

What is ARNEC?

The Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium, is a co-operative effort of six two-year colleges:

- ASU-Newport
- Black River Technical College, Pocahontas
- Cossatot Community College-UA, De Queen/Nashville
- Ozarka College, Melbourne
- South Arkansas Community College, El Dorado
- University of Arkansas Community College-Morrilton



What Does ARNEC Do?

ARNEC offers an LPN/LPTN/LVN-to-RN transition program. Graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing, which prepares them to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensing exam. ARNEC's program provides a high-quality, comprehensive, accessible, and affordable Registered Nursing program to students in rural Arkansas.

Why Was ARNEC Created?

Many Practical Nurses want to take the next step toward advancing their career by becoming a Registered Nurse (RN). Some have not taken this step because they are not able to stop working and travel to colleges that have an RN program. ARNEC was created to help rural practical nurses meet this need. In addition, there is a shortage of RNs in the rural areas of Arkansas. ARNEC provides a way for Arkansas' higher education institutions to serve local Practical Nurses who want to become RNs without leaving the communities in which they live and work.

Becoming a Registered Nurse allows you to:

- work in a wide variety of settings
- increase opportunities for higher pay
- allow you more leadership and responsibility
- improve your opportunities for promotion

Application packets can be downloaded from www.arnec.org.

Applications for the *January* class must be submitted to your local college or postmarked **no later than August 31**.

How Does ARNEC Work?



ARNEC class lectures are delivered two evenings a week via interactive television.

The program begins each January and ends in December. Lectures are delivered via real-time interactive television Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-8:30 PM.

Most clinical rotations are on weekends. This intensive program builds on the nursing

skills and education you already have, preparing you to fulfill the role and duties of an RN.

ARNEC Admissions Criteria:

- Hold a valid, unencumbered LPN/LPTN/LVN license
- Must pass a background check
- Must pass a math competency test
- Complete all general education courses, except one, by the application deadline (August 31). Any remaining course must be completed by mid-December. All general education requirements must be completed by the time classes begin.
- Submit a completed ARNEC application by August 31
- ARNEC utilizes an objective ranking system for student selection based on: Required general education course GPA and performance on the LPN GAP (comprehensive test). In the event of a tie for the last slot, the student who submitted his/her application first will receive the invitation.



ARNEC schedules clinicals on weekends so you can continue to work and spend time with your family.

ARNEC has a "Pass" rate of 95% on the NCLEX-RN Licensure Exam.
- Arkansas State Board of Nursing

ARNEC CURRICULUM*		
Sciences & Math	Required courses	27 Hrs.
Biology & Health	Substitute Courses	
	Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab	4
	Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab	4
	Microbiology w/ Lab	4
	Nutrition	3
Social Sciences	General Psychology	3
	Developmental Psychology	3
	OR Human Growth & Development	3
OR Lifespan Development	3	
Mathematics	Math for Nurses	3
	Intermediate Algebra (or higher)	3
Humanities		6 Hrs.
	English Composition I	3
	English Composition II	3
Technology		3 Hrs.
	Computer Applications	3
OR	Intro to Computers	3
OR	Microcomputers	3
Total Pre-Requisite Hours		36
Spring Semester (16 weeks):		
	Lecture Hrs./Wk.	Lab Hrs./Wk.
RNSG 2119: Nursing Process I	8	0
RNSG 2123: Nursing Practicum I	0	9
Total Credit Hours for Spring Semester:		12
Summer Semester (12 weeks):		
RNSG 2216: Nursing Process II	8	0
RNSG 2223: Nursing Practicum II	0	9
Total Credit Hours for Summer Semester:		9
Fall Semester (16 weeks):		
RNSG 2318: Nursing Process III	8	0
RNSG 2323: Nursing Practicum III	0	9
RNSG 2311: NCLEX-RN Preparation	1	0
Total Credit Hours for Fall Semester:		12
Total General Education Requirement :		36 Hours
Total Nursing Course Requirement :		+ 33 Hours
Total Credit Hours for AAS in Nursing:		69 Hours
* Course sequence and titles may vary.		



How Do I Apply?

Pick up an ARNEC application packet at any ARNEC member college. You may also download the application packet from our website: www.ARNEC.org. Complete the application packet, including the required documents, and submit the packet to the ARNEC member institution you would like to attend. Applications must be submitted or postmarked by August 31st for the following January class.

Graduates Talk About ARNEC ...



“The ARNEC program offers countless advantages, beginning with experienced faculty who want every student to succeed. ARNEC gives you the ability to work and achieve an RN degree in just ONE year, and offers an excellent nursing foundation so you can take the state boards with confidence. I encourage any LPN considering RN school to apply at one of ARNEC’s campuses.”

- Courtney Keeton, RN, ARNEC Class of 2005

“The ARNEC program was fast and furious, but was very thorough. They prepared me well and I was ready for RN practice upon graduation. I highly recommend ARNEC to any LPN who still needs to work but wants to go back to school.”



- Brian Humphrey, RN, ARNEC Class of 2006



“Getting back into the nursing program went smoother than I thought - ARNEC made it easy to get started. I enjoyed learning the skills and receiving personalized attention from instructors working in the state’s health care industry. With the high demand need for nurses today, I feel secure in my job. Thanks, ARNEC, for helping prepare me for the future.”

- Sonia Bunyard, RN, ARNEC Class of 2007

Job openings for RNs will skyrocket over the next 20 years.
- US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Contact the community college nearest you to request an application packet and to find out more about ARNEC!

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RN Apps. / Admissions / 1558 Hwy. 371 W., Nashville, AR 71852
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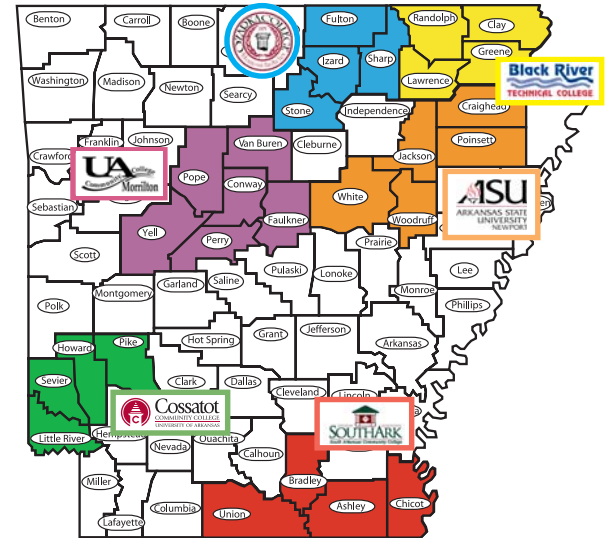
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