

Frequently Asked Questions Registered Nursing

1. What do I need to do in order to apply for the RN 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 Registered Nursing page of the ASU-Beebe website.
- d. Submit the Employment Verification Form (located on the website)
- e. Submit the Course Prerequisite Form (located on the website)

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 5 steps listed above are complete.

4. Will the courses I have taken elsewhere transfer to ASU-Beebe?

You will need to submit official transcripts with your application to the University. The Registrar's office will evaluate your transcript and determine which credits will transfer. The Nursing department has no control over that decision.

5. When will I find out if I have been accepted into the Registered 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 (specified on the application). 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.

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

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. What all is considered for admission to the RN program?

Entrance exam scores are the major consideration for acceptance. GPA is also considered. The University requires a 2.0 GPA for awarding any degree/certificate. Applicants must have the necessary work hours or be a recent graduate from an LPN Program. Recent graduates who have not yet taken the PN NCLEX will be required to sign a waiver acknowledging continued enrollment in the RN program is contingent upon passing. PN NCLEX must be taken and passed within the allotted time specified on the form.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. What is the difference between the Face to Face and Online programs?

The face-to-face RN program meets two (2) days per week, currently Thursday/Friday on the Searcy campus of ASU-Beebe. Class hours for those days are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Clinic is held on Friday and consists of 8.5 hours. Locations and start times may vary.

The online program is technically an internet-assisted program. The theory portion of the program is online, with students occasionally required to be on campus every other Friday afternoon for testing or check-off purposes. Clinic is every other weekend: Saturday/Sunday. Clinic days are 8.5 hours. Location and start times may vary.

Classes form for both face-to-face and online programs twice a year: January and June. The application process begins on Sept 1st for classes beginning in January and February 1st for classes beginning in June.

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

The addition of 1 (one) additional course may be allowed during the first two terms of the 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.

15. Do all prerequisites have to be completed before I can apply?

As stated above, certain prerequisite courses may be approved by the Director of Nursing to be taken concurrently with the Nursing course. It is not recommended and no science courses are allowed.

If you are currently enrolled in courses, you can apply to the program as long as the course will be completed before the Nursing program course start date. Acceptance may be contingent on receiving final grades.