

## Practical Nursing Program Information

The Practical Nursing Program of Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus is an entry level, 15month, three-semester nursing program. Upon completion of the program, students will receive a certificate in Practical Nursing (PN). The program integrates theory with clinical practice. Theoretical content is based on the concept of holism, in which the physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being is considered. Area hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, mental health units and pediatric and adolescent facilities are utilized for clinical experiences, which will require travel at the student's expense. All classes will require access to a computer and/or Internet services.

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to apply for the NCLEX-PN Exam for licensure. State and FBI background checks are required of each applicant by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing when applying for the licensure exam. An applicant may be denied permission to take the NCLEX-PN Exam based on the background check results.

The Practical Nursing Program at Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus has been granted 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](http://www.arsbn.org)).

### Admission Criteria

Students wishing to enroll in the practical nursing program should apply to the University with an official high school transcript, or GED transcript, and all college transcripts by **March 1 for the August Class and October 1 for the January class.**

Prior to admission to the technical phase of the Practical Nursing program, students must provide the Office of Student Services an Accuplacer, ACT, or SAT score report verifying that remediation in English, mathematics, and reading is not required; or complete the appropriate remedial coursework with a grade of "C" or better to satisfy remediation requirements; and complete HSCI 1113, HSCI 1123 and HSCI 1243 with a grade of "C" or better.

Students who speak English as a second language shall meet the same admission requirements. In order to be considered for admission to the Practical Nursing program, each student must meet the following criteria:

- Eligibility for admission to Arkansas Tech University - Ozark Campus. Meeting the minimum requirements for admission to the university does not guarantee admission to the practical nursing program.
- Completion of Practical Nursing Program Application for Admission for a specific semester. Applications not submitted by the deadline or incomplete applications will not be considered for that semester's class.
- Completion of specified coursework. (Conditional acceptance may be granted to those students who are in the process of completing remaining platform coursework.)
- Hold a current CPR for Health Care Providers, American Heart Association (AHA) certification prior to the first day of class
- Completion of the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) exam
- Must be 18 years old prior to start of clinical experiences

In addition to meeting admission criteria, students selected for the Practical Nursing program must attend the scheduled Nursing Department Orientation meeting. Applications to the Practical Nursing program may be withdrawn if all of the above criteria are not met. Students not meeting required criteria may be required to reapply to the Practical Nursing program.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

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](mailto:affirmative.action@atu.edu)

### **TEAS Exam**

The TEAS is a computerized test consisting of reading, writing, math and science. Students will be notified by mail or email after the application deadline with the dates and times available for testing and how to register and pay for the test.

### **Selection**

Due to the number of applicants and the limited number of slots available for each class, the PN Program will use a system of ranking to select students for the class.

- Completion of University admission criteria, i.e. application, transcripts, immunization records.
- Completion of platform courses.
- Completion of Nursing Department application.
- TEAS percentile score.
- Date of receipt of application to the Nursing Department. Applications should be in the Nursing office no later than March 1 for the August class and by Oct. 1 for the January class.
- Attendance of the nursing orientation.
- Selection will be administered by the PN Program.
- To insure a position, students must notify the Nursing Department by the date indicated on the acceptance letter. Your position is only good for the semester in which you received an acceptance letter. Failure to notify the Nursing Department of acceptance or refusal by the appropriate date will cause the nursing application to be withdrawn. Students must then reapply for future semesters.
- Applicants will be notified of status of application/acceptance by mail.

### Curriculum in Practical Nursing Technical Certificate

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Hours
Platform Courses		
HSCI 1113	Medical Terminology	3
HSCI 1123	Human Anatomical Structure I	3
HSCI 1243	Human Anatomical Structure II	3
	Total	<b>9</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester		
LPN 1101	Vocational, Legal and Ethical Concepts	1
LPN 1102	Pharmacology I	2
LPN 1111	Nursing of the Geriatric Patient	1
LPN 1121	Nutrition in Health and Illness	1
LPN 1123	Basic Nursing Principles and Skills I	3
LPN 1133	Clinical I	3
LPN 1171	Nursing of Adults with Medical/Surgical Conditions I	1
	Total	<b>12</b>
2nd Semester		
LPN 1202	Nursing of Adults with Medical/Surgical Conditions II	2
LPN 1205	Clinical II	5
LPN 1212	Basic Nursing Principles and Skills II	2
LPN 1222	Pharmacology II	2
LPN 1232	Nursing of Mothers and Infants	2
	Total	<b>13</b>
3rd Semester		
LPN 1302	Nursing of Children	2
LPN 1308	Clinical III	8
LPN 1322	Mental Health	2
LPN 1332	Nursing of Adults with Medical/Surgical Conditions III	2
	Total	<b>14</b>