

# Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree (ADN)

## PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program in the Carolyn McKelvey School of Nursing is a part of the College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences (CHEHS) at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith (UAFS). The ADN program is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN). Students desiring admission to the ADN program need to be aware of and understand the following information related to admission, progression, and graduation.

## ADMISSION

### Admission Criteria

To be considered for admission into the program, students must meet the following criteria:

Complete university admission requirements include submission of official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.

Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for all college work (including transfer work and excluding developmental courses) and be in good academic standing.

Score a minimum of 60% on the ATI TEAS exam.

LPNs must provide proof of an active, unencumbered LPN license to practice in Arkansas to be eligible for the LPN-ADN track.

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NOTE: Science courses taken more than 5 years prior to entering the program will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Program Director. See the CHEHS Nursing Advising Coordinator for more information and to request a science course evaluation.

NOTE: The Arkansas State Board of Nursing requires criminal background checks in accordance with the NURSE PRACTICE ACT to be performed for students in nursing programs. The UAFS College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences ADN Nursing Program has a third-party vendor to conduct the background checks. The student will be responsible for all fees associated with any component of the background check process. Each clinical agency will independently determine if an adverse or negative outcome on the criminal background check will prohibit a student's practice in their agency. Students unable to pr

agencies because an adverse or negative background check will be unable to complete program objectives, hindering continued progression in the student's program of study. Failure to complete the background check process prior to the deadline noted on the admission letter (g01 (i)8.61j -0.084 Tw 69.221 0 Td 32 (a)4s.)][T[7C[

Proof of immunizations

CPR Certification: American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS)

Criminal background check

Drug screen

Once admitted into the ADN program, all nursing (with NURS prefix) courses on the program's degree plan must be completed in residence.

### PROGRESSION

The ADN Program is competency based in skills and theory. A student must demonstrate satisfactory clinical performance, 100 percent mastery on all

Competency Performance Evaluations (CPE) and maintain a minimum average of 80% on all CPEs. A student who fails a CPE must retake the CPE within the same semester. A student who fails a CPE for the second time must be dismissed from the program. A student who is dismissed from the program may reapply for admission after one year.

Note: RN licensure requires a state and federal criminal background check. Students who have been convicted of a crime, including those that are sealed or expunged, must seek permission from the ASBN to take the licensure exam to become a registered nurse (see Addendum). c