

## Graduation Policy

To be eligible for graduation, the student must complete the following steps:

Comply with all Arkansas Tech University requirements for an associate degree in nursing:

1. Complete the requirements of 37 hours of platform coursework as specified in the University catalog.
2. Submit the specified forms to the Registrar's office.
3. All second semester students are required to complete the ATI Comprehensive Predictor Assessment. A passing score on the ATI Comprehensive Predictor is required in order for the student to be cleared to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and take the NCLEX-RN. The passing score for the exam is set by the nursing program and reflect predicted NCLEX- RN success. The passing scores are published each semester in the course syllabi.
4. A processing fee, payable to Student Accounts, is assessed when the application for graduation is approved.
5. Upon completion of the nursing degree requirements, the graduate may be eligible to apply for the National Examination for Licensure as a Registered Nurse. The fees to sit for the NCLEX and to obtain a license from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing are subject to change. Students will be provided with further information and the necessary forms in the 2nd semester of the nursing program.
6. If a student is receiving any financial services to cover costs for graduation requirements, the student is responsible for contacting the appropriate personnel for payment.

Students must have successfully completed all general education courses and all nursing courses with a grade of "C" or better. Upon completion of all coursework and successfully completing and achieving the passing standard for the ATI-RN Comprehensive Predictor Test, the student's status will be submitted to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. Students are reminded that graduation from the Arkansas Tech University – Ozark campus with an A.A.S. in Nursing does NOT automatically enable the student to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam. The student must successfully complete 30 hours of nursing courses at Arkansas Tech University Ozark in order to graduate.

The ATI Comprehensive Predictor Assessment is considered an exit exam for the RNP. The examination simulates the NCLEX-RN and provides feedback for the student of their overall knowledge and comprehension of the nursing courses. The examination is given at the end of the second semester prior to final exams. The passing score for the ATI- RN Comprehensive Predictor Test is determined by the nursing department using the data from the national standardized test.

Applications for submission to the State Board of Nursing to write the NCLEX exam and receive a temporary permit will be released only after the student has successfully passed the ATI- RN Comprehensive Predictor Test. Any student not achieving a passing score on the 1st attempt must complete a review as set by the faculty prior to a 2nd attempt on the exam. Any student not achieving a passing score on the 2nd attempt at the exam must meet with faculty to discuss the review necessary prior to subsequent attempts. The student must wait at least three weeks between the 2nd and 3rd attempt. If the student is not able to complete the ATI-RN Comprehensive Predictor Test by the graduation date they will be able to graduate and continue to work with the RNP and ATI to achieve the program standard for exit exam to sit for NCLEX-RN. The nursing program must be completed within two years of entry into the technical phase of the program. The student must continue to hold an active unencumbered LPN license throughout their time in the program.

Cost are estimated and are subject to change.

## Graduation Expenses

1. ATI Exit Exam (first two times included in fees)	71.00
2. Background check fee	38.00
3. Fingerprints	20.00
4. NCLEX examination fee	200.00
5. State Application fee	100.00
6. Temporary license fee	30.00