THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.)

The Associate of Applied Science Degree is designed for employment purposes, and it should not be assumed that the degree or the courses in the degree can be transferred to another institution. While a few institutions have recently begun to accept some courses in A.A.S. programs, the general rule is that courses in the A.A.S. degree are not accepted in transfer toward bachelor's degrees. Students to whom transfer is important should get assurance in writing in advance from the institution to which they wish to transfer.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: PLEASE SEE CURRENT CATALOG FOR ALL FEES AND CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DEGREE.

DEGREE PLAN
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN
REGISTERED NURSING LPN/PARAMEDIC TO RN
Degree Code: 0710; CIP Code: 51.3801

The A.A.S. in Registered Nursing offers licensed practical nurses and paramedics an alternative to traditional nursing programs. Students have the option of maintaining full-time employment while completing the nursing program in one academic year. The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) graduate is prepared to provide and manage direct care to individuals with common well-defined problems. The AASN graduate functions as a team member using nursing diagnoses and established protocols for individuals in acute care and community-based settings.

Students applying for entrance to the Registered Nursing program must meet the standards and requirements for admission to ASUMH prior to completing the required program application.

All prerequisite general education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. All general education prerequisites must be completed prior to the student's entry into the program.

Note: All RN courses have an additional $100 per credit hour fee.

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN) requires a criminal background check for all graduates applying for licensure. Graduating from a nursing program does not assure ASBN's approval to take the licensure examination. Eligibility to take the licensure examination is dependent on meeting standards in the ASBN Nurse Practice Act and Rules. Students will be required to sign a statement, before beginning the nursing program, that states they have read and understood ACA §17-87-312 and the specific offenses which, if pleaded guilty, nolo contendere, or found guilty of will make an individual ineligible to receive or hold a license in Arkansas.

- Please review the following link pertaining to Criminal Background Checks:
  https://static.visionamp.co/rubix/20200615/cbc-68325.pdf
- Please review the following link pertaining to Licensing restrictions based on criminal records:
  https://static.visionamp.co/rubix/20200615/cbcact990of2019-57527.pdf

Student Learning Outcomes for Registered Nursing Program

1. Provide high quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care to diverse populations while incorporating technology to improve interdisciplinary communication, transition of care, and patient outcomes.
2. Advocate for patients and families to promote human dignity, self- determination, and integrity of the person by providing caring, holistic nursing interventions, and assisting in navigating healthcare systems.
3. Implement a prescribed plan of care by utilizing knowledge of evidence-based practice, pathophysiology, pharmacology, quality improvement, and the ability to interpret physician and inter-professional orders.
4. Utilize therapeutic communication to build rapport with patients and families, function as a team member within the interdisciplinary team and with physicians, to deliver patient education, and resolve conflicts.
5. Apply critical thinking skills and clinical judgment to interpret assessment data, recognize changes in patient status, make patient care decisions, anticipate risks and recognize unsafe practice in self and others to deliver safe, high quality nursing care to patients and their families.
6. Demonstrate professional nursing identity by reflecting integrity, responsibility, ethical and legal practices, accountability, customer service, respect for diversity, and teamwork through active participation in professional nursing organizations.
7. Organize patient care by delegating effectively, prioritizing tasks and responsibilities, timely completion of tasks and documentation, evaluating patient response to care, and modifying care as indicated.

In addition to these program-specific outcomes, the following general outcomes should apply:

8. Applications of Math and the Natural Sciences appropriate to degree or field of study.
9. Composition and Oral Communication.
10. Evaluation of diverse perspectives and cultures through Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.
11. Utilization of technology appropriate to degree or field of study.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Advisor: _____ Student ID# _____

COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	HOURS COMPLETED
General Education Requirements (30 credit hours)				
BIOL	2004	Human Anatomy and Physiology I & Lab	4	_____
		This course also fulfilled by successfully completing these two course numbers: BIOL 2203 and BIOL 2201.		

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COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	HOURS COMPLETED
BIOL	2014	Human Anatomy and Physiology II & Lab	4	_____
		This course also fulfilled by successfully completing these two course numbers: BIOL 2223 and BIOL 2221.		
BIOL	2104	Microbiology & Lab	4	_____
		This course also fulfilled by successfully completing these two course numbers: BIOL 2103 and BIOL 2101.		
CIS	1053	Computer Essentials, **OR**		
CIS	1203	Introduction to Computers	3	_____
ENG	1003	Composition I (must earn a "C" or better)	3	_____
ENG	1013	Composition II (must earn a "C" or better)	3	_____
HLT	2203	Basic Human Nutrition	3	_____
MATH	1023	College Algebra	3	_____
		This course may be substituted with MATH 1113 Applied Math **OR** MATH 1043 Quantitative Reasoning		
PSY	2513	Introduction to Psychology	3	_____

Nursing Requirements (30 credit hours)

RN	2014	Introduction to RN Concepts	4	_____
RN	2012	Clinical I	2	_____
RN	2022	Clinical II	2	_____
RN	2024	Health Illness Concepts I	4	_____
RN	2032	Clinical III	2	_____
RN	2034	Family Health Care Concepts	4	_____
RN	2042	Clinical IV	2	_____
RN	2044	Health Illness Concepts II	4	_____
RN	2052	Clinical V	2	_____
RN	2054	Complex Health Concepts	4	_____

General Education Total 30 Hours
Nursing Requirements Total 30 Hours
Program Total 60 Hours