



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE NURSING PROGRAM

2024-2025
LPN/LPTN-RN ACCELERATED
TRACK
INFORMATION PACKET

DEADLINE FOR LPN/LPTN APPLICATIONS:

May 2, 2024

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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 to be effective whenever determined by The Department of Registered Nursing or East Arkansas Community College. These changes will govern current and formerly enrolled students. Student enrollment 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 (ASBN) conditionally approves East Arkansas Community College's Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program. 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>

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE 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.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE NURSING PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 the 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.

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Students applying to or enrolled in the Associate Degree of Nursing Program must be aware that they are required to possess the following skills and abilities in order to provide safe patient care in the clinical setting.

The Associate Degree of Nursing program and its affiliated clinical agencies may identify additional essential functions or skills and reserve the right to amend the essential functions as deemed necessary.

CRITICAL THINKING

- Critical-thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment utilizing the nursing process
- Identify cause/effect relationships in clinical situations
- Make appropriate rapid decisions in stressful or emergency situations
- Manage multiple priorities and function effectively in stressful situations while adapting to rapid environmental changes and/or challenges
- Maintain concentration and focus in professional care settings
- Calculate medication dosages and IV solution rates accurately for medication preparation and administration

INTERPERSONAL

- Interpersonal abilities sufficient for interaction with individuals, families and groups from various social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds

COMMUNICATION

- Interpersonal abilities sufficient for interaction with individuals, families and groups from various social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
- Effectively read, write, comprehend, and speak the English language
- Communicate relevant, accurate, and complete information in a concise and clear manner both verbally and in writing to patients and health care members

- Communicate and function effectively in environments with multiple auditory and visual inputs

MOBILITY

- Physical abilities sufficient for movement from room to room and in small spaces
- Move independently in and around patient care areas, work spaces and treatment areas, stand for prolonged hours
- Stand, bend, walk, stoop, squat while providing patient care
- Move, position, turn, transfer, assist with lifting or lift and carry adult patients without injury to patient, self, or others
- Use hands, wrists, and arms to apply up to 10 pounds of pressure to bleeding sites or when performing CPR

MOTOR SKILLS

- Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient for providing safe, effective nursing care
- Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients, open and close containers, manipulate small equipment or objects without extraneous movement, contamination, or destruction
- Coordinate eye/hand, fine and gross motor movements
- Perform electronic keyboarding/documentation and/or extensive writing with a pen and/or pencil

HEARING

- Auditory ability sufficient for accurately monitoring and assessing health needs
- Hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds and cries for help, respond to patient with or without view of patient's face
- Respond and react immediately to spoken instruction and/or monitor equipment
- Distinguish changes in tone and pitch in heart, lung, and bowel sounds using a stethoscope or modified stethoscope
- Distinguish sounds and understand verbal communication in environments with multiple auditory inputs
- Tolerate occasional exposure to loud and unpleasant noises

VISUAL

- Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care
- Read for prolonged periods of time either hardcopy or on computer screen
- Distinguish and appropriately respond to multiple visual inputs
- Visualize small font (6 font) written words and information on paper, computer screen and medication labels
- Prepare and administer medications including correct use of small calibrated syringes (0.5 mL), ampules, vials etc.
- Monitor and assess subtle changes in patient status (ex: signs/symptoms, drainage, wound color and appearance, wound depth, cyanosis, etc.)

OLFACTORY

- Ability to detect smoke and odors
- Ability to tolerate occasional unpleasant odors

TACTILE

- Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment
- Palpate for pulses, temperature, texture hardness or softness, physical landmarks etc.
- Discriminate subtle differences between sharp or dull and hot or cold

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

If the applicant's native language is other than English, an official transcript of the score for the Test of English Language (TOEFL) must be submitted from Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, to the Registrar's Office at East Arkansas Community College. This test may be taken at various test centers throughout the world, but it is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the necessary information and application forms, and to arrange to take the test by a date which will assure the results are reported to EACC by the required deadlines. EACC ADN Department will accept any of the following per the Arkansas State Board of Nursing requirements:

- a. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 560 on the paper examination; 220 for the computerized examination; or, internet-based test (IBT) score of 83 with a minimum speaking score of 26. www.toefl.org
- b. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic module with a score of 6.5 overall and a minimum of 6.0 in any one module. www.ielts.org
- c. The Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic with a score of 55 overall with no sub scores lower than 50 in each scored part.
- d. The Occupational English Test (OET) with a score of C+ or above in each subtest and overall score of 300 or more on a single test. NOTE: At-home or remotely proctored tests are not accepted.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who wish accommodations should contact the American Disabilities Act Coordinator, Student Welcome Center 633-4480, ext. 252. 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) 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 A2 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 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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 Nursing Program once a year for fall 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 was taken at EACC the 5 - year rule does not apply and will be accepted.
- 8) Take the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) Admission Assessment (A2) Entrance Exam and score a minimum of 70 on selected topics. The HESI A2 is an examination commonly utilized as a nursing school entrance exam. This exam may be taken twice during the academic year.

Fee: Approx.: \$62 per testing attempt and is non-refundable. The applicant pays the fee by computer to the testing site before each testing attempt. If the student receives a score of 70 or better on a section of the examination, they are not required to repeat that section on the second attempt, and will only be required to pay for the sections they must repeat. The nursing entrance tests covers Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Mathematics, and Anatomy & Physiology, as well as, Learning Profile, Personality Style, and Critical Thinking. IF THE STUDENT TAKES MATH FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER AND PASSES WITH A "C" OR HIGHER, THE MATHEMATICS PORTION OF THE EXAM WILL NOT BE MANDATORY.

- 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 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 submitting an application does not guarantee admission into the Nursing Program. The number of students admitted will vary according to resources and space available.

ACCEPTANCE

Once an applicant has been accepted into the Traditional 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 start of Fall Classes and must remain current for the entire program of study.
- 3) Have the following required immunizations with statement of proof:
 - a. Nursing and Allied Health MMR Immunization Policy: Arkansas law requires all full-time students born on or after January 1, 1957 to provide proof of immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) or immunity, or medical or non-medical exemption, or birth before 1957.
 - Proof of Immunization: The immunization must be given in two doses. The first dose of the MMR must be given before the first birthday and after 1/1/1968. The second dose must be given at least 28 days after the first. Refer to Table III of the Arkansas State Board of Health, Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization Requirements, page 16. Accepted proof of immunizations shall be those on an immunization record provided by a licensed physician, health department, military service or an official record from another educational institution in Arkansas. All accepted immunization records shall state the vaccine type and dates of vaccine administration.

- **Proof of Immunity:** In lieu of receiving vaccine students may provide proof of immunity. Students must submit serological test results (titers) appropriate for all three diseases (measles, mumps, and rubella) to the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) along with a letter requesting approval of immunity.

Please send letter and test results to:

Arkansas Department of Health
 ATTENTION: Immunization Section
 4815 West Markham Street
 Little Rock, AR 72205

After the Medical Director of the Immunization Section of the ADH has reviewed the letter and results, the student will receive either an approval or denial letter. If approved, it is the student's responsibility to provide ANC Registrar a copy of the letter for placement in the student's permanent file. Thereafter, annual approval is not required. If denied, the student must receive the required immunization or request an exemption (see below) through the Arkansas Department of Health.

- **Medical or Non-medical Exemption:** Students may apply for an authorized exemption (medical, religious, or philosophical) from the Arkansas Department of Health. Exemptions must be applied for each academic year. Forms can be obtained after July 1, each year by e-mail only at:
<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/infectiousDisease/Immunizations/Documents/20172018%20College%20Immunization%20Exemption%20Application%20Packet.pdf>

b. **Required Immunizations for the Associate Degree of Nursing Program:**

As a condition of admission and continued enrollment in the AASN program, all students are required to submit proof of the following and update any immunizations as needed in their Blackboard Dropbox.

- MMR (2 doses required; refer to detailed MMR immunization policy above for more information).
- Tetanus or Tdap. Tetanus or Tdap must be received in the past 10 years to be current, or a tetanus booster is required.
- TB Screening: At the beginning of each academic year, students must submit proof of ONE of the following: Documentation of a negative tuberculin (TB) skin test, negative result of interferon-gamma release assays (IGRAs) blood tests (T-SPOT or QuantiFERON), or negative chest x-ray within the past three years; and provide evidence of no TB disease per health screening.
- Hepatitis B (series of 3 injections) or waiver: students entering the ADN Program must realize the potential for exposure to the Hepatitis B virus. Faculty recommends appropriate documentation of a completed series of Hepatitis B immunizations or consent to and be in the process of receiving the series of the 3 injections prior to any contact with patients. If a student refuses or has reason to believe that the vaccine is contraindicated for him/her, the student must sign a declination form acknowledging the risk of Hepatitis B infection in a healthcare setting.
- Influenza/flu vaccine annually (due each year by 10/31)
- Varicella (2 doses); Proof of varicella may be provided by ONE of the following: Documentation of 2 doses of the varicella vaccine, Laboratory evidence of immunity (titer), or Verification of history of varicella or herpes zoster by a healthcare provider

c. **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

In compliance with AR ACT 1030, EACC's Associate Degree Nursing Program does not mandate COVID-19 vaccination as a requirement for enrollment in any of their courses or

programs. However, most clinical affiliates mandate and require proof of the vaccine for both faculty and students attending their facilities for clinical experiences. The Associate Degree Program Director will accept student's proof of COVID Vaccination for submission to these facilities upon their request and prior to attending clinical. Students may upload proof of COVID vaccination to their Blackboard Dropbox as with all other clinical documentation. To ensure all students are provided an equitable clinical educational experience necessary to meet the required course and program objectives, students must be eligible for placement in any approved clinical site. Any student ineligible to meet their clinical assignments will not be successful in meeting their course objectives.

- 4) Submit proof of health insurance. Health insurance coverage must be maintained for the duration of the nursing program.
- 5) Complete Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen process.
 - Students are required to complete Drug Screening conducted by nursing faculty in the Allied Health Building. Students are responsible for fees associated with the drug screening and failure to meet the deadline for drug screening may result in failure to continue in the nursing program.
 - Use of alcohol or illegal drugs, or misuse of prescription drugs is strictly prohibited in the classroom, clinical or laboratory setting. References to the College's Alcohol and Drug Policy along with the policies on Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions and Student's Rights and Responsibilities are found in the EACC's Student Handbook
 - Drug testing will be completed for all First Level students upon enrollment into the Program. Second Level students must complete the drug screening prior to the beginning of clinical rotations during the third semester of the program OR if a returning student, at the time of readmission into the program.
 - Students with a positive drug screen may be denied the opportunity to participate in the clinical component of the nursing course. Any student ineligible to complete clinical rotations due to a positive drug screen will not meet clinical and program objectives and will be withdrawn from all Nursing courses by the Registered Nursing Program Director.

Required documents must be submitted before July 1st

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 Student Welcome Center. Students who believe they qualify for credit by examination or previous work experience should contact the appropriate Associate Vice President.

TRANSFER STUDENT INFORMATION

Students withdrawing from (“W”) or failing (“D” or “F”) the same nursing course twice or two separate nursing courses may seek admission to the 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 contingent 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 EACC (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) Successfully complete 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 the drug competency test.
- 4) Successfully complete a skills competency check-off with 90% accuracy. A skills list will be provided. Student will have one opportunity to successfully complete the skills competencies.
- 5) Successfully complete a content mastery examination. The content mastery examination contains content previously covered in nursing courses successfully completed prior to admission. Student will have one opportunity to successfully complete the content mastery examination.

TRANSFER STUDENT APPLICATION DEADLINES

Transfer application deadline for Term II is October 1st and for Term III is June 1st.

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. EACC’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.

East Arkansas Community College

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing- LPN/LPTN-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)				
	Credit Hours	Semester	Year	Grade
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.

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: \$300

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 2043: Mental Health Nursing (2-6-3)

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: \$300, 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: \$300

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.

Prerequisites: All required courses from Terms I, II and III.

Co-requisites: BUS 1603, NUR 2130, NUR 2134, NUR 2160, SOC 1013 or SOC 2043

NUR 2243: Nursing Concepts and Intervention (2-0-3)

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, and 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, and IV.

Co-requisites: NUR 2250, NUR 2260, NUR 2264, NUR 2242

Assessment Fee: \$300

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.

Prerequisites: All required courses from Terms I, II, III, and IV.

Co-requisites: NUR 2242, NUR 2254, NUR 2260

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE NURSING PROGRAM
ACCELERATED TRACK COSTS (EXCLUDING TUITION)

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 Nursing Program by Term.

Costs Other Than Tuition

Expense	Term I	Term II	Term III	Term IV
Textbooks	~\$450	~\$325	~\$225	~\$155
Assessment Fee –EVOLVE HESI	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Simulation Lab Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Program Maintenance Fee	\$250	X	\$250	X
Malpractice Insurance	\$50	X	X	X
Uniforms/Stethoscope/Shoes/Watch	~\$200	X	X	\$75
Nursing Bag (Laboratory Supplies)	~\$150	X	X	X
Health Insurance	varies	varies	varies	varies
Travel/Parking Fees for Clinical	~\$450	~\$400	~\$300	~\$200
CPR Certification	~\$50	X	X	X
Immunization Requirements	~\$350	X	X	X
Criminal Background & Drug Screen for Clinical	~\$25	X	~\$25	X
EACC Nursing Pin	X	X	X	~\$30
Nightingale Lamp	X	X	X	~\$30
NCLEX-RN	X	X	X	~\$200
Licensure Fee for Arkansas	X	X	X	\$100
Temporary Permit (optional)	X	X	X	\$30
Background Check for Licensure	X	X	X	\$44

X = No cost during that term

~ = Approximate cost

The Criminal Background and Drug Screen for clinical will be approximately \$25.00 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 Student Welcome Center.

GRADING SYSTEM

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

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIAL

The required course material for each course will be available on the course syllabi and published by the College. Students of the Registered Nursing Program are required to utilize the corresponding online resources that accompany the required textbooks. The student can either a) purchase new textbooks with online codes for access to required online material, or b) if a used textbook or one without an online access code is utilized for the course, the online access code must be purchased separately. Resource material used in the clinical setting (Drug book, Lab book, etc.) may not be accessed by electronic source during clinical hours. Printed resource versions are required for reference in clinical.

HESI EXIT EXAM

The HESI RN Exit Examination is administered during the final semester of the program. A minimum score of 900 is required for program completion. The student will have two attempts to achieve a minimum score of 900 prior to the end of the final semester. If the student has not successfully achieved a minimum score of at least 900 after the first two attempts, the student will receive an "Incomplete" or "I" in the course. In this case, the student will have one additional attempt to achieve the required score. The last attempt will not be given until after course completion and the student provides proof that the requirements set forth by the Director of Nursing or Lead Faculty have been completed. If a student has not successfully achieved a minimum score of at least 900 after the final attempt, the student's grade in NUR 2243 Nursing Concepts and Intervention will be changed to an "F". The student may be eligible to repeat this course the following Spring semester if the student meets the guidelines to continue in the program according to the Retention/Progression Policy. The Director of Nursing will not release a student to the State Board of Nursing to take the NCLEX examination until they have met the minimum required score of 900 on the HESI Exit Examination.

GRADUATION POLICY

To graduate from the Associate Degree of Nursing Program, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Complete a minimum of 62 semester hours of acceptable credit toward the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree.
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above on all work completed. A minimum grade of "C" is mandatory in all required general education and nursing courses in the ADN curricular pattern.
- Complete all course requirements as outlined in course syllabi and nursing handbook.
- File an intent to graduate form by the assigned deadline.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to the College

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Departments	
Admissions, Registration, & Records Student Welcome Center	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 Student Welcome Center	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 Welcome Center	Purchase books, computer disks, supplies, clothing items
Business Office	Request refunds Receive financial aid disbursements Make arrangements for payment plans

Career Pathways Student Welcome Center	Inquire about tuition assistance, childcare assistance, transportation assistance, tutoring services, advising and career counseling
Cashier Student Welcome Center	Pay tuition and fees Pay for a transcript Pay matriculation fee Pay for dropping or adding a class
Counseling Center Student Welcome Center	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 Student Welcome Center	Inquire about financial assistance (loans, grants, scholarships, work-study, and/or tuition waivers)
Student Activities Student Welcome 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
Student Support Services Student Welcome Center	Receive tutorial assistance Obtain assistance with academic courses Work with a mentor Arrange for a visit to a four-year school

<p>Community Education and Workforce Development Student Welcome 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 Student Welcome Center</p>	<p>Receive free tutorial assistance</p>
<p>Library Student Welcome 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>Adult Education Building</p>

APPENDIX A

NURSE PRACTICE ACT OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

TITLE 17

PROFESSIONS, OCCUPATIONS, AND BUSINESSES

SUBTITLE 3. MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

CHAPTER 87

NURSES

(Excerpt)

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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 and §17-3-102** regarding criminal background checks and licensing restrictions based on criminal records.

NURSE PRACTICE ACT OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

ACA §17-87-312. Criminal background checks.

(a)

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

(2) At the time a person applies to an Arkansas nursing educational program, the program shall notify the applicant in writing of the provisions and requirements of this section.

(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 Division 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 Division of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the board all releasable information obtained concerning the applicant.

(e) For purposes of this section, the board shall follow the licensing restrictions based on criminal records under § 17-3-102.

(f)

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

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

(g)

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

(A) The affected applicant for licensure or his or her 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 Division of Arkansas State Police.

(h) 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. NURSE PRACTICE ACT 25

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

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

(k)

(1) The board may participate at the state and federal level in programs that provide notification of an arrest subsequent to an initial background check that is conducted through available governmental systems.

(2) The board may submit an applicant's fingerprints to the federal Next Generation Identification system.

(3) The fingerprints may be searched by future submissions to the Next Generation Identification system, including latent fingerprint searches.

(4) An applicant enrolled in the Next Generation Identification system is not required to re-fingerprint when a subsequent request for a state or federal criminal history background check is required if:

- (A) A legible set of the applicant's fingerprints is obtained when the applicant enrolls in the Next Generation Identification system; and
- (B) The applicant is subject to the Rap Back service of the Next Generation Identification system.

(l) The Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation may maintain fingerprints in the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

History Acts 1999, No. 1208, § 4; 2001, No. 303, §§ 2-4; 2003, No. 103, §§ 1, 2; 2003, No. 1087, § 15; 2003, No. 1386, § 1; 2003, No. 1449, § 1; 2005, No. 1923, § 2; 2011, No. 570, § 121; 2013, No. 302, § 1; 2015, No. 1047, § 1; 2017, No. 367, §§ 17, 18; 2017, No. 492, § 1; 2017, No. 664, §§ 11, 12; 2019, No. 315, § 1542; 2019, No. 626, § 1; 2019, Act 315, No. 990, § 76

17-3-102. Licensing restrictions based on criminal records.

(a) An individual is not eligible to receive or hold a license issued by a licensing entity if that individual 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, unless the conviction was lawfully sealed under the Comprehensive Criminal Record Sealing Act of 2013, § 16-90-1401 et seq., or otherwise previously sealed, pardoned or expunged under prior law:

- (1) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;
- (2) Murder in the first degree and second degree as prohibited in §§ 5-10-102 and 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 a controlled substance into the body of another person as prohibited in § 5-13-210;
- (13) Aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer or an employee of a correctional facility as prohibited in § 5-13-211, if a Class Y felony;
- (14) Terroristic threatening in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-301;
- (15) Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103;
- (16) Sexual indecency with a child as prohibited in § 5-14-110, if the offense is a felony;
- (17) Sexual extortion as prohibited in § 5-14-113;
- (18) Sexual assault in the first degree, second degree, third degree, and fourth degree as prohibited in §§ 5-14-124 — 5-14-127;
- (19) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;
- (20) Offenses against the family as prohibited in §§ 5-26-303 — 5-26-306;
- (21) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201;
- (22) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-205;
- (23) Permitting the abuse of a minor as prohibited in § 5-27-221;

- (24) 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 media 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;
- (25) Possession or use of child sexual abuse material as prohibited in § 5-27-603;
- (26) Computer exploitation of a child in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-605;
- (27) Felony adult abuse as prohibited in § 5-28-103;
- (28) Theft of property as prohibited in § 5-36-103;
- (29) Theft by receiving as prohibited in § 5-36-106;
- (30) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301;
- (31) Burglary as prohibited in § 5-39-201;
- (32) Felony violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, § 5-64-101 et seq., as prohibited in the former § 5-64-401, and §§ 5-64-419 — 5-64-442;
- (33) Promotion of prostitution in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-70-104;
- (34) Stalking as prohibited in § 5-71-229;
- (35) 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; and
- (36) All other crimes referenced in this title.

(b)

(1) If an individual has been convicted of a crime listed in subsection (a) or subsection (e) of this section, a licensing entity may waive disqualification or revocation of a license based on the conviction if a request for a waiver is made by:

- (A) An affected applicant for a license; or
- (B) The individual holding a license subject to revocation.

(2) A basis upon which a waiver may be granted includes without limitation:

- (A) The age at which the offense was committed;
- (B) The circumstances surrounding the offense;
- (C) The length of time since the offense was committed;
- (D) Subsequent work history since the offense was committed;
- (E) Employment references since the offense was committed;
- (F) Character references since the offense was committed;
- (G) Relevance of the offense to the occupational license; and
- (H) Other evidence demonstrating that licensure of the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the public.

(3) The waiver requirements of this section are not required for a renewal of a license if an individual has been convicted of a crime listed in subsection (a) of this section and has either:

- (A) Completed the waiver requirements of this section at his or her initial licensure;
- (B) Been licensed in this state before the enactment of subsection (a) of this section; or
- (C) Attended a professional or occupational school, program, or training in pursuit of an occupational license before the enactment of subsection (a) of this section and would have been qualified to hold an occupational license on or before July 24, 2019.

(c) If an individual has a valid criminal conviction for an offense that could disqualify the individual from receiving a license, the disqualification shall not be considered for more than five (5) years from the date of conviction or incarceration or on which probation ends, whichever date is the latest, if the individual:

- (A) Was not convicted for committing a violent or sexual offense; and

- (B) Has not been convicted of any other offense during the five-year disqualification period.
- (d) A licensing entity shall not, as a basis upon which a license may be granted or denied:
- (1) Use vague or generic terms, including without limitation the phrases “moral turpitude” and “good character”; or
 - (2) Consider arrests without a subsequent conviction.
- (e) Due to the serious nature of the offenses, the following shall result in disqualification for licensure, regardless of the date of conviction or the date on which probation or incarceration ends unless a waiver is granted under subsection (b) of this section:
- (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) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;
 - (4) Aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer or an employee of a correctional facility as prohibited in § 5-13-211, if a Class Y felony;
 - (5) Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103;
 - (6) Sexual extortion as prohibited in § 5-14-113;
 - (7) 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;
 - (8) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;
 - (9) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201;
 - (10) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-205;
 - (11) Adult abuse that constitutes a felony as prohibited in § 5-28-103;
 - (12) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301; and
 - (13) 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 media 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.
- (f) This chapter does not preclude a licensing entity from taking emergency action against a licensee as authorized under § 25-15-211 for the sake of public health, safety, or welfare.
- (g) The disqualification for an offense listed in subsection (a) of this section and the disqualification for an offense listed in subsection (e) of this section do not apply to:
- (1) An individual who holds a valid license on July 24, 2019;
 - (2) An individual who holds a valid license on or before July 24, 2019, but failed to renew his or her license for any reason; or
 - (3) An individual who was a student on or before July 24, 2019, in a professional or occupational school, program, or training in pursuit of an occupational license and would have been qualified to hold an occupational license on or before July 24, 2019.
- (h) This section does not apply to licensure or certification:
- (1) Of professions not governed by this title;
 - (2) Of polygraph examiners and voice stress analysis examiners under § 17-39-101 et seq.;

(3) Of private investigators and private security agencies under the Private Security Agency, Private Investigator, and School Security Licensing and Credentialing Act, § 17- 40-101 et seq.;

(4) Of body artists under § 17-26-601 et seq. who hold a valid license on or before July 1, 2024; or

(5) Of cosmetologists licensed under Title 17, Chapter 26, Subchapter 3.

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 HESI A2 exam.
- HESI A2 exams cannot be rescheduled or reimbursed. If you have an emergency, please contact Elsevier.

What to Bring on Test Day

- A credit or debit card to pay for the exam. No cash, check, or money order
- 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.

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. A calculator will be provided.
- 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.

TESTING DATES

HESI A2 Exam Dates: the exam will be available starting February 5th –May 2th, 2024

The HESI A2 Exam may be taken TWICE during an application cycle.

The HESI A2 Exam can be taken in person at the Forrest City EACC campus inside the Student Welcome Center building Monday thru Thursday. Testing times are 8 am, 11 am, and 1 pm. Once started, you have 4 hours to complete the exam (average time 2.5-3 hours). Students may also take The HESI A2 Examination at the Wynne EACC campus by appointment. Call Tabitha Thomas, Administrative Assistant, at (870)633-4480 ext. 408 to make an appointment for testing at the Wynne or Forrest City campus.

APPENDIX C

OFFSITE HESI A2 TESTING

Prospective students of East Arkansas Community College's Department of Registered Nursing program must complete the HESI A2 entrance examination as part of the application process. The HESI A2 entrance examination is a computerized examination consisting of Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Mathematics, and Anatomy & Physiology. The examination also collects data in the following categories: Learning Profile, Personality Style, and Critical Thinking.

Prospective students will be allowed two examination attempts during an application cycle to achieve the required scores. A student will be allowed to submit external attempt(s) provided the student has their official score sent to the EACC Nursing Department from their Evolve account. The examination must be completed within the current EACC academic year.

For the 2024 Nursing application cycle year, the external test must be completed between February 5, 2024 and May 2, 2024. The examination submission must have all of the required components listed above. If a student submits an external test that does not have all the required components, the prospective student will be responsible for testing on the remaining sections. Any external test submitted to the EACC Allied Health Department will count as an official attempt. **All tests must adhere to the minimum score requirement set forth by the East Arkansas Community College Nursing Information Packet.**

If you wish to submit an external examination, please initial and sign below:

Please initial the following statements:

_____ I understand that any external test submitted will count as an attempt.

_____ I understand that any external test that lacks all required components will count as an official attempt.

_____ I understand all attempts must be completed between Feb 5, 2024 – May 2, 2024.

_____ I understand that if my test is not sent directly from Evolve to the EACC Nursing department, I will not be able to submit an external test.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Processed by:

Name: _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX D

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE NURSING PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR LPN-RN ACCELERATED TRACK ADMISSION

Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Address: _____
Street/PO Box City State Zip Code

Phone: _____
Home Cell Work

ID #: _____ E-mail: _____

Please indicate type of admission: ___ **Initial Application** ___ **Readmission** ___ **Transfer**

Are you currently enrolled in high school or college? _____ **YES** _____ **NO**

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

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

College/High School **Dates Attended**

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Unofficial Transcripts attached: **Yes** _____ **No** _____ **Requested** _____

Current Certified Nursing Assistant in AR: **Yes** _____ **No** _____

If yes, must attach copy of certification to application.

Ever held a license in any healthcare profession? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

If yes, type: _____

Ever been enrolled in any Nursing/Allied Health program including EACC? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

If yes, name of program _____

Dates attended: _____

I acknowledge that all information provided is true and that misrepresenting the truth can lead to permanent dismissal from EACC's Associate Degree Nursing program. I understand that if I have been convicted of a crime, I will need permission from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing to write the NCLEX-RN.

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:** _____

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APPENDIX E

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:

The following statements of responsibility indicate your understanding of the requirements necessary for the evaluation of your file for possible admission into EACC’s Associate of Applied Science nursing program.

Please sign and return to the Nursing Administrative Assistant.

- I have received and read the admission policies and requirement guidelines for East Arkansas Community College’s Associate of Applied Science Traditional Tract.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to validate that all copies of my transcripts and test scores are received by the Nursing Administrative Assistant. I will inform the Administrative Assistant of the courses in which I am currently enrolled. I also accept the responsibility to have all transcripts from other colleges submitted and evaluated by the EACC Registrar.
- I have received a copy of and read the Arkansas State Board of Nursing’s Nurse Practice Acts **ACA §17,87,312 and §17-3-102**. I understand that enrolling in and completing EACC’s Associate of Applied Science Nursing program does not guarantee me the ability to challenge the NCLEX-RN exam.
- I have read the Background Verification Policy and understand that: if selected for EACC’s Associate of Applied Science Nursing program, that I will be required to submit to a Criminal Background Check (CBC) by a third-party vendor. If found to be ineligible to complete clinical rotations due to an adverse or negative outcome from the CBC, I understand that I will not be able to meet the clinical and program objectives and dismissal from the program will be necessary.
- I have read and understand the Functional Ability Categories, Descriptions, Representative Activities, and Attributes Statement.
- I understand that nursing is a discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. I understand that if accommodations are necessary due to a disability, I must contact EACC Student Services to request accommodations.

I understand that my Application for Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program will not be filed or considered unless my signature is on this form.

Print Name

Signature **Date**