

Criteria for admission

1. Successful admission to the Arkansas State University Graduate School
2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from a NLNAC or CCNE accredited college or university.
3. Current unrestricted/unencumbered (clear/active) license as a registered nurse in one of the states/compact states or one of the protectorates of the United States, with eligibility for Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Missouri R. N. license.
4. A cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on undergraduate course work or 3.0 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work on a 4.0 scale.
5. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within 5 years of application demonstrating:
 - A combined verbal and quantitative score of 1000 preferred for tests taken prior to August 1, 2011.
 - A combined verbal and quantitative score of 300 preferred for tests taken on and after August 1, 2011.
 - An analytical writing section score.
6. A minimum of two full years of experience within the past three years as a registered nurse in an adult intensive critical-care setting during which time the applicant has had the opportunity to function as an independent decision maker, demonstrated advanced psychomotor skills, administered multiple infused medications, and used/interpreted advanced hemodynamic monitoring techniques.
7. Completion of a 3 credit hour graduate level Descriptive and Inferential Statistics course with a grade of A or B.
8. Three favorable evaluations/recommendations completed on the program's recommendation forms from:
 - (1) Current clinical supervisor
 - (2) CRNA, Anesthesiologist or RN
 - (3) Academic faculty member familiar with your academic performance
9. Current BLS, ACLS and PALS certification sent to the program two months prior to entrance into class.
10. Successful completion of interview process.
11. Computer technology experience.
12. CCRN **or** Cardiac Surgery Certification.