



Practical Nursing Program Information for Applicants

The application deadline is October 15 at noon.

The Practical Nursing Program at ASUMH is designed to prepare the student to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. The technical certificate combines classroom instruction with clinical experience. The course of study meets the requirements of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing for practical nursing programs. The student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average or “C” average or better in all required coursework in order to graduate and be eligible to apply for the National Council of Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). There is no advanced placement in this program. Students must completed all required nursing courses with a grade of “C” or higher.

Students admitted with a Spring start date will complete the program in one academic calendar year which includes the Spring, Extended Summer, and Fall terms. Students in the program attend classes or clinical sessions 6-8 hours per day, four days a week.

Applicants must meet the standards and requirements for admission to ASUMH prior to applying to the Practical Nursing program. This includes a formal application for admission to ASUMH, covering submission of all required admission credentials. (See Admission Requirements in ASUMH Catalog and Student Handbook.) ALL information must be submitted prior to October 15.

Application to the Practical Nursing program does not guarantee admission. Class size is limited and all applicants may not be accepted into the program. Admission to the program is competitive. Applicants are considered for the PN program after completing and submitting the following information:

1. Practical Nursing Program Application. An application for the Practical Nursing program must be completed and returned to the Health Science Coordinator, Sarah Smith, located in Gotaas Hall, H211, prior to October 15 at noon.
2. HESI Admission Assessment Exam.
3. Completion of all prerequisites with a grade of “C” or better. Any applicant seeking transfer credit for prerequisite courses must submit official transcripts to the Registrar’s office. Applicants will not be considered for admission if official transfer credit for prerequisite courses is not granted by the Registrar’s office. If you have questions regarding prerequisite courses, please contact Sarah Smith, Health Science Coordinator, at either sarahs@asumh.edu or 870-508-6266.
4. Current CNA license.
5. The successful completion of any necessary developmental courses prior to application submission.

Selection to the LPN program will be based on a combination of prerequisite GPA and entrance exam score. After the selection process is completed, applicants will be notified by mail of acceptance or denial.

Admissions Test (HESI A2). Scores from the Reading Comprehension, Anatomy and Physiology, and Math section will be calculated. A score of 70% or higher in each section is recommended. The HESI A2 exam may be taken a maximum of 2 times per application period.

Pre-requisite GPA. A minimum GPA of 2.0 on prerequisite courses are required for consideration.

At the time of acceptance, students will need to complete a criminal background check. Students who have previously been convicted of a crime may be restricted from certain clinical facilities and may be ineligible to take the NCLEX-PN. It is possible to complete a program of study at ASUMH and be denied the opportunity to take the NCLEX-PN by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. This information can be found at: <http://www.arsbn.arkansas.gov/lawsRules/Pages/nursePracticeAct.aspx>.

After being admitted to the Practical Nursing Program, the student is required to submit the following:

1. Proof of negative TST tuberculin skin test/bloodwork or negative chest x-ray if the skin test is positive.
2. Proof of Tetanus/Diphtheria immunization.
3. Documentation of completion or initiation of the Hepatitis series. Students must complete the first Hepatitis vaccine before entering the clinical area in the first semester.
4. Proof of current flu shot.
5. Proof of current American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider certification.
6. The student will need to complete a State Police background check (depending on current state of residence). If the student has lived in their current state less than five years, the student may be required to get an additional background check(s) from the appropriate state(s). Fees vary per state.

**Students whose primary language is not English must take the Test for English Foreign Language (TOEFL). A passing score of 540 on the paper examination; 207 for the computerized examination; or 83 on the Internet based examination is required.*

Application Checklist Practical Nursing Arkansas State University Mountain Home

Make sure to have all the required information when submitting your program application.

ASUMH Admission's Department:

_____ Completed admission file with ASUMH admission's office.

_____ Copies of all college transcripts.

Health Science Coordinator's Office:

_____ Completed, signed and dated LPN program application.

Applications can be hand delivered to the Health Science Coordinator, Sarah Smith, located in Gotaas Hall, H211, or they may be mailed.

Application should be mailed to:

Arkansas State University- Mountain Home

Attn: Health Science Coordinator

1600 College Street

Mountain Home, AR 72653

_____ Results of HESI A2 exam. For an appointment to take the exam: call 870-508-6209 or log onto <http://www.asumh.edu/academics/testing-center.dot>. There is a \$50.00 fee that must be paid before the test will be given and receipt given to test center by the registration date of the test. This fee is payable at the Cashier's window on the 3rd floor of Roller Hall.

_____ CNA license documentation



**Arkansas State
UNIVERSITY
MOUNTAIN HOME**

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAIN HOME
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Name: _____
Last Maiden First Middle Initial

Mailing Address: _____
Street or PO Box City State Zip

Telephone: Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Social Security number: _____ **Email:** _____

Practical Nursing program applicants MUST fully complete this section listing the college, date of completion, and course grade for all pre-requisite course:

| Course | College/CNA class Site | Date | Grade | License Number |
|--|------------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| *BIOL 1024 Human Anatomy and Physiology for Healthcare Professions and Lab | | | | |
| CNA | | | | |
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**Anatomy and Physiology I and II with Labs may be substituted for Human Anatomy and Physiology for Healthcare Professions and Lab. However, both sections must be completed prior to entry into Practical Nursing Program.*

Answer ALL of the following questions:

YES NO

Have you ever been convicted of a crime?
If yes, please list: _____

(Persons convicted of a crime may not be allowed to take the licensing exam, NCLEX-PN, to become a Practical Nurse. The information can be found at <http://www.arsbn.arkansas.gov/lawsRules/Pages/nursePracticeAct.aspx>. State and federal criminal background checks by the Arkansas State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation are required for licensure.)

Is English your native language or are you from a non-English speaking country?
(If no is marked, TOEFL test scores must be submitted as required by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing)
Please see the Director of Nursing programs for further instructions.

Are you currently employed in a healthcare facility?
If yes, where? _____
Job title? _____

I certify that the information on this application is true and correct.

Signature

Date

**Submit completed application to
Arkansas State University Mountain Home
Sarah Smith, Health Science Coordinator
Gotaas Hall, H211
1600 S College
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

Applicants failing to provide full disclosure may be denied admission to the program or be dismissed from the program.

All applicants will be notified in writing of their acceptance or denial into the program. Results will not be given by phone. Results should be mailed by November 15, 2019.

Test Dates for Spring 2019 Admission:

All applicants must take the appropriate HESI A2 Entrance Exam **prior** to the October 15 deadline.

Preregistration for the admission exam is mandatory. You can register for the exam here:

<http://www.asumh.edu/academics/testing-center.dot>. Payment is due by the registration date of the exam.

Paid receipts must be taken to the testing center by the registration date.

Preparing for the Exam:

ASUMH PN applicants must complete the following sections on the HESI A2:

Math, Reading Comprehension, and Anatomy and Physiology. A minimum of 70% in each section is recommended.

Learning Styles and Personality Style – not included in admission process but valuable for individual learning.

Practice questions and study guides may be found free online or are available to purchase at:

<http://www.us.elsevierhealth.com/product.jsp?isbn=9781416056355>

Payment for the Exam:

Payment is due to the Cashier, located on the 3rd floor of Roller Hall, in the amount of \$50.00 by the date of the exam. The fee is nonrefundable. The hours of the Cashier are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily. Students will be required to produce their receipt to the testing center by the registration deadline so that the test can be ordered. Payment of \$50.00 is due each time you test.

| Test Dates | Times | Registration/Payment Deadlines |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Friday, September 6 | 8:30 am to 12:00 pm | August 30, 2019 |
| Wednesday, September 25 | 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm | September 18, 2019 |
| Friday, September 27 | 8:30 am to 12:00 pm | September 20, 2019 |
| Tuesday, October 1 | 1:30 am to 5:00 pm | September 24, 2019 |
| Friday, October 4 | 8:30 am to 12:00 pm | September 27, 2019 |
| Wednesday, October 9 | 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm | October 2, 2019 |
| Wednesday, October 9 | 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm | October 2, 2019 |
| Thursday, October 10 | 8:30 am to 12:00 pm | October 3, 2019 |
| Thursday, October 10 | 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm | October 3, 2019 |
| Friday, October 11 | 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm | October 4, 2019 |
| Tuesday, October 15 | 8:30 am to 12:00 pm | October 8, 2019 |

To ensure a testing date, please don't wait until the last available time to register for your exam, space is limited.

Financial Assistance:

Career Pathways is a program available to help with financial assistance.

To be eligible:

- You must be a resident of the state of Arkansas
- You must be a parent or guardian of a child under the age of 21, and the child must live in the home
- You must have an annual household income below 250% of the poverty level.
- You must be pursuing a certificate or degree that will lead directly to employment.
- In addition, applicants cannot be in default of a student loan and cannot have a felony conviction involving the manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance.

Assistance Offered:

- Tuition/fees/book assistance (after Pell funds have been exhausted)
- Testing fees
- Transportation assistance through gas cards
- Childcare assistance
- Supplies
- Computer lab/free printing
- Laptop loan program
- Calculator loan program

Contact Career Pathways at 870-508-6201 for an application.

Financial Aid Department:

Scholarships and Grants

870-508-6195

Midterm Grade Request

Arkansas State University – Mountain Home Practical Nursing Program

Please **PRINT** carefully the name of each prerequisite course you are currently enrolled in this semester. Include the Instructor's name, email address and the school.

- Please give a copy of this completed release form to each of your instructors.

| Course (Prefix & Name) | Instructor name, email and phone number | School |
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I authorize my instructor/registrar to release my grades to the Health Science Coordinator at Arkansas State University – Mountain Home:

Student Name (please print)_____

Student ID or Social Security Number_____

Student email address_____

Signature_____Date_____

Attn: Registrar or Instructor

Please email or fax student grades at midterm to ASUMH.

Attention: Sarah Smith, Health Science Coordinator

Practical Nursing Program

Fax: 870-508-6340 or email: sarajs@asumh.edu