

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING

LPN/PARAMEDIC TO RN

The Allied Health Science Division offers an LPN/Paramedic to RN Program. **This program is only open to students who are already Licensed Practical Nurses or Paramedics and who have completed all of the 27 hours of general education prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better.** This 12-month program admits students each January and classes are held in the Spring, Summer, and Fall semesters. Classes meet two nights a week, and clinical is on Saturday and Sunday every other week. Upon completion of this course the individual must apply for licensure and write the National Licensure Exam for RN.

PRE-ADMISSION ADVISING

All potential applicants must talk to a Department of Nursing advisor prior to submitting an application. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 501-337-5000, Ext. 1208 or 1200 during the office hours of 8:00 to 4:30. Copies of all transcripts are required for the advising session. The purpose of this session is to provide you with information about the program. This session does not take the place of academic advising for prerequisite courses and registration clearance.

Applicants with special needs due to disability must make this fact known prior to admission, so that necessary accommodations can be made. Because of the nature of the profession it may not always be possible to accommodate students with severe disabilities.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES/DEADLINE: Beginning in May of each year, applications are accepted for the January entering class. New students are admitted each January. Class size is limited to 30, and not all applicants are accepted for admission into the program. **The application deadline is the first Monday in October. Applicants accepted into this program must attend a mandatory orientation session, generally held the first week in November.**

Students applying to the program must meet all of the general admission requirements of the College **and** must have completed all of the general education prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better in order to be considered for admission. (Note: The required general education prerequisite classes are listed later in this section.)

All applicants will have an equal opportunity regardless of race, age, disability, sex, creed, religion, or nationality. Applicants with special needs due to disability must make this fact known prior to admission, so that necessary accommodations can be made. Because of the nature of the profession it may not always be possible to accommodate students with severe disabilities.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: PART I

Students must submit the following information to the **Division of Student Affairs** prior to the application deadline:

1. Nurse Entrance Test (NET) scores. The NET is given on campus in the Division of Student Affairs on Fridays, except during the summer months when it is given on Thursdays. The cost is \$25.00.
(NOTE: In addition to the NET, Paramedics must also achieve a passing score on the NLN Nursing ACE I PN to RN: Foundations of Nursing. The cost is \$45.00. This test is given on campus on Fridays, except during the summer months when it is given on Thursdays, in the Division of Student Affairs.
2. OTC Application for Admission
3. Official transcripts showing completion of the 27 hours of general education course prerequisites, **with a grade of "C" or better in each course.**
4. Official College Transcript(s) from each college attended.
5. Shot records of one rubella, one mumps, and two measles immunization.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: PART II

Students must submit the following information to the **Allied Health Division Secretary** prior to the application deadline:

1. LPN/Paramedic to RN Application for Admission
2. Official copy of a current Practical Nursing License (PN)
4. Current CPR Card with expiration date following expected date of graduation from the RN program.
3. If you were previously enrolled in an RN program in another School of Nursing, submit a letter of eligibility to return to Nursing School.
4. Provide a copy of the NET scores to the Nursing Division Office

(NOTE: In addition to the above, Paramedics must also submit the following documentation:

- Proof of certification from the Arkansas Department of Health as an Arkansas paramedic.
- Proof of registration with the National Registry of EMT's as a paramedic.
- A letter verifying employment as a paramedic.

LPN/Paramedic to RN Prerequisite Courses

Students are required to complete **all** general education requirements **with a grade of "C" or better** prior to entering the LPN/Paramedic to RN program: Students taking general education prerequisite courses will be advised by appropriate faculty in the Division of Arts, Sciences and Education (ASE). Please contact ASE Division Chair Pat Simms for advising information. Upon successful completion of the 27 prerequisite hours, a technical certificate is given in Pre-Allied Health.

COURSE	CREDITS
BIOL 2224 Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOL 2234 Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
BIOL 2244 Microbiology with Lab	4
ENGL 1113 Composition I	3
ENGL 1213 Composition II	3
PSYC 1113 General Psychology	3
*RNUR 2113 Math for Nurses OR MATH 1143 College Algebra OR EDUC 1153 Mathematics for Liberal Arts	3
DATA 1123 Fundamentals of Information Technology	3
TOTAL	27 Credits

*Students who plan to pursue a four-year nursing degree should take College Algebra or Mathematics for Liberal Arts. Math for Nurses will not transfer to a four-year nursing program. The prerequisite for RNUR 2113 Math for Nurses is Basic Algebra Math 1013.