



Dear Applicant:

We would like to thank you for your interest in the CCCUA Licensed Practical Nursing Program. There are some items of information we would like for you to know to help you make your decision easier and make sure there are no surprises if you are accepted into the program.

We currently have two programs to fit the needs of the communities we serve. Our De Queen class is a traditional 11-month program that starts in mid-August and will end in June. It is five days a week with classroom days being six hours and clinical days being from eight to twelve hours. At the start of the program you will be in class every day, and then starting in late October you will be in clinical three days a week and in class the other two. Our new 18-month evening program, in Nashville, starts in January and ends in June of the following year. It is two-to-three nights per week in the classroom, five hours each, and clinical days are twelve hours each, every-other-weekend. Some of the clinical sites in both programs are some distance from the campus, ie, Texarkana, Hope, etc. You will be required to arrange transportation to these areas as well as mandatory workshops or class trips out of town.

The cost of the entire program is approximately \$4562-\$6197 and we have included a break down of charges. Uniforms will be ordered a few weeks into the first semester and must be paid for at the time. There are several financial aid opportunities available. It is strongly recommended that if you are interested in financial aid that you contact the Financial Aid Department for information on what aid is available. The financial aid application priority deadline for fall is May 1st and the priority deadline for spring is November 1st. Students are encouraged to apply early to avoid any delays or possible tuition payments until financial aid is processed.

Because these programs are very intense and so much material will be covered in a very short period of time, attendance in class and clinical is critical. Students must maintain a 76% in both theory and clinical. You will be allowed to miss 60 hours during the entire program. Because the experience that you receive during clinical is so important you will only be allowed to miss 16 clinical hours. If more time than this is missed, it must be made up at the instructor's convenience, and there will be a \$5 per hour fee that must be paid at the Business Office before being allowed to make up the time. All clinical time must be made up by the end of the year or you will not be allowed to graduate.

You will be required to submit a criminal background check prior to admission (\$48.50). If accepted into the program, your admission will remain "conditional" until your background check has cleared (see attachment). Throughout the program there will be random drug screens for all students. The Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ArSBN) also

requires each candidate to submit a State and Federal criminal background check (\$47). The background check submitted for admission to CCCUA will not be accepted by the ArSBN. Any student who has ever been convicted of a crime may not be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN for Arkansas licensure. NCLEX applications will not be processed until the background checks are received by ArSBN.

Each student must meet CCCUA's ACT, ASSET, or COMPASS catalog requirements (see attached) and have completed or are currently enrolled in all prerequisite courses (Basic Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology, and Success Strategies), as well as any developmental courses needed, prior to the March 1st or August 31st deadlines. Any student who is chosen as an alternate must have also completed the above courses in case a student withdraws before the beginning of the program. Any student, initially chosen or an alternate, who has not completed the courses will not be admitted into the program.

Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas has the capability of accepting 40 students (30 DeQueen Campus, 10 Nashville Campus). However, CCCUA reserves the right to accept only those applicants who have met all requirements. The selection process will be based on the following:

- 1) Grade of "C" (76%) or better in all pre-requisite and developmental courses
- 2) Scores from the Nurse Entrance Test (NET)
- 3) Personal Interview

We wish you well in the upcoming semesters. If you have any questions, please call the Nursing and Allied Health Department at (870) 584-4471 x154 or (800) 844-4471 x154.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Dickerson
Director of Nursing/Allied Health