
Southern Arkansas University

The University is located in Magnolia, which has a population of approximately 13,000. The city is in the southwestern part of the state on Highways 79 and 82. Magnolia is a growing town in the heart of a farming, timber, and oil producing area.

SAU is fully accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, National Association of Schools of Music, and National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission. In addition, the University is a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Credits earned at SAU may be transferred to colleges anywhere in the nation.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, age, color, sex, disability, or national origin, be denied admission to or employment at Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia, or be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any program or activity sponsored by the University.

For More Information

All inquiries and requests for admission forms should be directed to the Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 9382, Magnolia, AR 71754-9382, or call (870)235-4040 or (800)332-7286; e-mail: muleriders@saumag.edu. We encourage you to visit the SAU campus and personally meet our faculty and students. Tours may be arranged if you will notify the Office of Admissions two or three days in advance of your visit and inform them of your specific interests.

General Description

The purpose of the LPN-RN "Fast Track" is to provide upward mobility for qualified Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN), and Licensed Psychiatric Technician Nurses (LPTN). This is a separate track option for nurses only and permits current LPNs, LVNs, and LPTNs to receive recognition and credit for

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previous nursing education and experience. It provides the opportunity to complete all requirements for the Associate of Science in Nursing Degree in three semesters for those who qualify. Students may complete the general education course requirements at Southern Arkansas University or any accredited college or university.

Curriculum Time Frame

The LPN to RN Program allows students to complete the nursing curriculum requirements in three semesters.

University Admission Requirements

1. Request, complete, and return an enrollment application to the Office of Admissions, SAU, Magnolia campus or apply online at: www.saumag.edu/apply.
2. International students must contact the International Student Services Office.

Department of Nursing Admission Requirements LPN to RN "Fast Track"

To be considered for admission to the LPN to RN "Fast Track" the student must:

1. Be admitted to SAU with regular or conditional admission status
2. Complete HESI Admission Assessment Exam.
3. Be a graduate of a State Board of Nursing approved LPN or LPTN program.
4. Meet work experience requirement:
 - a. Less than 12 months after LPN/LPTN graduation: no skills competency testing required for admission to transition option.

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- b. Greater than 12 months after LPN/LPTN graduation: no skills competency testing required if during past 12 to 24 months have had at least 1,000 hours of nursing employment. Employment verification letter must be provided with application.
5. Have a current, unencumbered LPN or LPTN license in the state of nursing practice.
 6. Priority ranking will be given to those who have successfully completed MATH 1023 (College Algebra) and CHEM 1013/1011 (College Chemistry I with Lab) or its equivalent.
 7. Have a minimum 2.50 G.P.A. in Nursing Curriculum Support Courses (NCSC). GPA for admission to the department will be calculated based on NCSCs completed at the time of application. The most recent grade in a repeated course will be used. All science courses **must be completed before entering NURS 2018 Medical/Surgical Nursing I**.
 8. Have proof of Hepatitis B vaccination, TB screening, and current American Heart Association CPR certification.
 9. Submit a completed Department of Nursing LPN-RN Application Form no later than February 28 for fall semester nursing class. Application forms may be obtained from the Nursing Department or from our Web site at www.saumag.edu/nursing. Enclose a copy of all unofficial college transcripts.

Submit application and unofficial transcripts to the Department of Nursing:

Southern Arkansas University
Department of Nursing
LPN-RN APPLICATION
P.O. Box 9406
Magnolia, AR 71754-9406

LPN-RN Curriculum

General Education and other requirements – 31 hours

English – 6 hours

ENGL	1113	Composition I
ENGL	1123	Composition II

Mathematics – 3 hours

MATH	1023	College Algebra
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Biological Science – 12 hours

BIOL	2063/2061	Anatomy and Physiology I /Lab
BIOL	2073/2071	Anatomy and Physiology II / Lab
BIOL	3032/3022	General Microbiology/Lab

Physical Science – 4 hours

CHEM	1013/1011	College Chemistry I/Lab
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Social Science – 6 hours

PSYC	2003	General Psychology
SOC	3033	Sociology of Marriage and Family
OR		
SOC	3013	Social Problems
OR		
SOC	4073	Social Gerontology

Nursing Education (LPN-RN Track) - 32 hours

NURS	1417	Nursing Transition (+7 hours upon successful completion) ⁺⁺
NURS	1001	Clinical Calculations
NURS	2018	Medical-Surgical I ⁺⁺
NURS	2401	Pharmacology I
NURS	2208	Medical-Surgical II ⁺⁺
NURS	2411	Pharmacology II
NURS	2143	Care of the Child
NURS	2223	Mental Health

⁺⁺ Courses with a clinical component

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All interested parties (students, graduates, and other parties associated with the program) may contact the NLNAC to express any statement of concern at the following address:

National League for
Nursing Accreditation Commission
3343 Peachtree Road, NE,
Suite 500,
Atlanta, Georgia, 30326.
or call
1-800-669-1656, ext. 153

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