

ASU-Beebe Practical Nursing Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where are the practical nursing classes located?

The ASU-Beebe Practical Nursing Program holds full time day classes on the Searcy campus and part time night and weekend classes on the Heber Springs campus. There are no practical nursing classes held on the Beebe or LRAFB campuses.

2. When do the practical nursing classes meet?

Theory Classes may be established as a 6 to 8 hour time requirement. Examples of start and stop times are 7 to 3 or 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Classroom days for the evening/weekend program may be established as a 5 to 8 hour time requirement. Examples of start and stop times are 2 to 10 pm or 3 to 9 pm. Weekend class(es) may range from 7 to 3 or 8 to 5 pm. Classroom days will vary due to the courses and semester scheduled. Days and times are subject to change. Each student will be provided a tentative schedule regarding class and clinic schedules.

The times for the practicum experience vary depending on rotation plans. Day or evening rotations may vary from 8 to 12 hour shifts depending on enrollment in the full or part-time program and space availability.

These days and times are subject to change by the nursing program director.

3. How often are new classes started?

The full time day practical nursing classes at the Searcy campus start a new cohort every fall and spring. The part time night and weekend classes at the Heber Springs campus begin a new cohort approximately every 18 months.

4. Does the ASU-Beebe Practical Nursing Program qualify for financial aid?

Students who qualify for financial aid may receive aid for both the technical certificate and the Associate of Applied Science in General Technology degree. Federal financial aid requirements are very stringent and students should review the ASU-Beebe Financial Aid webpage regarding the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements. Please see the ASU-Beebe Financial Aid webpage, <http://www.asub.edu/academics/student-support/financial-aid>, for more information.

5. Can I miss or be late for class?

Being late for class deducts points from the overall grade in a course. Too many days tardy may result in expulsion from the program. There are only a limited number of hours that a student may miss in the nursing program. Absences and tardiness are monitored closely and may result in expulsion from the program. The Student Nursing Handbook as well as individual course syllabi detail the specifics on absences and tardiness.

6. What happens if I am sick and have to miss class?

The nursing program has policies regarding situations such as this. There is only a certain amount of work that can reasonably be made up. This issue is covered in the course syllabus for each course.

7. I have successfully completed Anatomy and Physiology I and II and or Nutrition. Am I still required to take Body Structure and Function and the nutrition courses that are required nursing classes?

Yes. These classes are specific to nursing patient interventions.

8. Will the nursing classes that I have taken at another university transfer or lessen the courses that I must take in the ASU-Beebe practical nursing program?

No. ASU-Beebe does not award advanced placement in the program based on nursing courses completed elsewhere. General education courses may transfer to ASU-Beebe.

9. Will a criminal conviction keep me from entering the program?

Perhaps. Criminal convictions may prevent a graduate from obtaining licensure as a LPN. This is determined by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. Felony convictions require review/approval by an ASU-Beebe appointed committee for entrance into ASU-Beebe. Background checks are required PRIOR TO admittance into the program. Currently, the admittance background checks cost the student \$32, but are subject to change. This fee is only required of those conditionally accepted into the program.

10. What documents/actions are required for admission to ASU-Beebe?

The applicant should complete an online application for admission to ASU-Beebe. The university requires “Official” copies of transcripts from other colleges, shot records, high school transcripts, and entrance exam scores. These documents are sent to the ASU-Beebe Admissions Department. **Note that admission to ASU-Beebe does not mean that the applicant is selected into the practical nursing program. These are two different application processes.** Please contact the Office of Admissions at (501)882-8860 for questions regarding admittance to ASU-Beebe.

11. If I applied for admission to ASU-Beebe, will I automatically be eligible for entry into the practical nursing program?

No. Applying to the university will **not** automatically make you eligible for the practical nursing program. These are two separate application processes. **Anyone** wishing to apply to the ASU-Beebe Practical Nursing Program must complete all steps outlined in the “Application Procedures” document available on the practical nursing website at: <http://www.asub.edu/academics/divisions-programs/advanced-technology-&-allied-health/practical-nursing>.

12. I took ASU-Beebe classes in the past but am not taking classes this semester. Do I need to reapply to ASU-Beebe?

If it has been over a year (12 months) from the current PN application deadline since you took a class at one of the ASU-Beebe campuses, yes, you must reapply to the university. If it has been less than 12 months from the PN application deadline since you took a class at one of the ASU-Beebe campuses, no, you do not need to reapply to the university.

13. How do I apply for admission into the Practical Nursing Program?

Applicants who have not taken an ASU-Beebe course within one year prior to the application deadline must submit an application for admission to Arkansas State University-Beebe. The online application is found at <http://www.asub.edu/sitewide/admission>. Please provide the requested information on the form. On the application form under “**I plan to attend classes:**” select **either** on the Heber Springs campus for night/weekend classes **or** on the Searcy campus for day classes; then select the “**Term of planned enrollment:**” then select under the “**Available on the XXX Campus:**” the Technical Certificate in Practical Nursing for that campus.

In addition, ANYONE wishing to apply to the ASU-Beebe Practical Nursing Program must submit Accuplacer test scores, Wonderlic test scores, and the **Online Practical Nursing Application** found on the nursing webpage. The practical nursing webpage can be found on the www.asub.edu website under “Our Programs.” From that page, please select the “Advanced Tech & Allied Health”. Next select “Practical Nursing” or access the PN page directly at <http://www.asub.edu/academics/divisions-programs/advanced-technology-&-allied-health/practical-nursing>.

14. What are the minimum requirements to be considered for conditional selection into the practical nursing program?

All applicants must submit recent (**taken within one year of program start date**) Accuplacer test scores that meet or exceed the minimum scores. Please contact the Director of Nursing or Director of Advanced Technology and Allied Health for minimum scores required.

15. Applicants should also pass the Wonderlic test taken within one year of the program start date. The Wonderlic test scores must also meet or exceed the minimum scores as set by the Director of Nursing. Please contact the Director of Nursing or Director of Advanced Technology and Allied Health for minimum scores required.

16. What is the selection criterion for entry into the practical nursing program?

Applicants' Accuplacer scores are bound together with Wonderlic scores. Applicants are ranked based on these combined scores with approximately 30 applicants selected for the full-time day program on the Searcy campus and 16 applicants selected for the part-time night and weekend program on the Heber Springs campus.

17. What pre-requisite courses are required for entry into the practical nursing program?

There are no pre-requisite college course requirements for entry into the practical nursing program.

18. Is there an application deadline for consideration for entry into the practical nursing program?

Yes. Applicants **must** complete all steps detailed in the "Application Procedures" document found on the practical nursing webpage, <http://www.asub.edu/academics/divisions-programs/advanced-technology-&-allied-health/practical-nursing>, no later than the application deadline.

The "Priority" application deadline for the cohort nursing classes of day classes on the Searcy campus for any FALL enrollment is set for June 1st. Final application for consideration is set for June 15th. If starting in the SPRING semester, the "Priority" application deadline is November 1st. Final application consideration is set for December 1st.

The night /weekend classes "Priority" application deadline on the Heber Springs campus for any SPRING enrollment is set for November 1st. Final application consideration is set for December 1st. If starting in the FALL semester, the "Priority" application deadline is June 1st. Final application consideration is set for August 1st.

Applicants who meet the above listed Priority deadline with at least the minimum requirements will be conditionally assigned (pending a background check) a seat in their desired class until the class student limit is reached.

All supporting documentation and test scores must be received by the Advanced Technology & Allied Health office at the Beebe campus no later than the final application deadline to be considered for the program. This includes applicants for both of the nursing cohorts at Searcy and Heber Springs campuses. If you have any questions, please call us at 501-882-8822.

19. How can I find out when the next application deadline is?

The application deadline is posted on the ASU-Beebe practical nursing website at: <http://www.asub.edu/academics/divisions-programs/advanced-technology-&-allied-health/practical-nursing>

20. Will my application be considered if it is postmarked by the application deadline but

not received by the deadline?

No. All application materials **must be received by the Advanced Technology & Allied Health division office on the Beebe Campus** by close of business on the application deadline day. **Postage Due Applications will be rejected at the Post Office.**

- 21. If I applied for the practical nursing program in a previous semester and was not selected will I have to reapply for consideration?**

Yes. Every student **must** reapply following the steps listed in the “Applications Procedures” document available on the practical nursing website, <http://www.asub.edu/academics/divisions-programs/advanced-technology-&-allied-health/practical-nursing>, to be considered for entry into the program.

- 22. I completed the online practical nursing application and now my contact information has changed. What do I do?**

Contact the division secretary at 501-882-8822 to update your information. Do **NOT** submit the online practical nursing application again.

- 23. Will I be notified if I am not accepted to the program?**

Yes. All applicants will be notified regarding their selection or non-selection via the email address provided by the applicant on the program application survey. Please add practicalnursing@asub.edu to your email address book to ensure you receive program correspondence.

- 24. Will my midterm grades count for bonus points during the semester that I apply for the practical nursing program?**

No. Bonus points are only awarded for the selected courses that you have an earned final grade of “C” or better.

- 25. Do I have to submit the Accuplacer test scores if I have previously successfully completed freshman English courses and/or college algebra classes?**

Yes. These test scores are required for program entry consideration even though the applicant may have previously successfully completed college algebra and/or freshman English courses.

- 26. What do I do if my Accuplacer scores do not meet the minimums required for program entry?**

The minimum test scores are required for consideration. You should schedule another Accuplacer test with the Testing Center on one of ASU-Beebe’s campuses. This test can only be taken twice without prior approval per application period. If any additional attempts are necessary, they must first be approved by the Director of Nursing. The current cost of the Accuplacer exam is approximately \$15, and it is subject to change. The Testing Center’s phone number is 501-882-8812.

27. What do I do if my Accuplacer scores are over a year old?

The Accuplacer test scores must be within **one year** of program start date for consideration. You should schedule another Accuplacer test with the Testing Center on one of ASU-Beebe's campuses. The Testing Center's phone number is 501-882-8812.

28. What is the Wonderlic test?

It is an admissions and placement assessment tool used to help place students in a program that fits their abilities.

29. What subjects are covered on the Wonderlic test?

Assesses cognitive comprehension ability. Many subjects may be covered.

30. How many questions are on the Wonderlic test?

As many as 50 questions.

31. What types of questions are on the Wonderlic test?

Multiple types of questions will be used.

32. May I use a calculator on the Wonderlic test?

Calculators are **not** allowed during Wonderlic testing.

33. How should I study for the Wonderlic test?

This test is a cognitive exam. There is no true way to study. It is designed to test your thinking ability.

34. How much does the Wonderlic test cost?

A fee of approximately \$25 is payable when you register for the test at one of the ASU-Beebe campuses. Prices subject to change without notice.

35. How do I register for the Wonderlic?

You will register for the Wonderlic exam at one of the ASU-Beebe campuses in the same fashion that you register for the Accuplacer exam.

36. Where and when is the Wonderlic offered?

The Wonderlic test is offered at the ASU-Beebe campuses of Beebe, Searcy, and Heber Springs. Contact our testing center for specific dates and times. The Testing Center's phone number is 501-882-8812.

37. Can I take the Wonderlic test multiple times?

You can take the exam a maximum of two times without prior approval. If you need to take the exam more than twice, you must get prior approval from the Director of Nursing. The Wonderlic test may be repeated with fees applied with each attempt.

38. When will I know my Wonderlic score?

At the conclusion of the Wonderlic test click on the results button which will display your score.

39. How long will I be able to use my Wonderlic score?

The ASU-Beebe nursing program accepts Wonderlic scores taken within one year of program start date.

40. Can I transfer my Wonderlic score from another university?

Currently, the Wonderlic scores cannot be transferred in.

41. Do I have to meet the minimum scores on both the Wonderlic and Accuplacer exams, or just one of them?

Minimum scores are required on both the Accuplacer and Wonderlic tests.

42. Do I have to have the minimum Accuplacer scores before I can take the Wonderlic test?

No, you may take the Wonderlic test before earning minimum Accuplacer scores.

43. I did not meet or exceed the required score on the Wonderlic test. What should I do?

You should retake the Wonderlic test until you meet the minimum desired score. Remember, it can be taken twice without prior approval. More attempts require prior approval from the Director of Nursing.

44. I did not make the minimum scores required on the Accuplacer and/or Wonderlic exams but have many bonus points. Will my bonus points make up for the test scores?

No, all applicants must submit recent Accuplacer and Wonderlic scores that meet or exceed the minimums.

The Practical Nursing program is administered by the Advanced Technology & Allied Health (ATAH) Division of ASU-Beebe.

These FAQs are updated periodically. ASU-Beebe program personnel make every effort to keep these FAQs accurate and up to date. However, ASU-Beebe reserves the right to make programmatic changes with regard to program content, program acceptance requirements, program delivery, or any other aspect of the program at any time whether announced or not and as deemed necessary by the appropriate university personnel. Applicants should check the ASU- Beebe nursing webpage frequently for updates. Applicants should contact the division secretary, the nursing program director, or the division chair with questions. These individuals have the most current program information and can provide help to students with questions regarding the ASU-Beebe nursing program.

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