The Radiologic Technology and Radiation Therapy programs are accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). Graduates are eligible to write the national certifying examination of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP). Graduates are able to write the national certifying exam in abdomen, obstetrics and vascular technology offered by the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS).

Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Licensed Social Worker exam given by the State of Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board. The State Board defines what social work is and delineates the practice in the profession. The exam is the same exam given nationwide in the field of Social Work.

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics has been granted candidate status by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the national credentialing examination and apply for state licensure.

Accreditation for Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management degrees is not required or universal. However, the DPEM is seeking accreditation through the Foundation for Higher Education Accreditation. This organization is seeking to be recognized by the Department of Education as the official accreditor for such programs.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant and Occupational Therapy Doctorate programs have applied for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). ACOTE is recognized as the accrediting agency for occupational therapy education by both the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Most state and national board application forms ask if the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime. Certain crimes (e.g. controlled substance use or sale) may make the applicant ineligible to write the examination. If a student has any reason to believe she/he may be ineligible to write state or national board examinations, she/he should discuss this with the department chair or program director.
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING (AASN).

The purpose of the associate level is to prepare graduates in the provision of direct care for clients with common well-defined problems. The graduate is prepared to function as a member of the profession and manager of care in acute and community-based settings. Phone: (870) 972-3074 or e-mail jwarey@AState.edu.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN).

The nurse prepared at the baccalaureate level is a professional who has acquired a well delineated and broad knowledge base for practice. This knowledge base prepares the beginning graduate to function as a provider of direct care to individuals, families, groups, communities and populations. Arkansas State has also developed a variety of approaches for admission with advanced standing for LPNs and RNs. The RN to BSN option is available online as well as the support courses. A second degree one-year accelerated program is available for the person with a Bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing. Phone: (870) 972-3074 or e-mail jwarey@AState.edu.

Graduates of both the AASN and BSN programs upon the Board of Nursing approval are eligible to sit for the national licensure examination (NCLEX) to become a registered Nurse (RN).

MAJOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN).

The MSN prepares nurses with the complex practice skills and theoretical knowledge necessary for advanced nursing practice in the contemporary health care system. Graduation in nursing is the basis for professional growth in advanced practice roles and the foundation for doctoral study. Admission to the master’s study for MSN are adult health clinical nurse specialist, nurse educator, nurse administrator, family nurse practitioner and nurse anesthetist. Phone: (870) 972-3074 or e-mail aschmidt@AState.edu. For information regarding admission to the Arkansas State Graduate School, Phone: (870) 972-3029.

THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP).

The DNP program is offered as a post-master’s Nursing degree for Advanced Practice Nurses. The DNP curriculum builds on traditional master’s programs with an evidenced-based practice, advanced clinical, organizational, economic, and leadership skills to design and implement programs of care delivery which significantly impact health care outcomes. The graduate with this terminal level degree is prepared to perform roles in direct care or indirect, systems focused care. Phone: (870) 972-3701, (870) 972-3074, or e-mail aschmidt@AState.edu.

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (CLT).

This two-year program prepares CLTs to perform a variety of laboratory tests which aid the physician in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. Graduates are eligible to sit for state licensure exams (where applicable) and national registry exams. Phone: (870) 680-8556 or e-mail vlong@AState.edu.

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (CLS).

A graduate from the Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science program is educationally and professionally skilled to perform in the clinical laboratory. In addition to routine testing, the CLS can assume responsibility for high complexity testing and function in metabolic units such as a consultant or specialist. Phone: (870) 972-3073 or e-mail vlong@AState.edu.

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS BS IN CD (BSCD).

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Disorders is a pre-professional degree program which provides academic and practicum preparation considered essential for success in graduate programs in Communication Disorders. Phone: (870) 972-3106 or e-mail meelye@AState.edu.

MASTER OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (MCD).

The MCD educates individuals in all aspects of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of a full spectrum of speech, hearing, language, and swallowing disorders. Graduates receive the necessary academic and clinical practice requirements for the National Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-SLP) for licensure to practice speech language pathology in Arkansas. Phone: (870) 972-3106 or e-mail meelye@AState.edu.

COORDINATED PROGRAM IN DIETICS (BS).

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics provides for the achievement of knowledge and performance requirements of entry-level dietitians through integration of didactic instruction with a minimum of 1200 hours of supervised practice. Upon completion of their BS degree, students are eligible to take the national credentialing examination administered by the Commission of Dietetic Registration (CDR). Phone: (870) 680-8556 or e-mail ptoverton@AState.edu.

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT).

The DPT degree prepares students for a professional career as a licensed physical therapist (PT). A graduate with a degree in physical therapy will be prepared to provide baccalaureate prepared, radiologic science professionals who are multi-skilled, multi-competent practitioners. Specialty areas are:

Track 1: Computed Tomography/Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Track 2: Computed Tomography/Mammography
Track 3: Radiation Therapy
Track 4: Sonography
Track 5: Computed Tomography/Cardiovascular Interventional Technology
Track 6: Computed Tomography/Medical Imaging Informatics
Track 7: Computed Tomography/Radiology Management

Phone: (870) 972-3073 or e-mail rwinters@AState.edu.

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (PTA).

The two-year degree prepares the student for FTA to work with the Physical Therapist (PT) in evaluation and assessment of patient activities, implements treatment programs according to a plan of care, educates patients in exercises and activities of daily living, conducts treatments using special equipment and more. Phone: (870) 972-3591 or e-mail beckith@AState.edu.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH STUDIES (BSHS).

The Bachelor of Science in Health Studies degree (BSHS) serves a three-fold purpose for students: 1) planning to seek employment in a health or health-related area upon graduation; 2) desiring a bachelor’s degree’s following an associate’s degree in health disciplines and 3) planning a health career that requires a post-baccalaureate plan of study. This degree does not lead to a professional credential or state licensure. Phone: (870) 972-3112 or e-mail vlong@AState.edu.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AAS, BS, MINOR, MS & GRADUATE CERTIFICATE).

Graduates of the Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management programs, in conjunction with the National Response Framework, will be valuable contributors to their community, state and national disaster preparedness and emergency management activities. Employment opportunities include healthcare settings, government agencies, non-government organizations, education, law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire service and other entities. All geographic areas utilize disaster experts including local, state, regional, national and international locations. Phone: (870) 680-8286 or e-mail dperrell@AState.edu.

MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION SCIENCES (MIRS).

The BS in Radiologic Sciences degree is designed to build upon the sophomore/junior year of Radiography and prior completion of the general education curriculum. The degree is designed to produce baccalaureate prepared, radiologic science professionals who are multi-skilled, multi-competent practitioners. Specialty areas are:

Track 1: Computed Tomography/Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Track 2: Computed Tomography/Mammography
Track 3: Radiation Therapy
Track 4: Sonography
Track 5: Computed Tomography/Cardiovascular Interventional Technology
Track 6: Computed Tomography/Medical Imaging Informatics
Track 7: Computed Tomography/Radiology Management

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BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW).

The Bachelor of Social Work degree prepares students for beginning level generalist social work practice which is based on client strengths. Students at the bachelor’s level work in a broad array of settings, as case managers, direct workers with individuals, work with families and groups and intervene with organizations and communities. Phone: (870) 972-3894 or e-mail pwaal@AState.edu.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW).

The Master of Social Work degree prepares students for graduate level professional practice. Students at the graduate level work in a broad range of settings including: trauma, addiction, substance abuse, and more. Phone: (870) 972-3894 or e-mail 1morot@AState.edu.

MAJOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE (MSHS).

The degree for the Bachelor of Science degree is a generic graduate degree which allows prospective students who are members of the healthcare workforce to advance their education. This program provides four graduate certificate options - 1) Health Sciences Education 2) Aging Studies 3) Health Care Management 4) Addiction Studies. Phone: (870) 972-3073 or e-mail vlong@AState.edu.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (OTA).

Occupational therapy assistants (OTA) help patients develop, recover and improve the skills needed for daily living and working. OTAs are directly involved in providing therapy to patients. Graduates from the two-year Occupational Therapy Assistant program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapy administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBOT) www.ncbot.org. Most states require licensure. Phone: (870) 972-3112 or e-mail vlong@AState.edu.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORATE (OTD).

Occupational therapists assist people across the lifespan participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations). Occupational therapy services typically include an individualized evaluation, customized intervention and an outcomes analysis. Graduates from the Occupational Therapy Doctorate program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapy administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBOT) www.ncbot.org. Most states require licensure. Phone: (870) 972-3112 or e-mail vlong@AState.edu.