



**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ASSOCIATE DEGREE REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM**  
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*The Nursing Program is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.  
Make a career decision for life ~~ Choose Nursing ~~ Choose NWACC!*

### **LPN TO RN TRANSITION TRACK**

#### ***Come to a Pre-Nursing Advisement Session or contact the Nursing Department!***

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing is designed to prepare graduates to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and to function as registered nurses in providing client care at the beginning staff level position. One of NWACC's program outcomes is preparing nursing graduates to have the necessary background to continue their professional growth on an individual basis. **LPNs have an opportunity to receive credit for their previous practical nursing education in the LPN to RN Transition Track.** Students are admitted twice a year into the LPN to RN Transition Track. Up to ten (10) students are admitted each Summer (starting Summer 2010) and 10-12 students are admitted each Fall.

Students wishing to apply should make an appointment to discuss these opportunities with the Director of Nursing Education. Applications may be picked up at the Nursing Department, Room 2050, second floor of Burns Hall, One College Drive, Bentonville, Arkansas. **Applications for Summer Transition Track are available on or about February 1<sup>st</sup> each year with the deadline for application submission on or about March 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Applications for Fall admission are available on or about July 1<sup>st</sup> each year with the deadline for application submission on or about August 15<sup>th</sup> each year.**

### **THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS SUBJECT TO REVISION!!!**

**After the application deadline, applicants contact the Nursing Office to schedule attendance at mandatory testing (TEAS-Test of Essential Academic Skills).** Testing is scheduled in the month of August. Applicants accrue points based on their TEAS score, and course grades. They are then placed in ranked order. Selection for admission is made by the Nursing Admission Committee in descending order of scores until the class is filled. **A letter informing the applicant of the Committee's decision is mailed in late August.** An alternate list is maintained for filling positions that are declined. The alternate list is on file only until the immediate class selection process is completed. The alternate list is not maintained as a waiting list.

**STATE BOARD OF NURSING ADVISORY - ANY INDIVIDUAL HAVING BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF A CRIME MAY BE INELIGIBLE TO WRITE THE NCLEX EXAM FOR LICENSURE AS A REGISTERED NURSE.**

**If accepted** into the nursing program, all students must provide the following:

- Proof of Current Physical exam
- Proof of Medical Insurance
- Proof of TB skin test
- Proof of CPR certification
- 9 panel urine drug screen
- Criminal background check

Further information, (including deadline dates) related to all of the above, will be included in the letter of acceptance into the Nursing Program.

## CREDIT THROUGH CHALLENGE EXAMINATIONS

To provide the opportunity for educational and professional growth, and to meet the healthcare needs in Northwest Arkansas, the Nursing Department at NWACC is committed to the concept of educational mobility. **LPNs who are interested in the Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing may challenge up to twenty-eight (28) hours from the following courses.**

REQUIRED COURSES	CHALLENGE HOURS	CHALLENGE EXAMS OFFERED	MINIMAL SCORES FOR CREDIT
ENGL 1013 English Composition I	3	CLEP	52
ENGL 1023 English Composition II	3	CLEP	62
PSYC 2003 General Psychology	3	CLEP	47
PSYC 2103 Human Growth and Development	3	CLEP	63
CISQ 1103 Introduction to Computer Information	3	CISQ Challenge Exam	80% (overall)
BIOL 2214 Anatomy & Physiology I*	4	HAPS Test Call (479) 619-4255	40
BIOL 2224 Anatomy & Physiology II*	4	HAPS Test Call (479) 619-4255	40

### CLEP EXAMINATIONS

CLEP examinations may be taken during scheduled times at NWACC's Testing Center or at any other CLEP testing center. Consult directly with the Testing Center for information regarding CLEP exams. When credit by CLEP examination is granted, a "CR" is entered on the student's record. If credit is granted, the minimal score is used as a factor of class selection.

### DEPARTMENTAL PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION

Departmental examinations are offered for each of the following required courses:

1. BIOL 2214 Anatomy & Physiology I (HAPS Test)\*
2. BIOL 2224 Anatomy & Physiology II (HAPS Test)\*
3. CISQ 1103 Introduction to Computer Information (CISQ Challenge Exam)

These examinations are offered on an individual basis to persons for whom it is believed may have acquired knowledge equivalent to essential course content through life experience or academic credit in related areas. The passing score for the examination must be "B" or above. The passing score is based on the normative data and grading scale used by that departmental discipline.

Procedure for departmental proficiency / challenge examinations:

1. Meet with the Director of Nursing Education.
2. Obtain approval from and schedule examination with the Testing Center.
3. If credit is earned by examination, "CR" is entered on the student's record. A second trial for credit by examination is not allowed in any course.

\*The HAPS test may be taken if A&P I and/or II are on the transcript with a "C" or better, but are older than 5 years.

## CURRICULUM PLAN

1. To be eligible for this track, the LPN must have completed the following general education requirements with at least a "C" or better by the end of the spring semester (for summer Transition entry) or by the end of the summer semester (for fall Transition entry), prior to entry into NURS 9304

MATH 1204 College Algebra **or** MATH 1103 Survey of College Mathematics (**or** higher level math)  
BIOL 2214 Anatomy and Physiology I  
BIOL 2224 Anatomy and Physiology II  
MBIO 2014 General Microbiology  
ENGL 1013 English Composition I  
PSYC 2003 General Psychology  
Anatomy and Physiology credits must be no older than 5 years.

**(If A&PI and/or A&PII are older than 5 yrs, Applicants must take the HAPS test)**

2. The LPN must have a current Arkansas license to practice as a Practical Nurse. LPNs in the Transition Track must maintain current LPN licensure to progress through the Nursing Program. If the LPN receives a suspension, revocation or restrictions from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing while in the Nursing Program, dismissal will result.
3. Upon successful completion of the NURS 9304 LPN to RN Transition course, the LPN advances to the third semester of the nursing sequence. A "CR" is entered on the student's transcript for NURS 9108 Fundamentals of Nursing, NURS 9203 Nursing Care of Older Adults and NURS 9206 Nursing Care of Adults I.
4. There are additional requirements for admission into NURS 9304 such as, current CPR certification through the American Heart Association and a negative PPD (TB) skin test.

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### **Fall Semester**

NURS 9304 LPN to RN Transition  
PSYC 2103 Human Growth/Development \*  
College Elective (3 hours)\*

### **Spring Semester**

ENGL 1023 English Composition II\*  
NURS 9305 Nursing Care of Adults II  
NURS 9306 Nursing Care of Childbearing/Childrearing Families

### **Summer Semester**

CISQ 1103 Introduction to Computer Information\*  
NURS 9404 Nursing Care of Persons with Psychosocial Stressors  
NURS 9406 Nursing Care of Adults III

### **Summer Semester**

NURS 9304  
PSYCH 2103  
College Elective (3 hours)

### **Fall Semester**

ENGL 1023  
NURS 9305  
NURS 9306

### **Spring Semester**

CISQ 1103  
NURS 9404  
NURS 9406

\*To be taken concurrently with nursing courses unless previously taken.

**It is strongly advised that all general education courses be completed prior to entry into the Transition Track.**

## ESTIMATED STUDENT EXPENSES FOR NURSING PROGRAM

### TUITION & FEES (as of Fall 2009)

Approximate costs and subject to change. See *College Catalog* or *Class Schedule* for current costs.

In-District (Rogers/Bentonville School District) -----	\$66.00 per credit hour
Out-of-District -----	\$103.00 per credit hour
Contiguous County-----	\$103.00 per credit hour
Out-of-State -----	\$145.00 per credit hour
International -----	\$145.00 per credit hour

(Note: an additional \$15 per credit hour is added for International students)

General Education = 33 or 34 Hours

Nursing = 25

**Total Program = 58 or 59 Hours**

*The totals below are based upon the 59 hours outlined in the Nursing Degree Sequence.*

In-District-----	\$3,894
Out-of-District/Contiguous County-----	\$6,077
Out-of-State -----	\$8,555
International-----	\$9,440*

(Note: total reflects an additional \$15 hour added for International students.)

Other fees: course, testing, technology, learning support and facility as applicable  
Refer to current schedule of classes.

### OTHER EXPENSES FOR ADN PROGRAM

In addition to the general college expenses, i.e., tuition and fees, nursing students have the following estimated needs. These expenses are subject to change and/or economic inflation.

Uniforms/Shoes -----	\$300.00
Miscellaneous -----	\$80.00 -- \$200.00
(Stethoscope, scissors, watch with second hand, etc.)	
Standardized Examinations -----	\$200.00
Liability Insurance -----	\$30.00
Textbooks -----	\$800.00
Graduation Expenses -----	\$700.00
(Picture, school pin, Pinning Ceremony costs, licensure fees)	
Current Physical exam-----	\$35 -\$60
Medical Insurance-----	Cost varies
CPR certification-----	\$35-\$40
9 panel urine drug screen -----	\$50
Criminal Background Check -----	\$100