary care and specialty care clinics are not considered acute care facilities. Even though clinics may occasionally see patients who require some components of acute care, they are not positioned to assume the role of acute care provider.

This is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of every single acceptable type of nursing care. If you have a question, please contact Sharyl Moffit at 479-508-3325 and your employment history will be evaluated on a case by case basis.