



**University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Department of Nursing
Admission of LPN/LPTN Applicants**

The UAPB Department of Nursing adheres to the philosophy of the Arkansas State Nursing Education Progression Model and recognizes the common core of nursing knowledge acquired at all nursing education level. The Department is committed to facilitating educational mobility allowing the LPN/LPTN to move from one level of licensure to another with maximum ease. This implies recognition of competencies and the value of prior education.

Nursing Credit Parameters for the progressing LPN/LPTN toward the BSN:

Nursing Articulation Course Exemptions = 8 Credits including Competency Testing**	Transfer to UAPB Nursing Department All NURS Courses held in escrow
NURS 3309 Fundamentals of Nursing (Theory)* NURS 3203 Fundamentals of Nursing (Practicum)* NURS 3304 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice** ** Validation Testing Required	LPN/LPTN License*
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LPN/LPTN applicants must see a Nursing Advisor.

Admission Requirements for LPN/LPTN

Applicants who have a current, unencumbered license as a practical nurse (LPN) or psychiatric technician nurse (LPTN) are eligible to apply for admission to the nursing program and receive advanced placement through specific validations and the Arkansas Progression Model Agreement. They must also meet University admission requirement. In addition, applicants:

- a) Must be a graduate of an approved Arkansas LPN or LPTN program or out-of-state NLN accredited program;
- b) Must complete Nursing program course prerequisites and admission requirements.
- c) Must submit an employee verification letter as part of the admission packet, if graduated from nursing school 12-60 months prior to entering LPN-to-BSN program;
- d) Must submit a copy of a current, unencumbered Arkansas LPN/LPTN license (updated appropriately).
- e) May be awarded credit equivalent up to 8 semester credit hours in nursing through articulation;

The student must have completed all prerequisite courses outlined on the BSN curriculum. When documentation that all prerequisite courses are complete, either through matriculation or by articulation, the student may enter the nursing program beginning with the courses listed in the degree plan. The LPN-to-BSN student will be exempt from NURS 3309 and NURS 3203 in lieu of previous work. These hours will be awarded through The Arkansas Nursing Education Progression Model.

However, in the absence of active employment, as specified in The Arkansas Nursing Education Progression Model, LPNs/LPTNs will be required to take an examination to validate previous learning of fundamental concepts. All interested students must contact the Department of Nursing for further information on the required validation examination. Arrangements for completing the validation exam will be made on an individual basis. The student is responsible for the cost of the examination.