



Practical Nursing Program Information for Applicants

The application deadline is October 15, 2020 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 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; <https://www.asumh.edu/academics/documents/CATALOG%202018-19.pdf>) 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. Scores from HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam completed within the last year.
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 sarabs@asumh.edu or 870-508-6266.
4. Current CNA license.
5. 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 NCELX-PN by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. This information can be found at: <https://static.visionamp.co/rubix/20200723/cbact990of2019-57527-53130.pdf> and <https://static.visionamp.co/rubix/20200723/cbc-68325-28034.pdf>.

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

1. Proof of negative tuberculin skin test (TST) 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 American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider certification.
5. 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.
6. Documentation of flu shot is required annually.

**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 emailed to sarabs@asumh.edu or mailed.

Application should be mailed to:

Arkansas State University- Mountain Home

Attn: Health Science Coordinator

1600 College Street

Mountain Home, AR 72653

_____ The testing center will provide the results of the HESI A2 exam to the Health Science Coordinator, Sarah Smith.

_____ 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				

**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 <https://static.visionamp.co/rubix/20200723/cbc-68325-28034.pdf> and <https://static.visionamp.co/rubix/20200723/cbcact990of2019-57527-53130.pdf>. 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.

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, 2020.

Testing for Spring 2020 Admission:

All applicants must take the appropriate HESI A2 Entrance Exam **prior** to the October 15 deadline. **Preregistration for the admission exam is mandatory.** See included instructions.

Preparing for the Exam:

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

Math, Reading Comprehension, and Human 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:

<https://www.elsevier.com/books/admission-assessment-exam-review/unknown/978-0-323-58226-1>

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

Normally, you would take the required entrance exam for our nursing programs in-person at our testing center. However, due to limited seating we are offering the LPN and LPN/PAR to RN Bridge Entrance Exams both online via ZOOM and in-person. If you are new to using ZOOM don't worry, I am here to help you through every step of the testing process and will make it as easy as possible regardless of how you plan to test.

Schedule and pay for your HESI exam by following these steps:

- visit <https://www2.registerblast.com/asumh/Exam/List>
- Under the 1st section "Choose a Group" select **Health Science Entrance Exams**
- Under the 2nd section "Choose an Exam" select your exam by program and how you plan to test (online via ZOOM or in-person at ASUMH)
 - **HESI in-person at ASUMH - LPN Entrance Exam - ASUMH program applicants only (\$50.00)**
 - **HESI in-person at ASUMH - LPN to RN Bridge Entrance Exam - ASUMH program applicants only (50.00)**
 - **HESI in-person at ASUMH - Paramedic to RN Bridge Entrance Exam - ASUMH program applicants only (50.00)**
 - **HESI Online via ZOOM - LPN Entrance Exam - ASUMH program applicants only (50.00)**
 - **HESI Online via ZOOM - LPN to RN Bridge Entrance Exam - ASUMH program applicants only (50.00)**
 - **HESI online via ZOOM - Paramedic to RN Bridge Entrance Exam - ASUMH program applicants only (50.00)**
- Once your registration form is complete you will be prompted to **add to cart** and **checkout**. Next, you will enter your payment information, a debit or credit card **payment is required at the time of scheduling**. (If you are in the Career Pathways program, please check with Lorie McMaster before scheduling.)
- **If you are applying to the LPN/PAR to RN Bridge program** you will also be required to take an ACCUPLACER Reading test after your HESI exam. There is no additional charge for the ACCUPLACER and no need to schedule an additional appointment, but you should plan to spend an additional 30-45 minutes to take the reading test after you complete your HESI exam. *A minimum Reading score of 252 is needed.

For a successful testing experience review and follow these critical instructions prior to your appointment:

- **All testers are required to create an account with Elsevier/Evolve** prior to their HESI testing appointment by visiting <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/> (If you think you already have an account simply follow the link and select forgot my password, then follow the instructions to retrieve your account information.)
 - **All testers must have their Elsevier/Evolve username and password with them while checking in the day of their appointment.** Please note that the ASUMH Testing Center does **NOT** have access to this information, only the tester does and without it they cannot test until it is obtained.
 - **Not having the Elsevier/Evolve username and password ready and on hand during check-in will cause delays.** Anyone who does not have this information with them will need to **move to the end of the line so other testers can be seated without delay.**
- **All testers are required to present their government issued Photo ID at check-in.** No one will be tested without an acceptable Photo ID. (Your current driver's license or other government issued photo IDs are acceptable forms of ID.)

- **In-person testers** will have their temperature taken upon entry into Roller Hall; they will also be asked a few brief COVID-19 related questions. *If a tester's temperature is 100 or greater, we will wait 5 minutes and retake their temperature. If after 5 minutes their temperature is still elevated, we will need to reschedule their testing appointment.
- **In-person testers** will be required to wear a mask the entire time they are in the building, even once seated for their test.

If you have questions or if you need a different testing time, please email me at testing_center@asumh.edu or call me at 870-421-2807 as soon as possible.

Thank you,

MaryJo Haworth
ASUMH Testing Center Coordinator