



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE NURSING PROGRAM

2022 LPN/LPTN Accelerated Track INFORMATION PACKET

DEADLINE FOR LPN/LPTN APPLICANTS

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East Arkansas Community College's Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program reserves the right to make changes as required in course offerings, curricula, academic policies, and other rules and regulations affecting students to be effective whenever determined by the School. These changes will govern current and formerly enrolled students. Enrollment of all students is subject to these conditions.

HISTORY

In 1974, a statistical report prepared by the Arkansas Board of Nursing revealed a statewide need for registered nurses. A needs survey by East Arkansas Community College revealed that a five county area in eastern Arkansas needed to be served with additional registered nurses. In 1976, East Arkansas Community College submitted a letter of intent to Arkansas Board of Nursing and was granted initial approval in 1976 to start an Associate of Applied Science Degree Nursing Program. The first class was admitted in Fall of 1976 and graduated in Spring of 1978. The Arkansas Board of Nursing granted full approval in 1978. In 1990, an LPN/LPTN accelerated track was developed and implemented in the Summer of 1990. In 1993, the nursing program received initial accreditation from the National League of Nursing.

ACCREDITATION

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing granted full approval to the East Arkansas Community College's Associate of Applied Science Degree Nursing Program in 2021. The address of the ASBN is University Tower Building, 1123 S. University, Suite 800, Little Rock, AR 72204. The phone number is (501) 686-2700. The web address is <http://www.arsbn.org>.

East Arkansas Community College's Associate Degree Nursing Program is in candidate status with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326., 404-975-5000. <http://www.acenursing.org>

EACC NURSING PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program is an integral part of East Arkansas Community College and derives its philosophy from the mission and goals of the college. The philosophy guides the nursing faculty in providing quality educational opportunities.

We, the faculty of East Arkansas Community College, Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program, believe:

Each individual is unique, innately worthy of respect and dignity, and has the ability to contribute creatively to the environment. The individual is viewed as multifaceted with physiological, psychological, sociocultural, and spiritual components. The individual's behavior is motivated by a set of basic human needs and has the ability to adapt to environmental changes as they progress through the life span.

The environment is an aggregate of all internal and external dimensions affecting the health and self-care abilities of all individuals.

Health is a dynamic state of harmony and balance between individuals and their environments. Health is defined by the individual and reflects the individual's physical, psychosocial, and spiritual well-being along the health-illness continuum.

Nursing is a profession incorporating knowledge and principles of the humanities and sciences. Nursing functions independently, dependently, and interdependently with other health care providers to assist individuals and their families in meeting health care needs and achieving an optimal level of functioning in a racially, culturally, and ethnically diverse community. Nursing practice is based on standards and ethics formulated by the profession and implemented through the nursing process. Nursing encourages a holistic, interactive approach requiring a commitment to the value of caring, communication, collaboration, theoretical knowledge, critical thinking and clinical competence for implementation of the nursing process. Nursing practice is based on standards and legal and ethical considerations formulated by the profession and implemented through the nursing process.

Teaching/learning is an active reciprocal process, which involves the teacher and learner. This process is directed toward achievement of desired competencies. Teaching/learning facilitates the application of knowledge and provides an environment that enhances mutual trust, motivation, creativity, critical thinking and clinical decision making. Learning is a continuous life-long process. The student's personal and professional growth is enhanced by assuming responsibility and accountability for the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The assessment of outcomes is used to determine student progress and to assist in program improvement.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

East Arkansas Community College Nursing Program offers an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN). Once accepted, the program is 2 years in length (5 terms) for Traditional Track students based on full time enrollment, exclusive of vacation time.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program of study, the graduate is prepared to:

1. NLN Human Flourishing: Graduates should be prepared to promote and enhance the physical, spiritual, emotional, cultural and psychosocial needs of the patients and families as well as the community and themselves. ADN Competency: Advocate for patients and families in ways that promote their self- determination, integrity and ongoing growth as human beings (NLN, 2010).
2. NLN Nursing Judgment: The graduate should be prepared to incorporate nursing judgement with the knowledge and principles from the sciences and humanities into nursing process. ADN Competency: Make judgments in practice, substantiated with evidence, that integrate nursing science in the provision of safe, quality care and promote the health of patients within a family and community context (NLN, 2010).
3. NLN Professional Identity: The graduate will be able to function as part of the a interdisciplinary health care team in selected health care setting with culturally diverse clients, families, and communities) ADN Competency: Graduate will implement one's role as a nurse in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, ethical practices, and an evolving identity as a nurse committed to evidence-based practice, caring, advocacy, and safe, quality care for diverse patients within a family and community context.
4. NLN Spirit of Inquiry: The graduate should be prepared to provide evidence-based, clinically competent nursing care utilizing critical thinking and clinical decision making within the scope of the associate degree nurse)
ADN Competency: Graduates will be able to examine the evidence that underlies clinical nursing practice to challenge the status quo, question underlying assumptions, and offer new insights to improve the quality of care for patients, families, and communities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. Performance on NLCEX 80% or > of the AASN graduates will pass the NCLEX exam on the first attempt.
2. Program Completion Rates: 55% or > of the AASN students will complete the program in a traditional track, beginning with entrance into NUR 1014 (1st semester) on first attempt. 60% or > of the AASN students will complete the program in a LPN/LPTN accelerated track, beginning with entrance into NUR 1900 on first attempt.
3. Job Placement Rates: 85% or > of students report they are currently employed or offered a job as a graduate nurse at graduation. 90% of students' report that they are employed as a Registered Nurse 6 months post-graduation.

ABILITIES REQUIREMENT POLICY

In order to achieve the nursing curriculum objectives, a student must be able to:

1. Physically tolerate an 8 to 10-hour work day at a pace conducive to safe and effective nursing practice.
2. Stand and/or walk for prolonged periods of time in a clinical setting.
3. Walk up 2 flights of stairs and down 3 flights of stairs.
4. Lift and transfer patients to accomplish bed to chair and chair to bed transfers.
5. Apply up to 10 pounds of pressure to bleeding sites.
6. Lift at least 50 pounds using appropriate body mechanics.
7. Respond and react immediately to auditory instructions, requests, and/or monitor equipment.
8. Accurately perform auditory auscultation.
9. Perform close and distance visual activities involving objects, paperwork, people, as well as, discriminate depth and color perception.
10. Discriminate between sharp/dull and hot/cold when using hands.
11. Perform fine and gross motor movements with upper and lower extremities.
12. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
13. Make appropriate decisions quickly and under stressful situations.
14. React in a calm and courteous manner when encountering hostile situations.
15. Perform multiple tasks simultaneously in order of priority.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who wish accommodations should contact the American Disabilities Act Coordinator, Hodges Student Services Complex, 633-4480, ext. 304. The admissions procedures for the Office for Students with Disabilities are as follows:

1. Student must provide the ADA contact with appropriate documentation giving evidence of a bona fide disability.
2. If necessary, the student will sign a release of information form to obtain documentation of disability.
3. Student will fill out an application for disabled student services.

4. The ADA contact will evaluate the needs of the student and inform him/her of accommodations which will be provided.
5. The Students with Disabilities Coordinator will inform instructors, Student Support Services, or other College personnel as appropriate for necessary accommodations.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

East Arkansas Community College's Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program does not discriminate against any applicant/student and adheres to the College's Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, non-discrimination policy. East Arkansas Community College is committed to provide equal opportunity through its employment practices, educational programs, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs and services it offers to the community. The College will make personnel decision and offer programs that will foster educational opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, age, gender, pregnancy status, or disability of qualified handicapped persons.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants must:

1. Submit a Nursing Application to the Department of Allied Health Science. Applicants who misrepresent/omit information from the application form become ineligible for admission or subject to dismissal after admission has been granted.
2. Request official transcript(s) to be mailed to **both registrar's office** and the **nursing program**.

A. Registrar's Office

**East Arkansas Community College
1700 Newcastle Road
Forrest City, AR 72335**

B. Department of Allied Health Science

**Nursing Program
1700 Newcastle Road
Forrest City, AR 72335**

Transcripts must be sent from any college, university, school of nursing, vocational/technical, and/or any other school(s) attended beyond high school or completion of a GED.

Note: Each transcript must be sent even if grades are recorded on another transcript. All transcripts must be mailed directly from the institution(s) to be considered official. All requested transcripts/information must be received by the application deadline.

1. Take the HESI Entrance Nursing Exam. Must be registered for a test date. HESI can be taken online in an off-campus setting or on-campus.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students are admitted to East Arkansas Community College's Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program once a year for fall admission.

DEADLINE FOR NURSING APPLICANTS

April 1st for Summer Admission

All information must be received by **April 1st**

If qualified applicant pool is not met by application deadline, the deadline may be extended at the discretion of the Restricted Enrollment Committee.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

This track is designed to enable qualified LPN/LPTN applicants who aspire to become professional nurses to do so within a minimum period of time and with a minimum duplication of course content and credits. Graduates may apply to take the National Council License Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

To be eligible for admission to the LPN/LPTN Accelerated Track, the applicant must:

1. Have graduated from an Arkansas approved or out-of-state board of nursing approved PN/PTN program.
2. Have a current, unencumbered Arkansas or multi-state LPN/LPTN license and submit proof (copy of License).
3. Be admitted to East Arkansas Community College (see current East Arkansas Community College Catalog for application and admission procedure.)
4. Complete all required general education courses with a minimum grade of “C” before admission to the LPN/LPTN Accelerated Track. (Credit for science and math courses must be no older than 5 years.)
5. Have an overall 2.80 grade point average (GPA) on transcripts from any and all colleges attended in the past ten years. (High school GPA may be considered if student does not have a college GPA.)
6. Submit a Nursing Application to the Department of Allied Health Science. Applicants who misrepresent/omit information from the application form become ineligible for admission or subject to dismissal after admission has been granted.
7. Take the HESI A2© (also known as the Evolve Reach Admissions Assessment) entrance test and score a minimum of 78 on selected topics. The HESI stands for Health Education Systems, Inc., with A2 standing for Admission Assessment. The HESI A2© (also known as the Evolve Reach Admissions Assessment) is a common nursing school entrance exam. **This exam may be taken twice during the academic year. (Fee: approximately \$58 and is non-refundable.)**
The applicant pays the ~\$58 fee by computer to the testing site. The nursing entrance tests covers Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Mathematics, Anatomy & Physiology. As well as Learning Profile, Personality Style, and Critical Thinking.
8. Submit Validation of Work Experience (a letter from current supervisor indicating work experience). Work experience as an LPN/LPTN must be in accordance with the following chart:

Time	Validation of Recent Work Experience Required
0-6 months after graduation	No work experience required
6 – 12 after graduation	500 hours
12 – 24 months prior to admission	1000 hours

9. Request official transcript(s) to be mailed to **both** the registrar’s office and the nursing program.

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Note: Each transcript must be sent even if grades are recorded on another transcript. All transcripts must be mailed directly from the institution(s) to be considered official. All requested transcripts/information must be received by the application deadline.

10. Students who were previously enrolled in any nursing or allied health program at any institution and withdrew from (“W”) or received a “D” or “F” in any two nursing or allied health courses or who twice withdrew (“W”) or received “D” or “F” in any nursing or allied health course may seek readmission after a period of four years from the first admission to the Traditional Track nursing program and two years for the Accelerated Track. However, students must meet all current admission requirements and begin in Term I of the Traditional Track or Term III of the Accelerated Track.

APPLICATION REVIEW/NOTIFICATION

LPN/LPTN applicants, whose files are completed by the **April 1st deadline**, will be considered by the Nursing Restricted Enrollment Committee for admission to the nursing program. Notification of the committee’s action will be made by letter during the month of April. East Arkansas Community College’s Nursing Program does not maintain a waiting list for students who meet the minimum requirements, but who are not offered admission. Applicants are admitted on space available.

ACCEPTANCE

Once an applicant has been accepted into the Accelerated Track, the candidate must:

1. Accept in writing by the date indicated on the acceptance letter.
2. Obtain CPR certification. Certification **must be** American Heart Association Healthcare Provider and include Adult, Child, Infant, Conscious, Unconscious, and Choking. Certification must be obtained prior to registration and must remain current for the entire program of study.

3. Have the following required immunizations with statement of proof:
 - a. Hepatitis B (The first shot in a series of three must be completed prior to registration or a waiver must be signed. Shots #2 and #3 must be completed as prescribed.)
 - b. Tetanus (Must be within the last 10 years)
 - c. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
 - d. Tuberculin Test (TB). Proof of a current, negative TB skin test (within the last 12 months) or a negative chest x-ray is a requirement for registration.
 - e. Flu shot or must sign a waiver.
 - f. Varicella shot (chicken pox) or must sign a waiver.
4. Submit proof of health insurance.
5. Complete Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen process.

All required documents must be submitted before the first day of classes.

CREDIT BY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Students who possess knowledge for certain courses offered by the College may petition for credit by examination or experience. A maximum of 12 semester hours of college credit can be awarded through examination, experience or a combination of the two.

There are two types of CLEP exams, General and Subject. EACC awards credit for two of the five General Exams and fourteen of the Subject Exams. Credit is awarded for the humanities and natural sciences on the General Exams.

Credit may be earned by passing a comprehensive test prepared by either a commercial testing service (i.e., CLEP) or the Department of the College in which the credit is to be awarded. Credit for courses offered by EACC may also be granted upon related work experience.

Questions regarding the specifications of the CLEP test should be directed to Educational Guidance Services located in the Hodges Student Services Complex. Students who believe they qualify for credit by examination or previous work experience should contact the appropriate associate vice president.

TRANSFER STUDENT INFORMATION

TRANSFER STUDENT POLICY

Students withdrawing from (“W”) or failing (“D” or “F”) the same nursing course twice or two separate nursing courses may seek admission to the Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program after a period of four years from the first admission to a previous nursing program. Students must meet all current admission requirements and begin in Term I of the traditional track or Term III of the accelerated track. Transfers are on space availability after meeting all other transfer requirements.

Transfer Requirements

To transfer into the nursing program, the student must:

1. Meet all current admission and transfer requirements for East Arkansas Community College (see current College Catalog for requirements). Students on academic suspension from another institution will be eligible for admission only after having remained out of school for one semester (not including a summer term) or being eligible to return to the previous institution.
2. Meet all current nursing program admission requirements.
3. Pass a drug calculation competency test with a score of 90% or higher. Sample drug calculation problems will be provided. Student will have one opportunity to successfully complete drug competency test.
4. Successfully complete a skills competency check-off with 90% accuracy. Skills list will be provided. Student will have one opportunity to successfully complete skills competencies.
5. Successfully complete HESI Mastery test(s) and attain an Level 2, 78% or higher. Cost of the test(s) is \$35.00 each (subject to change).

Transfer Student Application Deadlines

Deadline to apply and meet all Transfer Requirements for Term II is October 1st and for Term III is May 31st.

Transfer Student Application Review/Selection/Notification

The transfer student whose file is completed by the deadline will be considered by the Restricted Enrollment Committee for admission into the Nursing Program. Notification of the Committee's action will be made by letter one month after the application deadline. There is no provisional acceptance for applications not meeting the minimum requirements. East Arkansas Community College's Nursing Program does not maintain a waiting list for students who meet the minimum requirements, but who are not offered admission. Admission is contingent on space availability.

Transfer Student Residency

Transfer students must complete all 2000 level nursing (NUR) courses in East Arkansas Community College's Nursing Program.

Required General Education Courses
(Required before admission to the LPN/LPTN Accelerated Track)

			Semester Hours
BIO	2114	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO	2134	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
ENG	1013	English Composition I	3
ENG	1023	English Composition II	3
MTH	1113	College Algebra	3
PSY	1003	General Psychology	3
PSY	2003	Developmental Psychology	3
Total			23

Required Courses after Admission

Term III (Summer)			Semester Hours
BIO	2504	Microbiology	4
NUR	1904	Role Transition for LPNs/LPTNs	4
NUR	1900	Clinical Applications of Role Transition for LPNs/LPTNs	0
NUR	2044	Mental Health Nursing	4
NUR	2040	Clinical Applications of Mental Health Nursing	0
Total			12

Term IV (Fall)			Semester Hours
BUS	1603	Computer Fundamentals	3
NUR	2134	Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
NUR	2130	Clinical Applications of Medical Surgical Nursing II	0
NUR	2164	Maternal Child Nursing	4
NUR	2160	Clinical Applications of Maternal Child Nursing	0
SOC	1013	Introduction to Sociology-or-	
SOC	2043	Introduction to Anthropology	3
Total			14

Term V (Spring)			Semester Hours
NUR	2242	Nursing Concepts and Intervention	2
NUR	2254	Medical Surgical Nursing III	4
NUR	2250	Clinical Applications of Medical Surgical Nursing III	0
NUR	2263	Nursing Leadership & Management	3
NUR	2260	Clinical Applications of Nursing Leadership & Management	0
Total			9
Total Credit Hours – Nursing			25
Total Credit Hours – General Education			33
Total Credit Hours – Escrow Account			4
Total Program Hours			62

NURSING CREDITS FOR PREVIOUS LEARNING

After successful completion of NUR 1904, four (4) hours of nursing credit will be held in escrow until completion of the nursing program.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NUR 1900 Clinical Applications of Role Transition for LPNs/LPTNs (0-1-0)

The student will have simulated and actual opportunities to apply principles and skills used in the transition from the LPN/LPTN to the professional role of a registered nurse. Emphasis will be placed on the nursing process, physical assessment skills, client education, and care of acute and chronically ill clients. **Co-requisites: NUR 1904**

NUR 1904 Role Transition for LPNs/LPTNs (4-1-4)

This course allows the LPN/LPTN with current licensure and experience in nursing to develop necessary skills and knowledge to use as a base for transition to professional nursing. The course will review content in foundations of nursing and cover content in health assessment and care for lower acuity level clients in the medical surgical setting. Upon successful completion of this course, the LPN/LPTN will enter the 2000 level nursing courses. **Co-requisites: BIO 2504,**
NUR 1900 Assessment Fee: \$225

NUR 2040 Clinical Applications of Mental Health Nursing (0-6-0)

This course gives the student an opportunity to apply principles of psychiatric/mental health nursing with clients and families. Special populations, cultural diversity, and risk factors of clients experiencing emotional illness will be emphasized. **Co-requisite: NUR 2044**

NUR 2044 Mental Health Nursing (2-6-4)

This course introduces the student to the theories of emotional health and restoration of health during acute and chronic emotional/behavioral illness. Emphasis will be on critical thinking, growth, and development, psychosocial/cultural diversity, communications and therapeutic interventions.

Prerequisites: All required courses from Terms I and II. Co-requisite: BIO 2504, NUR 2040
Assessment Fee: \$225, Malpractice Fee: \$50

NUR 2130 Clinical Applications of Medical-Surgical Nursing II (0-6-0)

The course accompanies NUR 2134 and focuses on rehabilitative care. Identification of skills based upon scientific principles for nursing practice with clients will be emphasized. **Prerequisites: All required courses from Terms I, II and III. Co-requisite: NUR 2134**

NUR 2134 Medical-Surgical Nursing II (2-6-4)

This course builds upon Medical-Surgical I and focuses on the chronic illness phases of the disease process. Rehabilitative stages will be emphasized. The life cycles issues of individual with chronic illness will be presented. The nursing process and critical thinking skills with case presentations will be utilized.

Prerequisites: All required courses from Terms I, II and III. Co-requisites: BUS 1603, NUR 2130, NUR 2160, NUR 2164, SOC 1013 or SOC 2043 **Assessment Fee: \$225**

NUR 2160 Clinical Applications of Maternal Child Nursing (0-6-0)

This course accompanies NUR 2164 and focuses on giving nursing care to clients in the pediatric and maternity settings. Students will provide care using the theoretical principles of maternal and child health. **Co-requisite: NUR 2164**

NUR 2164 Maternal Child Nursing (2-6-4)

This course will explore the concepts of childbearing and childrearing. It will focus on health promotion, family structures, and cultural diversity. The traditional role of the maternal and child nurse must expand to meet the challenges that changes and new technology are posing. With these concepts the student will use the nursing process in working with clients from birth through adolescence. **All required courses from Terms I, II and III. Pre or Co-requisites: BUS 1603, NUR 2130, NUR 2134, NUR 2160, SOC 1013 or SOC 2043**

NUR 2242 Nursing Concepts and Intervention (2-0-2)

This course is designed to further understand the concepts of environment and health in client care through core presentation, discussion, and content review. The nursing process will be utilized by the student through problem-solving and critical thinking skills in applying nursing interventions to client situations. **Prerequisites: All required courses from Terms I, II, III, IV.**

Co-requisites: NUR 2254, NUR 2263

NUR 2250 Clinical Applications of Medical-Surgical Nursing III (0-6-0)

This course accompanies NUR 2254. This course provides the student with the opportunity to apply theoretical principles when caring for the adult medical-surgical clients with complex disorders affecting the cardiac, respiratory and renal systems. The clinical course emphasizes the rehabilitative aspect of the client with complex disorders. **Co-requisite: NUR 2254**

NUR 2254 Medical-Surgical Nursing III**(2-6-4)**

This course is designed to introduce complex knowledge and skills applicable to the nursing care of an acute adult with multiple complex problems and the critically ill adult client experiencing alterations in the cardiac, respiratory, circulatory, and renal systems. The course builds on and reinforces previous knowledge and skill. The course reinforces ethical and legal implications, health promotion and maintenance, emotional, spiritual, physical, psychosocial integrity and developmental tasks of the adult.

Prerequisites: All required courses from Terms I, II, III, IV. **Co-requisites:** NUR 2250, NUR 2260, NUR 2264, NUR 2242 **Assessment Fee:** \$225

NUR 2260 Clinical Applications of Nursing Leadership & Management**(0-3-0)**

This course accompanies NUR 2263 and focuses on managing the nursing care to clients in the hospital setting. Students will provide and coordinate client care under the supervision of a nurse manager or charge nurse. Students will demonstrate the skill of coordinating care and applying leadership and management principles necessary to function in a complex health care environment. **Co-requisite:**

NUR 2263**NUR 2263 Nursing Leadership & Management****(2-3-3)**

This course is designed to give the student a broad understanding of where nursing has been in the past, where it is today, and where it is going in the future. Content will include influences affecting nursing practice and the education that is needed to practice in entry-level staff positions. Additional roles of the entry-level nurse will be discussed including coordinating interdisciplinary groups, prioritizing client needs, understanding the role of economics, politics, culture, legal, and ethical aspects and accepting accountability for delegating tasks. **All required courses from Terms I, II, III, IV. Pre or**

Corequisites: NUR 2242, NUR 2254, NUR 2260

EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S NURSING PROGRAM

COSTS OTHER THAN TUITION (ACCELERATED TRACK)

All costs are approximate and subject to change. All East Arkansas Community College students pay the same tuition rates subject to residency status as published in the Tuition and Fees section of the current East Arkansas Community College Catalog.

The following are approximate costs other than tuition for the LPN/LPTN Accelerated Track by Term. These costs are approximate and may change.

Expense	Term III		Term IV	Term V
	Summer I	Summer II		
Textbooks	~450	~\$250	~\$150	~\$150
Assessment Fee	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Malpractice Insurance	\$50	X	X	X
Uniforms/Stethoscope/Shoes/Watch	~\$200	X	X	\$50
Nursing Bag (Laboratory Supplies)	~\$150	X	X	X
Health Insurance	varies	varies	varies	varies
Travel/Parking Fees for Clinical	\$200	~\$200	~\$200	~\$200
CPR Certification	~\$50	X	X	X
Immunization Requirements	~\$400	X	X	X
EACC Nursing Pin	X	X	X	~\$30
Nightingale Lamp	X	X	X	~\$30
NCLEX-RN	X	X	X	\$250
Licensure Fee for Arkansas	X	X	X	\$75
Temporary Permit (optional)	X	X	X	\$25
College Matriculation Fee	\$50	X	X	X
Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening for Clinical	\$150	X	\$150	X
Criminal Background for Licensure	X	X	X	~\$44

X = No cost during that term

~ = Approximate

The Criminal Background and Drug Screen for clinical will be approximately \$150.00 annually

REFUND POLICY

No refunds of student tuition/fees will be made unless a student OFFICIALLY withdraws through the Office of Admissions and Registration Full refunds are given only if a student officially drops or withdraws before the first day of the semester. If a refund is due to a student receiving financial aid from any Federal Financial Aid program, a portion of the refund shall be returned to the Financial Aid program in accordance with federal regulations. **Students who fail to follow the proper withdrawal procedures will be responsible for tuition once classes begin. Failure to attend classes does not constitute an official drop/withdrawal.**

No refunds are given for drops, withdrawals or non-attendance after the 11th day of a spring/fall semester or after the 11th day equivalent of a summer term.

Refund Schedule:

Credit Courses- Spring & Fall Semester

Prior to First Day of Semester 100%

First Day of Classes Through 11th Class Day 80%

After the 11th Class Day NONE

Credit Courses- Summer

Prior to First Day of Semester 100%

First Day of Classes Through 4th Class Day 50%

After 4th Class Day NONE

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

The Financial Aid Office at East Arkansas Community College seeks to provide financial assistance to any student who, without such support, could not attend the College. A comprehensive program of financial aid in the form of scholarships, loans, grants, and jobs is provided to qualifying students.

Please see current East Arkansas Community College Catalog for more information or visit the Financial Aid Office in the Hodges Building Complex.

GRADING SYSTEM

The grading policy for all nursing (NUR) courses is as follows:

1. The grading scale of all nursing (NUR) courses is: **A** 92-100
B 84-91
C 78-83
D 71-77
F 70 and below

2. The minimum score to pass any nursing course is 78. Fractional parts of numerical grades will be rounded off to the nearest whole number according to mathematical principles (i.e. 77.5 will become 78).
3. Both a minimum average of 78 in theory and a satisfactory in clinical/campus lab required activity and assignment are required in order to pass any nursing course. A satisfactory means that a student has achieved a minimum of 90% of all behaviors in clinical.
4. Failure of either the theory or clinical component of a nursing course results in the student repeating both the theory and clinical components.
5. Students will be given a computerized average of their grade after each exam so that there will be no question as to their academic standing.
6. Student will make an appointment with the appropriate faculty member whenever scoring less than 78% on a unit exam.
7. No exam grades will be dropped.

GRADUATION POLICY

The Nursing Program subscribes to East Arkansas Community College's requirements for graduation (see current College Catalog for graduation information).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Administration	
Vice President for V.O.T.E (Vocational, Occupational and Technical Education)	Robert Summers.....870-633-5411 ext. 231 rsummers@eacc.edu
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Departments	
Admissions, Registration, & Records Betty Jo Hodges Building	Inquire about admission Receive a current catalog or class schedule Obtain a transcript or view grades Make address or name changes Obtain transcript evaluation Obtain a drop, add or withdrawal form
Advisors' Offices Office Building 5	Plan schedule and register for next term Drop or add classes Receive major/degree information Discuss graduation requirements and/or degree audit Receive info about credit by examination/experience
Bookstore Student Center	Purchase books, computer disks, supplies, clothing items

Business Office	Request refunds Receive financial aid disbursements Make arrangements for payment plans
Career Pathways Office Building 3	Inquire about tuition assistance, childcare assistance, transportation assistance, tutoring services, advising and career counseling
Cashier Student Center	Pay tuition and fees Pay for a transcript Pay matriculation fee Pay for dropping or adding a class
Counseling Center Betty Jo Hodges Building	Inquire about ACT, CLEP, PRAXIS, and AAGE/CAAP tests Take the ACT or ACCUPLACER placement exams Register for first semester at EACC Discuss career opportunities Decide on college major Receive advisor assignment Receive information about transfer colleges Inquire about veteran benefits Discuss ANY problem Receive information about accommodation for students with disabilities
Financial Aid Office Betty Jo Hodges Building	Inquire about financial assistance (loans, grants, scholarships, work-study, and/or tuition waivers)
Student Activities Student Center	Receive parking permit Ask about and sign up for activities Sign up for intramural sports Become an EACC ambassador Become a member of M-MAP Program Become a member of Diverse Women
Student Affairs Administration	Discuss any problem Place organizational events on activity calendar Place posters on bulletin boards Inquire about organizations or clubs Report any student misconduct or emergency Request student insurance

<p>Student Support Services Betty Jo Hodges Building</p>	<p>Receive tutorial assistance Obtain assistance with academic courses Work with a mentor Arrange for a visit to a four-year school</p>
<p>Community Education and Workforce Development Learning Resource Center</p>	<p>Receive information on Community Education programs for students of all ages Receive information on customized training opportunities for businesses and industries</p>
<p>The Learning Center Betty Jo Hodges Building</p>	<p>Receive free tutorial assistance</p>
<p>Library Learning Resource Center</p>	<p>Utilize multimedia lab Obtain resources and do research Obtain student ID's Access the Internet Make copies</p>
<p>Eastern Arkansas Literacy Project</p>	<p>Learning Resource Center – Room L101</p>

APPENDIX A

Graduating from a nursing program does not assure Arkansas State Board of Nursing's approval to take the licensure examination. Please read the following from the NURSE PRACTICE ACT OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, ACA §17,87,312 regarding criminal background checks.

**NURSE PRACTICE ACT
OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

TITLE 17

PROFESSIONS, OCCUPATIONS, AND BUSINESSES

SUBTITLE 3. MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

CHAPTER 87

NURSES

(Excerpt)

**ACA §17,87,312 copies in its entirety from the Nurse Practice Act (p.
13, 15)**

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ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING
**Arkansas State Board of Nursing Nurse
Practice Act 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 § 5,27,203;
 - (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 as prohibited in § 5,64,401;
 - (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 § 5,27,203 and endangering the welfare of a minor in the second degree as prohibited in § 5,27,204;

(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

APPENDIX B ON-CAMPUS TESTING

Quick Tips

- Plan to arrive at the testing center at least 15 minutes prior to the exam start time. Students arriving after the exam start time will not be allowed to take the HESI exam.
- A four-function drop-down calculator is built into the exam (multiplication, addition, subtraction, and division).
- Plan on 4 hours maximum to complete your HESIA2 exam.
- HESIA2 exams cannot be rescheduled or reimbursed. If you have an emergency, please contact the Elsevier.

What to Bring on Test Day

- Photo ID: To be admitted to your testing session, you will need to present government issued photo identification, such a driver's license, passport, or green card.
 - You will not be admitted to the test if you do not have your ID or if your ID does not meet the following requirements:
 - Government issued
 - Current photograph
 - Examinee signature
 - Permanent address
 - Please note: a credit card photo, temporary license, or student ID does not meet these criteria.
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What Not to Bring on Test Day

Leave the following items at home or in your car, as they are not permitted in the exam room.

- Addition Apparel: This includes, but is not limited to, jackets, coats, hats, and sunglasses. Discretionary allowances are made for religious apparel. All apparel is subject to inspection by the proctor.
- Personal Items: This includes, but is not limited to, purses, computer bags, backpacks, and duffel bags.
- Electronics: This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smart phones, beepers/pagers, calculators (will be provided), and digital or smart watches.
- Food or Drink: This is only permitted as a documented, medically necessary item.

What to Expect on Test Day

- Physically present proctors in the room are monitoring for odd or disruptive behavior. Do not engage in misconduct or disruption. If you do, you will be dismissed, and your exam will not be scored.
- The proctor will provide you with scratch paper for use during the exam. Scratch paper is not to be used before exam or during breaks. All paper, in its entirety, must be returned to the proctor at the end of the testing session.
- After the mathematics section, you may take a 10-minute break. During the break DO NOT access any personal items.
- If you need to leave your seat at any time other than the scheduled break, raise your hand for the proctor. Time for the exam section will not stop. Lost time cannot be made up.
- If, during the exam, you have a technical issue with your computer, or for any reason need the proctor, raise your hand.
- Test challenges or testing room complaints should be reported to the proctor before leaving the room on exam day.

APPENDIX C East Arkansas Community College Allied Health Entrance

HESI A² Test

The [HESI A²](#) test is a timed, computerized test which is usually completed in 3-4 hours. In addition to completing the five prerequisites courses, applicants to the Associate Degree Nursing program must also earn *a minimum score of 75 or higher* on the following sections of the HESI A² test: Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary/General Knowledge, Math, and Anatomy/Physiology.

HESI A2 score	Points Awarded For That Section
75-79	= 1 point
80 – 84	= 2 point
85 – 89	= 3 points
90 – 95	= 4 points
96 – 100	= 5 points

The following is an example of points awarded for a sample applicant's HESI A² scores:

HESI A ² section	Score	Points Awarded
Reading Comprehension	94	4
Grammar	96	5
Vocabulary/General Knowledge	88	3
Math	83	3
Anatomy/Physiology	98	5

Please note the following important information regarding the HESI A²:

- East Arkansas Community College Nursing and Allied Health only allow up to two attempts at the entire exam in a 12-month period..

- The cost to sit for the exam is \$58.00 HESI candidates must create an Evolve account and pay for the exam by using the unique payment ID link on the table below. Please make sure to write your username and password for your Evolve account, as it will be needed on test day. Without the username and password, you will not be able to take the exam and be asked to reschedule.
- You can take the exam at the Forrest City and Wynne campus. You will take the exam on a computer and it will be proctored (someone will be there to watch you take it). There will also be opportunities to test from an offsite proctoring site.
- The Nursing Program require a 75% or higher in each section to apply to the program. You receive points towards your application based on your average test score

TESTING DATES

NO personal items are allowed in the testing room (hats, book bags, purses, sunglasses, cell phones, I-pads, back packs, computers, etc.). Also, there is no room within the Testing Center to store your personal possessions, so please secure them elsewhere before checking into the testing center. You are only allowed to bring your IDs and a light weight jacket w/o pockets. *Calculators will be provided

Fall Dates-

*please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to start time if you have paid for the exam

* please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to start time if you are paying on the date of the exam (credit card needed)

**Dates/Times are subject to change per needs of the Testing Center.*

March 9th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
March 11th	8:30am	Forrest City Campus
March 16th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
March 17th	5 PM	Off Site Proctoring
March 18th	8:30am	Wynne Campus
March 18th	8:30am	Forrest City Campus
March 23rd	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
March 25th	8:30am	Forrest City Campus
March 30th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
April 1st	8:30am DEADLINE LPN TO RN APPLICANTS	Forrest City Campus
April 1st	8:30am DEADLINE LPN TO RN APPLICANTS	Wynne Campus
April 6th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
April 8th	8:30am	Forrest City Campus
April 13th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
April 15th	8:30am	Forrest City Campus
April 15th	8:30am	Wynne Campus
April 20th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
April 21st	5 PM	Off Site Proctoring
April 22nd	8:30am	Forrest City Campus
April 27th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
April 29th	8:30am	Forrest City Campus

May 4th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
May 6th	8:30am	Forrest City Campus
May 11th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
May 13th	8:00am	Forrest City Campus
May 18th	8:30am	Wynne Campus
May 18th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
May 20th	8:00am	Forrest City Campus
May 25th	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
May 26th	5 PM	Off Site Proctoring
May 27th	8:00am	Forrest City Campus
June 1st	8:30am and 1:30 PM	Forrest City Campus
June 1st	5 PM	Off Site Proctoring
June 1st	8:30am	Wynne Campus

EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program

LPN/LPTN Accelerated Track

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Name:

(Please print) **Last** **First** **Middle**
Maiden

Address:

Code **Street/P.O. Box** **City** **State** **Zip**

Phone:

Home **Cell** **Work**

ID #: _____ **E-mail:** _____

1. Please indicate type of nursing admission: ___ Initial Application ___ Readmission ___ Transfer

2. Are you currently enrolled in high school or college? _____ yes _____ no

If so, please list name of current high school/college:

3. List all college/universities/technical/high schools **ever** attended. (Continue of back, if necessary)

College/High School

Dates Attended

College/High School

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(Note: Each transcript must be sent even if grades are recorded on another transcript. All transcripts must be mailed directly from the institution to be considered official. All requested transcripts and information must be received by the application deadline.)

I certify that the above information is accurate. Applicants who misrepresent/omit information from the application form become ineligible for admission or subject to dismissal after admission has been granted.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____