

Department of Nursing

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UAPB offers two (2) program tracks leading to the **B.S. in Nursing (Non- Teaching)**



The Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing (BSN) Program at The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.

<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org/>

*Pre-licensure (Generic) Program Track

The Generic program is open to students who have completed the prescribed core of basic science and liberal arts courses required to establish the foundational

knowledge for upper division nursing courses. *See the 8 semester (Curriculum) plan.

Students applying for admission to upper division must meet basic functional ability and skill requirements for professional nurses. Functional abilities are those physical and mental activities and attributes needed by a nurses to practice essential functions safely, with or without accommodations. Students must also meet the following admission requirements:

- Gain admission to the University.
- Declare nursing as an intended major.
- File an application with the Department of Nursing no later than March 15 for the fall semester of the year in which the student plans to seek admission.
- Students admitted to the program must have completed program prerequisite courses and maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and a grade of 'C' or better in all prerequisite courses. Admission GPA is calculated using only general education prerequisite courses. Elective course hours are

excluded from calculation of the GPA.

- Successfully complete the required Departmental Admission Exam (s) (The Department reserves the right to determine the vendor for the Admission Exam.)
- Submit official copies of transcripts from all schools attended.
- Obtain an ACT of 19 or above or comparable Compass test scores. Evidence of successful completion of required remedial courses may be accepted.
- Students who speak English as a second language shall meet the same admission requirements. In addition, international students must follow the admission procedures for the University which are found in the [UAPB Catalog](#), page 26 and shall pass an English proficiency examination.
- Upon Admission to the program students must present evidence of clinical requirements:
 - TB Skin Test
 - Hepatitis Series

- Varicella Vaccines (or Titer)**
- Tetanus (within past 10 yrs)**
- Flu Vaccine**
- Current CPR Certification
- *Criminal Background checks (CBC)
- Urine Drug Screens

** Required for specific clinical agencies.

The cost of these screenings is at the expense of the individual student. State law requires that students applying for acceptance into a medical education program submit to State and Federal *CBC's prior to admission. The admission CBC is in addition to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN) CBC that is required prior to sitting for the NCLEX-RN.

The Department uses [CastleBranch](#) for student admission CBC's. Students must log on to this site, set up an account and request the CBC. Results are posted on the CertifiedBackground portal in a secure tamper-proof location. This allows only the student and the Nursing Department administrators to view the results.

The urine drug screen is coordinated by the Department. Students will receive instructions on obtaining drug screens on the first day of class.

Students who have been convicted of **certain crimes may not be allowed to do clinical in certain clinical agencies and may be declared ineligible by the [Arkansas State Board of Nursing](#) to test for licensure (NCLEX-RN), despite successful completion of the program. Students who have a conviction must make this fact known at time of application. All applicants accepted into the nursing program are required to have background checks and will be required to pay all associated fees.

Course Curriculum and Descriptions

The Pre-Licensure (Generic) BSN program is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

***CURRICULUM FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING
Pre-licensure (Generic) Program Track**

FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
FRESHMAN YEAR							
English Composition I	ENGL	1311	3	English Composition II	ENGL	1321	3
College Algebra	MATH	1330	3	*General Chemistry OR	CHEM	1430	4
				Principles of Chemistry	CHEM	1420	
*Anatomy & Physiology I	BIOL	2451	4	*Anatomy & Physiology II	BIOL	2452	4
Personal and Social Dev.	BAS	1210	2	Statistics	MATH	2370	3
Physical Education 1110-	HLPE		1	General Psychology	PSYC	2300	3
Social Science OR	SOCI	1320					
Intro to Sociology	SOCI	2310	3				
			16				17
SOPHOMORE YEAR							
Developmental Psychology	PSYC	2302	3	Art Appreciation OR	ART	2340	3
Oral Communication	MCOM	2390	3	Music Appreciation	MUSI	2330	
Humanities	HUMN	2301	3	World Literature I or higher	ENGL	2300	3
US History 2315/2318 OR	HIST			Effective Thinking/Logic	HUMN	2340	3
American Government	PSCI	2312	3	*Microbiology	BIOL	3470	4

*Elementary Nutrition HUSC 2321 3

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JUNIOR YEAR

Professional Dev. I: Nursing Essentials	NURS	3318	3	Professional Dev. II: Roles and Ethics	NURS	3204	2
Health Assessment	NURS	3301	3	Medical-Surgical Nursing Care I (Theory)	NURS	3307	3
Fundamentals of Nursing (Theory)	NURS	3309	3	Medical-Surgical Nursing Care I (Practicum)	NURS	3207	2
Fundamental of Nursing (Practicum)	NURS	3203	2	Care of the Childbearing Family (Theory)	NURS	3308	3
Nursing Informatics	NURS	3312	3	Care of the Childbearing Family (Practicum)	NURS	3208	2
				Pharmacology for Nursing Practice	NURS	3304	3
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SUMMER

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Care (Theory)	NURS	4314	3
Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Care (Practicum)	NURS	4210	2
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SENIOR YEAR

Evidence-based Practice and Nursing Research	NURS	4310	3	Medical Surgical Nursing Care III (Theory)	NURS	4313	3
Nursing Care of Children (Theory)	NURS	4304	3	Medical Surgical Nursing Care III (Practicum)	NURS	4207	2
Nursing Care of Children (Practicum)	NURS	4203	2	Nursing Care of Communities and Practice (Theory)	NURS	4306	3
Medical-Surgical Nursing Care II (Theory)	NURS	4309	3	Nursing Care of Communities and Practice (Practicum)	NURS	4209	2
Medical-Surgical Nursing Care II (Practicum)	NURS	4205	2	Integration Seminar	NURS	4111	1
				Professional Development III: Leadership and Management (Theory)	NURS	4206	2
				Professional Development III: Leadership and Management (Practicum)	NURS	4202	2
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Total Hours

123

*Course completed within past five (5) years

Major Requirements

Liberal Arts and Sciences Courses

BAS 1210 Personal & Social Development
ENGL1311 English
ENGL1321 English
MCOM 2390 Oral Communication
MATH1330 College Algebra
*BIOL 2451 Anatomy & Physiology
*BIOL 2452 Anatomy & Physiology
SOC1 1320 Social Science **OR**
SOC1 2310 Intro to Sociology
PSYC 2300 General Psychology
PSYC 2302 Developmental Psychology
*CHEM 1430 General Chemistry **OR**
CHEM 1420 Principles of Chemistry
*HUSC 2321 Nutrition
HUMN 2301 Humanities
HUMN 2340 Effective Thinking and Logic
*BIOL 3470 General Microbiology
HLPE 1110-1125 Physical Education
ENGL 2300/2360/2361 Literature Elective
HIST 2315/2318 U.S. History OR
PSCI 2312 American Government
MUSI 2330 Music Appreciation OR
ART 2340 Art Appreciation
MATH 2370 Statistics
*Course must be completed in the past five (5) years

Nursing Courses

NURS 3318 Professional Development I: Nursing Essentials
NURS 3309 Fundamentals of Nursing (Theory)
NURS 3203 Fundamentals of Nursing (Practicum)
NURS 3304 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice
NURS 3307 Medical-Surgical Nursing Care I (Theory)
NURS 3207 Medical-Surgical Nursing Care I (Practicum)
NURS 3308 Care of the Childbearing Family (Theory)
NURS 3208 Care of the Childbearing Family (Practicum)
NURS 3312 Nursing Informatics
NURS 3301 Health Assessment
NURS 3204 Professional Development II: Roles and Ethics
NURS 4111 Integration Seminar
NURS 4206 Professional Development III: Leadership and Management Theory
NURS 4202 Professional Development III: Leadership and Management Practicum
NURS 4310 Evidence-based Practice and Nursing Research
NURS 4306 Nursing Care of Communities and Populations Theory
NURS 4209 Nursing Care of Communities and Populations Practicum
NURS 4314 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Care (Theory)
NURS 4210 Psychiatric-Mental Health Care (Practicum)
NURS 4304 Nursing Care of Children (Theory)
NURS 4203 Nursing Care of Children (Practicum)
NURS 4309 Medical-Surgical Nursing Care II (Theory)
NURS 4205 Medical-Surgical Nursing Care II (Practicum)
NURS 4313 Medical-Surgical Nursing Care III (Theory)
NURS 4207 Medical-Surgical Nursing Care III (Practicum)

In order to graduate, the student must pass the courses listed above with a grade of "C".

Grading Scale for all Nursing Courses

A—100-90
B—89-80
C—79-75
D—74-60
F—59 or below

Nursing Course Descriptions

NURS 3318 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT I: NURSING ESSENTIALS (3)

This course introduces students to foundational requisites for successful nursing practice. Concepts of medical terminology, application of math for medication and administration, and therapeutic communication skills are emphasized. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: Admission to Upper Division Nursing. Credits: 3 semester hours. Co-requisites: NURS 3301, NURS 3309, NURS 3203, and NURS 3312.

NURS 3301 HEALTH ASSESSMENT (3)

This course is designed to prepare students to complete a physical and health assessment of infant, pediatric, adult, and geriatric clients. Students will acquire knowledge and skills in history taking and performing physical and health assessments to promote the critical analysis of normal and abnormal data. Emphasis is placed on utilization of accurate medical terminology and nursing documentation in the process of history taking and the nursing process. The student will learn to apply the basic skills of observation, inspection, palpation, and auscultation in the head to toe assessment. Variation of culture in the health assessment procedure is also emphasized in providing caring, competent nursing interventions. This 3 hours course is made up of 2 credits of didactics and 1 credit hour of laboratory skills = 3 hours of laboratory time. Thus, for a 15 week semester, this course will be 2 hours theory = 30 clock hours and 1 hour credit lab = 45 clock hours. Credit: 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: Admission to Upper Division Nursing. Co-requisites: NURS 3318, NURS 3309, NURS 3203, and NURS 3312.

NURS 3309 FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING THEORY

This course introduces the history, concepts, and theories of contemporary professional nursing. The UAPB Nursing Department of Nursing

Conceptual framework is introduced. The course emphasizes these tenants and their role in assisting beginning students to develop critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills. The nursing process and the principles of evidence based practice are introduced as a foundation basis for professional nursing practice. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Credit: 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: Admission to Upper Division Nursing. Co-requisites: NURS 3318, NURS 3301, NURS 3203 and NURS 3312.

NURS 3203 FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING PRACTICUM (3)

This course is designed to introduce beginning nursing students to the concepts and psychomotor skills needed to provide nursing care to individuals in acute and chronic health delivery systems. The nursing process, drug math calculations, and psychomotor skills are integrated within the course content. This course is the practicum component of NURS 3309 and must be taken concurrently. This is a 15 week 2 semester credit hour course. Students complete 90 contact hours. Prerequisite: Admission to Upper Division Nursing. Co-requisites Courses: NURS 3309, NURS 3318, NURS 3301, and NURS 3312.

NURS 3304 PHARMACOLOGY (3)

This course focuses on establishing a knowledge base for pharmacotherapeutics and use of therapeutic drugs when caring for clients across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on the nursing process, drug safety, legal, cultural and ethical aspects of pharmacology and client education. Students will understand rationales for drugs prescribed and intended therapeutic effects. 3 semester credit hours – 45 contact hours. Prerequisites: NURS 3318, NURS 3301, NURS 3309, NURS 3203, NURS 3312. Co-requisites: NURS 3204, NURS 3307, NURS 3207, NURS 3308, and NURS 3208.

NURS 3312 NURSING INFORMATICS (3)

This course explores the use of information technology in nursing practice and its role in enhancing client care. Issues related to privacy protection, confidentiality, security of information in health care environments, and the potential use of social networking tools in communication of health care information are discussed. Credit hours: 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: Admission to Upper Division Nursing. Co-requisites: NURS 3318, NURS 3301, NURS 3309, and NURS 3203.

NURS 3204 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT II: ROLES AND ETHICS (2)

This course is designed to explore the three roles of the baccalaureate generalist and expanded practice roles in providing direct and indirect client care. Emphasis is placed on the foundational relevance of ethics to the practice of professional nursing in varying roles. This course helps students determine when they and others are experiencing moral and ethical conflicts, and helps them develop pathways of reflective thinking and communicating related to ethical challenges in nursing practice. Students will explore the ANA Code of Ethics and begin incorporating its provisions as a compass for developing professional practice from health promotion to death with the assured preservation of dignity of clients. Credit: 2 semester credit hours. Prerequisite: Successful completion of NURS 3318, NURS 3301, NURS 3309, NURS 3203, and NURS 3312. Co-requisites: NURS 3307, NURS 3308, NURS 3208, NURS 3304, and NURS 3207.

NURS 3307 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING CARE I THEORY (3)

The course builds on skills covered in Fundamentals Theory and Practicum. This course emphasizes wellness, disease management and development of a safe and caring environment for adult and geriatric clients. The nursing process and concepts of pharmacology are reinforced. This course must be taken concurrently with NURS 3207. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Semester Credit Hours: 3. Prerequisites: NURS 3318, NURS 3301, NURS 3309, NURS 3203, and NURS 3312. Co-requisites Courses: NURS 3204, NURS 3207, NURS 3308, NURS 3304, and NURS 3208.

NURS 3207 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING CARE I PRACTICUM (2)

This course builds on the nursing skills covered in Fundamentals I Theory and Practicum. It requires the completion of 90 clinical hours. This course emphasizes disease management and development of a safe caring environment for adult and geriatric clients. The nursing process of client assessment, needs identification, intervention, implementation and evaluation, and pharmacology are reinforced through assigned client experiences focused on these populations. This course is the practicum component of NURS 3307 and must be taken concurrently. Practicum: 6 hours per week. Credit: 2 semester hours. Prerequisites: NURS 3309, NURS 3301, NURS 3203, NURS 3312 and NURS 3201. Co-requisites Courses:

NURS 3307, NURS 3204, NURS 3308, NURS 3304 and NURS 3208.

NURS 3308 CARE OF THE CHILDBEARING FAMILY THEORY (3)

The focus of this course is the nurse's role in caring for women experiencing health issues associated with pregnancy and reproductive health. The focus shifts from the individual to the family as the unit of care. Clinical reasoning skills are enhanced by providing care to culturally diverse families in acute and community-based settings. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Semester Credit Hours: 3. Prerequisites: NURS 3318, NURS 3301, NURS 3309, NURS 3203, and NURS 3312. Co-requisites Courses: NURS 3208, NURS 3204, NURS 3307, NURS 3304, and NURS 3207.

NURS 3208 CARE OF THE CHILDBEARING FAMILY PRACTICUM (2)

This course is the practicum component of NURS 3308 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family (Theory). This course requires the completion of 90 clinical hours.. Practicum: 6 hours per week. Semester Credit Hours: 2. Prerequisites: NURS 3318, NURS 3301, NURS 3309, NURS 3203, and NURS 3312. Co-requisites Courses: NURS 3308, NURS 3204, NURS 3307, NURS 3207, and NURS 3304.

NURS 4314 PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSING CARE THEORY (3)

The focus of this course is on the therapeutic and empathetic use of the nurse's interpersonal skills, and the nurse's therapeutic and effective use of self, with clients who have psycho-social and mental health needs. Emphasis is on the therapeutic relationship and its potential to assist individuals and families in in-patient and out-patient settings, establish greater cognitive and emotional equilibrium, and greater measures of mental health. The focus is on treatment modalities, such as milieu therapy, crisis intervention, and psychopharmacology, designed for health promotion, maintenance, and restoration throughout the lifespan. The course content helps students plan and engage in therapeutic dialogue in intrapersonal dyads or group interventions. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Semester Credit hours: 3. Prerequisites: NURS 3204, NURS 3307, NURS 3207, NURS 3308, NURS 3304, and NURS 3208. Co-requisites Courses: NURS 4210.

NURS 4210 PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSING CARE PRACTICUM (2)

This course is the practicum component of NURS 4314 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Care Theory. These courses are taught Co-requisitely to insure that the student integrate theoretical concepts of compassion and perform competent care for clients facing mental

health challenges. This course requires the completion of 90 clinical hours. Both the theory component and the practicum component must be completed co-requisitely and successfully. Practicum: 6 hours per week. Semester credit hours: 2. Prerequisites: NURS 3204, NURS 3307, NURS 3207, NURS 3308, NURS 3304, and NURS 3208. Co-requisite: NURS 4314.

NURS 4310 EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE AND NURSING RESEARCH (3)

This course prepares students for scholarly excellence in future nursing roles. Students acquire skill in reading and critiquing qualitative and quantitative research which includes quality improvement, communication techniques, clinical judgment, and nursing interventions with diverse populations. Students learn to apply ethical principles when critiquing research involving human subjects. Student develop evidence-based research utilization posters, through which they derive nursing implications based on best practices. Leadership, clinical judgment and communication skills are enhanced through dissemination of their posters in class and if possible during the University's Annual Research Forum. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Credit: 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: NURS 4314 and NURS 4210. Co-requisites: NURS 4304, NURS 4203, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205.

NURS 4304 NURSING CARE OF CHILDREN THEORY (3)

This course focuses on the holistic care of pediatric clients and their family. Aiming toward health restoration and health promotion the student gains knowledge to employ evidence based practice to providing high quality care to pediatric clients experiencing various health issues. The student will develop therapeutic communication skills when caring for the pediatric clients during childhood and through adolescence. Knowledge gained in this course will provide the student with a foundation that will allow for competent care of the pediatric client. Co-requisites: NURS 4203 Nursing Care of Children Practicum. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Semester credit hours: 3. Prerequisite Courses: NURS 4314 and NURS 4210. Co-requisites Courses: NURS 4310, NURS 4203, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205.

NURS 4203 NURSING CARE OF CHILDREN PRACTICUM (2)

This course is the practicum component of NURS 4304 Nursing Care of Children (Theory). This course provides clinical experience which require students to incorporate evidence-based assessment and interventions in care in providing holistic care for

pediatric clients in various settings. Both the theory component and the practicum component must be successfully completed. This course requires the completion of 90 clinical hours. Practicum: 6 hours per week. Semester Credit hours: 2. Prerequisites: NURS 4314 and NURS 4210. Co-requisites: NURS 4310, NURS 4304, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205.

NURS 4309 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING CARE II THEORY (3)

This course is a level three course that builds on knowledge and skills developed in the Fundamentals of Nursing and Medical Surgical Nursing Care I. Senior nursing students are prepared to care for adults and generic clients with chronic medical surgical health problems in the acute setting. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Semester Credit Hours: 3. Prerequisites: NURS 4314 and NURS 4210. Co-requisites Courses: NURS 4205, NURS 4203, NURS 4304 and NURS 4310.

NURS 4205 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING CARE II PRACTICUM (2)

This course is the practicum component of NURS 4309 Medical Surgical Nursing Care II. This course provides clinical experiences for implementation of the nursing process and evidence based practice in caring for assigned adult and geriatric clients in various healthcare settings. This course requires the completion of 90 clinical hours. Practicum: 6 hours per week. Semester Credit Hours: 2. Prerequisites: NURS 4314 and NURS 4210. Co-requisites: NURS 4310, NURS 4304, NURS 4203, and NURS 4309.

NURS 4313 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING CARE III (THEORY) (3)

Medical Surgical Nursing Care III Theory is a Level four (4) course that builds on knowledge and skills developed in Fundamentals in Nursing, Medical Surgical Nursing Care I, and Medical Surgical Nursing Care II. Senior nursing students are introduced to foundation of critical care and emergency nursing concepts. This course prepares students to care for individuals and families throughout the life span experiencing acute and complex medical surgical health problems. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Semester Credit Hours: 3. Prerequisites: NURS 4310, NURS 4304, NURS 4203, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205. Co-requisites Courses: NURS 4306, NURS 4209, NURS 4111, NURS 4206, NURS 4207, and 4202.

NURS 4207 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING CARE III (PRACTICUM) (2)

This course is the practicum component of NURS 4313 Medical Surgical Nursing Care III Theory. Students are assigned clinical experience in acute and critical care areas. Students also spend time in the Emergency department. Both the theory component and the practicum component must be successfully completed. This course requires completion of 90 clinical hours. Practicum: 6 hours per week. Semester Credit Hours: 2. Prerequisites: NURS 4310, NURS 4304, NURS 4203, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205. Co-requisites: NURS 4313, NURS 4306, NURS 4209, and NURS 4111.

NURS 4306 NURSING CARE OF COMMUNITIES AND POPULATIONS THEORY (3)

This course focuses on public health promotion by applying prevention, detection, and rehabilitation concepts to individuals, families, and communities. The course emphasizes the continued changes within the public health system that are needed for future decline in death, illness and disability related to preventable causes and factors. The course will focus on the goals and objectives of Healthy People 2020 targeting social, economic, and environmental factors that impact healthy communities, individuals, families, communities, and populations across the life span. Lecture: 3 hours per week. Credit: 3 semester hours. Prerequisites: NURS 4310, NURS 4304, NURS 4203, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205. Co-requisites: NURS 4313, NURS 4207, NURS 4209, NURS 4111, NURS 4206, and NURS 4202.

NURS 4209 NURSING CARE OF COMMUNITIES AND POPULATIONS PRACTICUM (2)

This course is the practicum component of NURS 4306 Nursing Care of Communities and Population (Theory). Students engage in evidence based practice activities focuses on health promotion and wellness of communities and populations. This course requires the completion of 90 clinical hours. Credit: 2 semester hours. Practicum: 6 hours per week (90 clinical hours). Prerequisites: NURS 4310, NURS 4304, NURS 4203, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205. Co-requisites: NURS 4313, NURS 4207, NURS 4306, NURS 4111, NURS 4206, and NURS 4202.

NURS 4111 INTEGRATION SEMINAR (1)

Integration seminar provides a review of the course content for all courses in the nursing program with the exception of course co-requisites. During the course students are required to demonstrate readiness for success on the NCLEX-RN through obtaining the required readiness predictor score on a nationally

normed exam determined by the department. A satisfactory grade is required on the NCLEX readiness to pass the course. This is a pass/fail course. Failure of this course will result in non-matriculation. Lecture: 1 hour per week. Semester Credit Hours: 1. Prerequisite: NURS 4310, NURS 4304, NURS 4203, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205. Co-requisites: NURS 4313, NURS 4207, NURS 4306, NURS 4209, NURS 4206, and NURS 4202.

NURS 4206 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT III: Leadership and Management Theory (3)

This course is designed to emphasize the foundational relevance of quality leadership and management knowledge and skills necessary for the practice of professional nursing. This course helps the student to determine strategies and rationales for effective leadership and management as a nurse generalist. The student read landmark documents that are summaries of research and evidence based recommendations for best quality care, consider best approaches, and develop core competencies to insure the implementation of best practices for better health care outcomes. Lecture: 2 hours per week. Credit: 2 semester hours. Prerequisites: NURS 4310, NURS 4304, NURS 4203, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205. Co-requisites: NURS 4202, NURS 4313, NURS 4207, NURS 4306, NURS 4209, and NURS 4111.

NURS 4202 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT III: LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICUM (2)

This course is the practicum component to NURS 4206 Professional Development III: Leadership and Management (Theory) and emphasizes the role of nurse manager in various health care settings. Credit hours: 2 semester hours. Practicum: 6 hours per week (90 clinical hours). Prerequisites: NURS 4310, NURS 4304, NURS 4203, NURS 4309, and NURS 4205. Co-requisites: NURS 4313, NURS 4207, NURS 4306, NURS 4209, NURS 4111, NURS 4206, and NURS 4202.

Arkansas State Board of Nursing

**** NURSE PRACTICE ACT**

17-87-312. Criminal background checks.

(a) Each first-time applicant for a license issued by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and national criminal background check, to be

conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) The check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(c) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the board and shall be responsible to the Department of Arkansas State Police for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

(d) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the board all information obtained concerning the applicant in the commission of any offense listed in subsection (e) of this section.

(e) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(1) of this section, no person shall be eligible to receive or hold a license issued by the board if that person has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of any of the following offenses by any court in the State of Arkansas or of any similar offense by a court in another state or of any similar offense by a federal court:

(1) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;

(2) Murder in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-10-102 and murder in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-10-103;

(3) Manslaughter as prohibited in § 5-10-104;

(4) Negligent homicide as prohibited in § 5-10-105;

(5) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;

(6) False imprisonment in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-11-103;

(7) Permanent detention or restraint as prohibited in § 5-11-106;

(8) Robbery as prohibited in § 5-12-102;

(9) Aggravated robbery as prohibited in § 5-12-103;

- (10) Battery in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-201;
- (11) Aggravated assault as prohibited in § 5-13-204;
- (12) Introduction of controlled substance into the body of another person as prohibited in § 5-13-210;
- (13) Terroristic threatening in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-301;
- (14) Rape as prohibited in §§ 5-14-103;
- (15) Sexual indecency with a child as prohibited in § 5-14-110;
- (16) Sexual assault in the first degree, second degree, third degree, and fourth degree as prohibited in §§ 5-14-124 – 5-14-127;
- (17) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;
- (18) Offenses against the family as prohibited in §§ 5-26-303 - 5-26-306;
- (19) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201;
- (20) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-203;
- (21) Permitting abuse of a child as prohibited in § 5-27-221(a)(1) and (3);
- (22) Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print media, transportation of minors for prohibited sexual conduct, pandering or possessing visual or print medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, or use of a child or consent to use of a child in a sexual performance by producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child as prohibited in §§ 5-27-303 - 5-27-305, 5-27-402, and 5-27-403;
- (23) Felony adult abuse as prohibited in § 5-28-103;
- (24) Theft of property as prohibited in § 5-36-103;
- (25) Theft by receiving as prohibited in § 5-36-106;
- (26) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301;
- (27) Burglary as prohibited in § 5-39-201;
- (28) Felony violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act §§ 5-64-101 – 5-64-608 as prohibited in § 5-64-401;
- (29) Promotion of prostitution in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-70-104;
- (30) Stalking as prohibited in § 5-71-229;
- (31) Criminal attempt, criminal complicity, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy as prohibited in §§ 5-3-201, 5-3-202, 5-3-301, and 5-3-401, to commit any of the offenses listed in this subsection;
- (32) Computer child pornography as prohibited in § 5-27-603; and
- (33) Computer exploitation of a child in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-605.
- (f)(1)(A) The board may issue a nonrenewable temporary permit for licensure to a first-time applicant pending the results of the criminal background check.
- (B) The permit shall be valid for no more than six (6) months.
- (2) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(1) of this section, upon receipt of information from the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police that the person holding the letter of provisional licensure has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of, any offense listed in subsection (e) of this section, the board shall immediately revoke the provisional license.
- (g)(1) The provisions of subsections (e) and subdivision (f)(2) of this section may be waived by the board upon the request of: (A) An affected applicant for licensure; or (B) The person holding a license subject to revocation.
- (2) Circumstances for which a waiver may be granted shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (A) The age at which the crime was committed;
- (B) The circumstances surrounding the crime;

(C) The length of time since the crime;
(D) Subsequent work history;
(E) Employment references;
(F) Character references; and
(G) Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the public.

(h)(1) Any information received by the board from the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police pursuant to this section shall not be available for examination except by:

(A) The affected applicant for licensure, or his authorized representative; or
(B) The person whose license is subject to revocation or his or her authorized representative.

(2) No record, file, or document shall be removed from the custody of the Department of Arkansas State Police.

(i) Any information made available to the affected applicant for licensure or the person whose license is subject to revocation shall be information pertaining to that person only.

(j) Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this section shall not extend to any document created for purposes other than this background check.

(k) The board shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this section.

(l)(1) For purposes of this section, an expunged record of a conviction or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to an offense listed in subsection (e) of this section shall not be considered a conviction, guilty plea, or nolo contendere plea to the offense unless the offense is also listed in subdivision (1)(2) of this section.

(2) Because of the serious nature of the offenses and the close relationship to the type of work that is to be performed, the following shall result in permanent disqualification:

(A) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;
(B) Murder in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-10-102 and murder in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-10-103;
(C) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;
(D) Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103;
(E) Sexual assault in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-14-124 and sexual assault in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-14-125;
(F) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-203 and endangering the welfare of a minor in the second degree as prohibited in § 5-27-204;
(G) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;
(H) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301;
(I) Endangering the welfare of incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201; and
(J) Adult abuse that constitutes a felony as prohibited in § 5-28-103