



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE NURSING PROGRAM

***East Arkansas Community College's Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program is fully approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN).

2025-2026 LPN/LPTN-RN ACCELERATED TRACK INFORMATION PACKET

DEADLINE FOR LPN/LPTN APPLICATIONS:

May 2, 2025

East Arkansas Community College
Allied Health Science Department
Betty Jo Hodges Building
1700 Newcastle Road
Forrest City, AR 72335
Phone: (870) 633-4480 ext. 408 Fax: (870) 633-7222
www.eacc.edu

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants must:

- 1) Be admitted to East Arkansas Community College (see current East Arkansas Community College Catalog for application and admission process). An application for admission to the college can be found on the website.
- 2) Submit a Nursing Application to the Department of Allied Health Science. The nursing application can be picked up in the Betty Jo Hodges Building. Applicants who misrepresent/omit information from the application form become ineligible for admission or subject to dismissal after admission has been granted.
- 3) Request official transcript(s) to be mailed to **both the Registrar's Office and the Nursing Program.**

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

**East Arkansas Community College
Attn: Allied Health RN Program
1700 Newcastle Road
Forrest City, AR 72335**

Note: 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. 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.**

- 4) Take the HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam before the deadline. See admission requirements for more information.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE NURSING PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS

East Arkansas Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program may have more applicants that meet the minimum requirements for admission than positions available. Admission is competitive; therefore, applicants that meet minimum admission criteria are ranked according to points awarded in the following areas:

- HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam Score
- GPA on completed general education co-requisite courses within EACC's Associate Degree Nursing program curriculum plan.

Note: Selection for the Fall class is completed in May of each year. All applicants are notified in writing if they have been selected, are alternates, or have not been accepted to the program.

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DEADLINE FOR NURSING APPLICATIONS

May 2nd for Fall Admission

All information must be received by May 2nd

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

Students are admitted to East Arkansas Community College's Associate of Applied Science LPN/LPTN to RN Program once a year for Summer I admission.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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 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, 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 college math and science courses must be no older than 5 years if not taken at EACC. If the College Math and Science was taken at EACC the 5-year rule does not apply and will be accepted.
5. Have an overall 2.80 grade point average (GPA) on all general education courses. (High school GPA may be considered if student does not have a college GPA).
6. Have a cumulative 2.0 minimum grade point average for all college course work attempted including transfer work and excluding developmental education courses. Must have an EACC GPA of 2.0 or greater to graduate from EACC. Applicants who misrepresent/omit information from the application form become ineligible for admission are subject to dismissal after admission has been granted.
7. Credit for college math and science courses must be no older than 5 years if not taken at EACC. If the College Math and Science courses were taken at EACC the 5 - year rule does not apply and will be accepted.
8. Take the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) LPN-ADN Entrance Exam. This exam may be taken twice during the application year.
Fee: Approx.: \$60 per testing attempt and is non-refundable. The applicant pays the fee by computer to the testing site before each testing attempt.

9. 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 months after graduation	500 hours
12-24 months prior to admission	1000 hours

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 from 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

Applicants whose files are completed by the **May 2nd deadline** will be considered by the Restricted Enrollment Committee for admission to the Nursing Program. Notification of the committee’s action will be made by letter during the month of May. Meeting all criteria and applying does not guarantee admission into the Nursing Program. The number of students admitted will vary according to resources and space available.

East Arkansas Community College
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing
LPN/LPTN to RN Accelerated Track

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. The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing LPN/LPTN is a five semester, 62-hour curriculum plan. Once accepted, students are required to participate in both classroom and clinical settings. Graduates may apply to take the National Council License Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). EACC's AAS Nursing program offers two tracks: this Associate of Applied Science Traditional Track, and an Associate of Applied Science Nursing LPN/LPTN Accelerated Track. For more information, refer to the EACC catalog or www.eacc.edu.

I. General Education Courses (Required before admission to the LPN/LPTN Accelerated Track)	Credit Hours	Semester	Year	Grade
*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 General Education Hours	23			
II. Term III (Summer)				
*BIO 2504 Microbiology	4			
NUR 1904 Role Transition for LPN/LPRNs	4			
NUR 1900 Clinical Applications of Role Transition for LPN/LPRNs	0			
NUR 2043 Mental Health Nursing	3			
NUR 2040 Clinical Applications of Mental Health Nursing	0			
Total Hours	11			
III. Term IV (Fall)				
*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 Anthropology	3			
Total Hours	14			
IV. Term V (Spring)				
NUR 2243 Nursing Concepts and Intervention	3			
NUR 2254 Medical Surgical Nursing II	4			
NUR 2250 Clinical Applications of Medical Surgical Nursing III	0			
NUR 2263 Nursing Leadership and Management	3			
NUR 2260 Clinical Apps of Nursing Leadership and Management	0			
Total Hours	10			
Total Degree Credit Hours	62			

NURSING CREDITS FOR PREVIOUS LEARNING: After successful completion of NUR1904, four (4) hours of nursing credit will be held in escrow until completion of the nursing program.