

Frequently Asked Questions Practical Nursing

1. What do I need to do in order to apply for the PN program?

- a. You must apply and be admitted to the University (ASU-Beebe)
- b. You must take the entrance exam. This is required of every applicant, regardless of past collegiate courses/degrees. It must be taken within **one year** of the expected start date. For example, if you are applying for a program that begins in January, the entrance exam cannot have been taken before January of the previous year. If you are applying for a program that begins in June, the entrance exam must have been taken after June of the previous year. You are allowed to take the exam 2 times in an application cycle. The highest score is counted.
- c. You must fill out the program specific application located on the Practical Nursing page of the ASU-Beebe website.

There are no prerequisites required for the PN program.

2. Did you receive my application?

Once an application is filled out and submitted, it is automatically saved. If you clicked the submit button, we have it 😊

3. Do I have to take the entrance exam before I fill out an application?

No, you are welcome to fill out the application beforehand. However, your application will not be considered until all 3 steps listed above are complete.

4. When will I find out if I have been accepted into the Practical Nursing Program?

Applications are processed as quickly as possible. Due to the volume of applications received, it is impossible to give an exact date of notification. However, it will be sometime after the priority consideration date. Information regarding the status of an application will not be given over the phone. Notifications are sent to the email address listed on the application.

5. Will I be notified if I do not get accepted?

Yes, notifications are sent to the email address listed on the application.

6. If my information changes, do I need to fill out another application.

NO! Please do not fill out more than one application. You are welcome to email ddjohnston@asub.edu to report any needed changes to your application.

7. Do I need a letter of Good Standing?

If you have previously attended a nursing or allied health program and did not graduate, you will need a letter of good standing from that program/school. You will need to contact the previous program and ask that a letter of good standing be sent to ASU-Beebe Nursing. It can be emailed to ddjohnston@asub.edu. The letter must come directly from the previous program. If you have not attended a previous program, you do not need a letter of good standing.

8. What score do I need to make on the Accuplacer Entrance Exam?

Minimum score requirements for acceptance into the university are required. Applicant scores are ranked via rubric from highest to lowest. Top scores are selected for acceptance to the program.

9. What all is considered for admission to the PN program?

Entrance exam scores are the major consideration for acceptance. GPA is also a factor. The University requires a 2.0 GPA for awarding any degree/certificate.

10. When is the deadline for applying?

The program application stays open until the class is full or the program start date. The program does utilize a priority consideration date. This means that every application that is complete (all steps have been completed) by that date will be considered before applications completed after that date. It does not mean you will be notified on that date.

11. Is the Covid vaccine required for the Nursing program?

Arkansas State University-Beebe does NOT require the Covid vaccine for enrollment. However, compliance with healthcare facilities requirements must be followed.

Practicum partners may require proof of vaccination for infectious diseases to attend practicum rotations. These may include, but are not limited to, Covid-19 and Influenza vaccines.

Unfulfilled vaccination requirements may limit student practicum rotations and objective completion, therefore impeding program completion. Clinical facilities may request Covid-19 vaccination status and may change their vaccination requirements. Currently, the Covid vaccine and/or exemptions are not being required by clinic facilities. Unity Health requires vaccine status only.

12. What is the difference between the full-time and part-time programs?

The full-time PN program is housed on the Searcy campus of ASUB. Students attend Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The program is 11 months in length and takes 5 terms, including a summer term. New classes form twice a year: January and June.

The part-time program is housed on the Heber Springs campus of ASUB. Students attend two days a week. Those days are either Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday. Hours for the program are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The program is 18 months long and takes 5 semesters to complete. This does include summer. New classes form on a rotating basis, depending on availability. Start dates may be January, June or August. The application will only be available when a new class is forming.

13. Can I take additional college courses at the same time I am in the Nursing program?

No additional courses can be taken at the same time you are enrolled in the full-time PN program.

The addition of 1 (one) additional course may be allowed during the part-time program, although it is not recommended due to the nature of the program and the amount of study time required to be successful. Additional science courses are not allowed. Any additional courses must be approved by the Director of Nursing.