

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. There are no practical nursing classes held on the Beebe, Heber Springs 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 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. Current practicum schedule is 6am to 3pm or 6am to 6 pm. This may vary from 8-12 hour shifts related to the term of enrollment.

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 spring (January) and summer (June).

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 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. 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 science and/or health related courses at a University or Nursing program. Will I have to take the program in its entirety?

Yes. There is no advanced placement within the Practical Nursing Program.

8. Can the completion of a college Math or English class be substituted for entrance exam scores?

No. Each applicant must complete the entrance exams for program admission consideration.

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 is approximately \$35. 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 separate 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 Requirements” section of the website.

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) since University courses have been taken then consultation with admissions is recommended.

13. 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 “Application Requirements” section of the website.

14. Do I need to retake the entrance exams each semester?

Yes. Entrance exams must be taken during the application cycle of the program date you are attempting to enter. For example, we begin taking applications for the January cohort in October of the previous year. The entrance exam will be available during the same time period as the application. Scores are good for 6 months and would have to be retaken if applying for a subsequent program start date.

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

All applicants must submit recent HESI A2 test scores that meet or exceed the minimum scores. Please see Practical Nursing website for minimum score requirements.

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

Applicants’ HESI A2 test scores are ranked. Top ranking applicants are offered a conditional seat in the program. Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Class size can vary depending on practicum space availability, classroom space, and instructor availability. Most classes are between 25 and 35 students.

17. Is there an application deadline for consideration for entry into the Practical Nursing program?

Yes. Applicants **must** complete all steps detailed in the “Application Requirements” found on the practical nursing webpage.

Applicants who meet the 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 Director of Nursing at the Searcy campus no later than the final application deadline to be considered for the program.

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

Contact the Nursing department at 501.207.6256 or ddjohnston@asub.edu to update your information. Do **NOT** submit the online practical nursing application again.

19. 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 ddjohnston@asub.edu to your email address book to ensure you receive program correspondence.

20. 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.

21. What do I do if my HESI A2 scores do not meet the minimums required for program entry?

The minimum test scores are required for consideration. You should schedule another test with the Testing Center on one of ASU-Beebe’s campuses. This test can only be taken twice per application period.

22. Do I have to meet the minimum scores on every section of the HESI A2? Yes, minimum scores are required on EVERY section. Please see the Practical Nursing website page for more information on minimum scores.