

# REGISTERED NURSING (TRADITIONAL)

## 2024-25 DEGREE PLAN

### Associate of Applied Science: 77 Credits

TERM	DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES	HOURS
	GSTD0103 College Reading	3
	GSTD0243 Essential English	3
	GSTD0201 Composition I Lab	1

TERM	TRN PRE-REQUISITES	HOURS
	ENGL1113 Composition I	3
	ENGL1123 Composition II	3
	MED1223 Medical Math	3
	PSYC2003 General Psychology	3
	BIOL2003 Nutrition and Diet	3
	BIOL2064 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
	BIOL2074 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
	BIOL2094 General Microbiology	4
	MED1001 Student Success for MED	1
<b>Total Pre-Requisites</b>		<b>28</b>

TERM	TRN PROGRAM CORE	HOURS
	Nursing Concepts I	9
	TRN Clinical Practicum I	6
	Nursing Concepts II	12
	TRN Clinical Practicum II	6
	Nursing Concepts III	10
	TRN Clinical Practicum III	6
<b>Total Program Core</b>		<b>49</b>

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**Eligible for ARFuture grant**

The Traditional RN Program (TRN) at UA Cossatot is an 18-month program on the De Queen campus that begins in August and ends in December of the following year (Fall, Spring, and Fall). It combines classroom instruction, laboratory simulation, and clinical experience. Students successfully completing the TRN program are awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree. Application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, and enrollment is limited. Students not selected must submit a new online application each year.

Each student applying for the TRN program must meet UA Cossatot's **current placement scores admission requirements**, have prerequisite grades of a C or better, and receive a 60 or higher on the entrance exam. Students must have completed or are currently enrolled in all prerequisite courses, as well as any developmental courses needed, prior to the application deadline. Students wishing to apply to the TRN program should complete the online application form and follow the instructions on each of the application requirements. Students should contact the Medical Education Academic Advisor to review the content of any prerequisite courses taken at another institution for potential transfer of credit to ensure content meets accreditation and transfer standards. All activities and materials must be completed and received by the Academic Advisor for Medical Education by the March 1st deadline.

Program Grading Scale: for TRN: 90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 76-79 = C; 70-75 = D (failing); 69 or below = F

Students must have successfully completed all courses with a grade of "C" or better. Upon completion, the student's status will be submitted to the State Board of Nursing declaring that the student wishes to sit for the licensing examination. The student **MUST** achieve a score at or above the current national passing average on the final comprehensive assessment exam to complete the requirements for the final semester. The student will be allowed to take the final comprehensive exam a total of two times. Should the student not achieve the required score after two attempts, the student will not have completed the requirements for the course and will not graduate or be allowed to sit for the NCLEX-RN. The student will be given an incomplete grade "I" for the final semester until the student can provide documentation of enrollment and completion of the ATI virtual NCLEX review with a coach. Once the student has followed all recommendations of the coach and the coach releases the student for testing, the student's final grade will be posted, and transcripts will be released to the ASBN for approval and authorization to test. If the student fails to do so, the student will need to reapply to the program and follow re-admission guidelines.

All students graduating from the TRN program are not automatically enabled to sit for the NCLEX or obtain licensure. This is determined by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, or the state in which they apply. Students must read the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Criminal Background Check criteria in the Arkansas Nurse Practice Act ACA §17-87-312, and the Licensing Restrictions based on Criminal Records, Arkansas Code ACA 17-3-102, and submit a signed statement indicating that they understand that graduating from a nursing program in Arkansas does not assure the Arkansas State Board of Nursing's approval to take the licensure examination. These

acts can be reviewed at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arsbn-criminal-background-checks>. The Division Chair of Medical Education at UA Cossatot answers all questions concerning eligibility for the TRN program at **800-844-4471** ext 1147.

Due to the strenuous nature of nursing and practice-orientation of UA Cossatot, the college reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any student to enroll or continue in the nursing program. This determination is based on, but not limited to, the characteristics required of a clinical nurse. Eligibility determination is made by the faculty's evaluation of a student's ability to perform the clinical tasks necessary to complete the clinical and course objectives. These abilities are reevaluated after each course.

To meet the requirements of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, the TRN program will follow a special calendar, and class days will be different from those followed by students in other programs. Regular class days will be 5-6 hours each; clinical days will be 8-12 hours each.