

**Allied Health SOAR (Student Orientation And Registration) will be July 17 @ 0900
in TE 100 (Techincal Education Building) *See Map
Attendance is required unless prior arrangements have been made.**

STUDENT INFORMATION

The following is information that all nursing students should know and/or be prepared for while in the nursing program. These may also answer questions that you may have about the program.

- 1) **Accommodations:** All applicants shall have equal opportunity regardless of race, disability, sex, creed, religion, or nationality.
 - A. **SAU Tech Disability Statement**

SAU Tech recognizes that a disability may preclude a student from demonstrating required course competencies or completing course requirements necessary for degree or certificate programs in the same manner expected of nondisabled students. In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, qualified students with disabilities may request that appropriate course accommodations be considered. Students are encouraged to meet with Disability Services in the Office of Enrollment Services to develop a plan for their academic accommodations. Requests for accommodations must be made within two (2) weeks of the start of each semester.
 - B. **SAU Tech Nursing Programs**

Reasonable accommodations will be made in the nursing program for students with special needs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); However, due to the nature of the nursing profession, the requirement of prevention of threats to personal or public safety, and the essential requirements of nursing courses and the nursing program, the accommodations may not be sufficient to enable the student to successfully complete the program.
- 2) **Clinical:** SAU Tech nursing students gain clinical experience in healthcare facilities, including nursing homes, hospitals, physician clinics, etc... Nursing students may be assigned to out-of-town facilities. To obtain adequate clinical experience, nursing students may be scheduled to attend clinical rotations that are eight (8), ten (10), or twelve (12) hour shifts on days, evenings, or weekends and possibly at out-of-town facilities. Scheduling is determined by the Dean of Allied Health and is non-negotiable. The clinical rotation days/times/frequency & location vary from semester to semester. A clinical rotation schedule will be provided at the beginning of each semester.
- 3) **Class & Attendance:** Classroom days & frequency also vary from semester to semester. A class schedule will be provided at the beginning of each semester.
 - a. The Attendance Policy for the nursing program allows the student to miss a **very limited** number of hours. Attendance in the nursing program is monitored carefully because school attendance frequently reflects future workplace attendance. Nurses need to have good time management skills and excellent attendance; therefore, it is also very important while you are in this program. Students missing more than the allowed hours will be dismissed from the program.

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- b. **There are limited exceptions to the Attendance Policy. There are no ‘excused’ absences (this includes hospitalization, surgery, automobile accidents, death in the family, or any other reason) because lost theory and/or clinical time cannot be made up.** Limited exceptions fall under the Title IX Policy.
- 4) **Transportation & Travel:** Nursing students need reliable transportation and a backup plan in case of problems. Not all students will be assigned to the same clinical facilities at the same time, so carpooling isn’t always an option. Also, students may be required to attend out-of-town seminars or workshops or clinical rotations. While this usually does not involve overnight travel, the hours will often be longer than clinical or class hours because of travel time. You will receive prior notice of the seminar date, and you will be responsible for paying any registration or other fees for these seminars, you will also be responsible for providing your transportation. You may be required to participate in several community service projects throughout the year which may require evening, night, or weekend work.
- 5) **Child-care:** If you have children, especially pre-school or school-aged, you need to have dependable child-care arrangements as well as a backup plan in case of problems. Children are not allowed in class or clinical.
- 6) **Employment & Study Skills:** Working while being a nursing student is **highly discouraged**. If you must work, it is recommended that you keep your work hours to a minimum. The nursing program courses are usually quite difficult and move swiftly with a lot of information. It will require many study & preparation hours outside of the classroom. You need to maintain the attitude of attempting to achieve excellence, not just ‘pass’ these courses because all of your time & effort will be for naught if you do not pass the NCLEX, which is the licensure exam after you successfully complete the nursing program.
- a. Plan ahead to learn and maintain good study habits and utilize good study skills while in the nursing program to help you achieve success in the completion of the program. Many students who are not successful say that they did not realize how important and time-consuming studying truly is, and most of the time, they admit that they needed to study more. No one ever said it would be easy to become a nurse.
- 7) **Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN) Criminal Background Check:** The Arkansas State Board of Nursing requires a criminal background check in the last semester of the program. This background check will be state and federal and contain juvenile, sealed, and expunged records.
- a. This background check is required in addition to the pre-admission criminal background check.
- b. If you have ever pleaded guilty, nolo contendere, or been found guilty of any of the offenses identified in Arkansas Code ACA 17-87-312, found in the Nurse Practice Act (Sub Chapter section 3-17-87-312), located at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/ACA17.3.102.pdf> ASBN will determine your eligibility to sit for the NCLEX exam.
- c. A licensure exam (NCLEX) applicant’s criminal background will be reviewed in order for the State Board of Nursing in the applicable testing state to make a decision as to whether they will allow licensure testing or not. You will have an opportunity at the time of NCLEX registration to submit a letter of explanation and all court &/or legal documents to the Board for their review.

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- d. If you do not disclose any conviction and continue to pursue an education in practical nursing, you will be doing so at your own risk, as you may not be able to take the licensure exam and/or obtain a license. If a student is not truthful about his/her criminal background to the Nursing Program, this will be considered falsification of records and will result in dismissal from the program.
- e. The clinical facilities that the nursing program utilizes have the right to refuse a student from performing clinical rotations in their facilities if there are specific criminal background issues. If a student is not allowed to perform the required clinical rotations, they are not eligible to remain in the nursing program.
- f. For further information, refer to the ASBN Criminal Background ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ document at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arsbn-criminal-background-checks>
- g. If you have additional questions or need further information, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Dean of Allied Health's office at (870) 574-4475.

Instructions:

- 1) **CERTIFICATIONS:** If possible, nursing students must complete the American Heart Association's Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support (BLS/CPR) or American Red Cross Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers training before beginning clinical rotations.
 - **If you are already certified**, your certification **must be good through July 2025**. If your certification is current and expires on or later than July 2024, you must submit a copy of your certification card by **the first date of class**.
 - **If you are NOT currently certified or if your certification expires before July 2025**, CPR for BLS will be taught to every student as part of the Basic Nursing Concept I Curriculum in the Fall Semester. If you are not certified, meaning you do not have a CPR card, you must pay \$20.00 before the CPR Unit in Basic Nursing Concepts I. If you are current and do not need a "CPR card," you will still be required to complete this unit but will not have to pay for the card.
- 2) **BOOKS:** The required books can be purchased through the SAU Tech Bookstore. The bookstore is located in the Student Center (see map #14) and has a phone number of 870-574-4410.
 - All books/resources must be in the **current required editions**.
 - Must be purchased before the first day of class.
- 3) **DRUG SCREEN:** You must submit to and pay for a urine drug screen during the first semester and randomly throughout the nursing program. The cost is \$45 per screening and is the student's financial responsibility.
 - **Bring \$45 cash or check for your drug screen on the SOAR day or by the first day of class! You will pay for this at the Business Office in the Administration Building.**
 - The Dean of Allied Health will provide more information at the beginning of the first semester.

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- 4) **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK:** All students are required to complete a criminal background check prior to the Fall start date. For this criminal background check, every student will create an account with VerifyStudent.

****This needs to be completed by July 17 to allow ample time for the criminal background check results to be completed. ****

Before Starting:

- A valid email is REQUIRED.
- Please have your credit card (Visa/MasterCard/American Express/Discover) information ready to process payment. Your credit card will be charged **\$53.41** for the service. *****This price is subject to change, and SAU Tech has no control over price changes*****

NOTE: You may incur additional court fees depending upon your current/prior counties of residence.

Getting Started:

1. Log onto our website at www.VerifyStudents.com and click *Students Start Here*.



2. Use this special promotional code: ***SOUT93EC***
3. Complete profile & e-sign forms as they appear.

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SAU Tech Student Check-List:

This is the link to the SAU Tech Student Checklist along with contact information:

<https://www.sautech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Rocket-Admissions-Checklist.pdf>

Please review this checklist to ensure you have completed everything. If you haven't, you will have the opportunity to do so on the day of SOAR.

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Uniforms

IHC Uniform Company will be on campus during Nursing SOAR to measure for uniforms.

Uniforms will be ordered that day.

For Clinical: You will be **required** to have two (2) uniform tops, two (2) uniform pants, and one (1) uniform jacket. The uniform shirts and jackets will be embroidered.

For Class: You will be **required** to purchase at least two (2) black scrub pants. Class is usually two (2) to three (3) days a week. You can purchase your black scrub pants from IHC or your vendor of choice. You may wear any shirt you choose for the class. (EX: SAU Tech Rocket T-shirt with your black scrub pants).

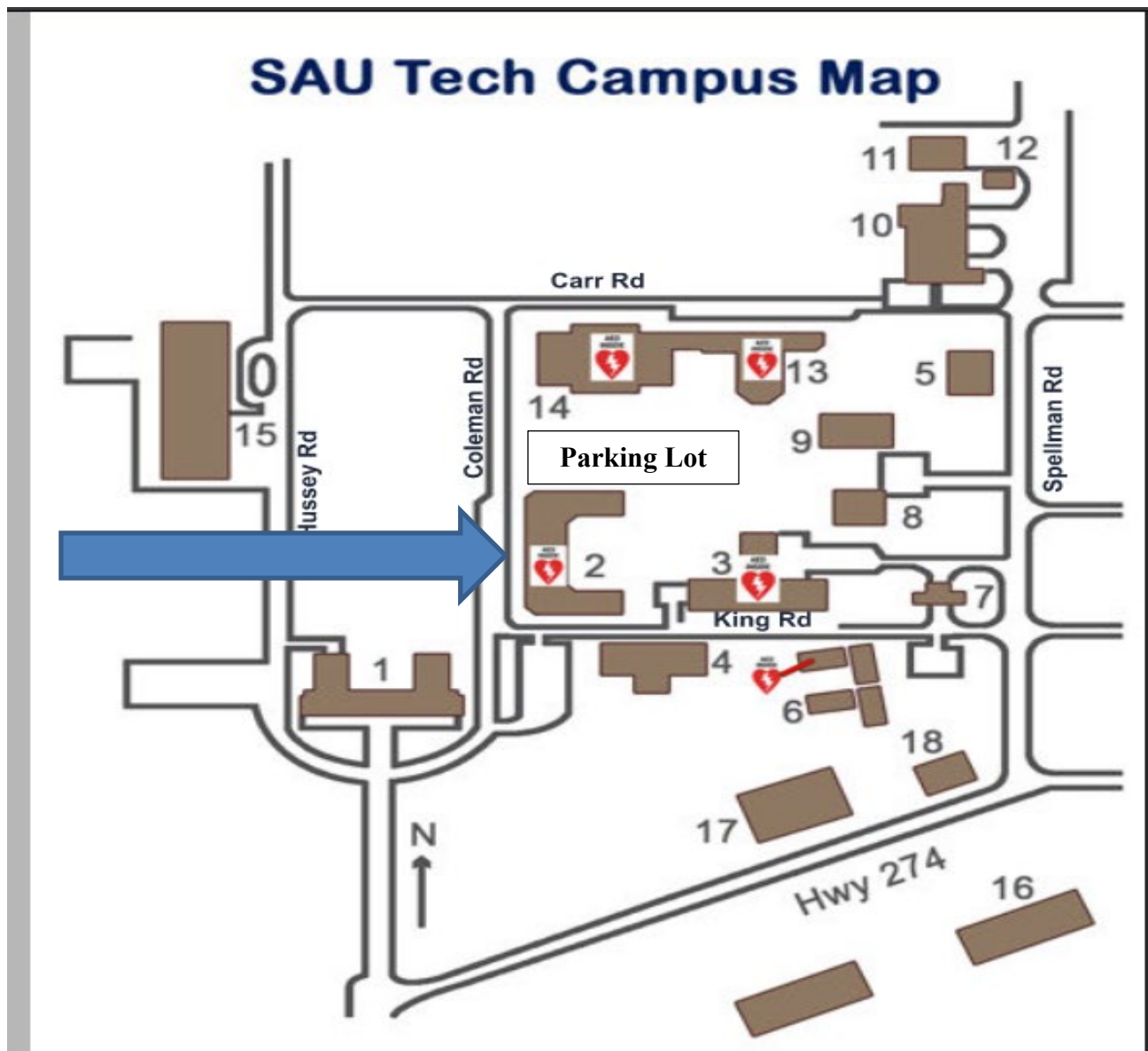
<u>SAU TECH SCRUB PRICING</u>		
Women		
Cherokee Pant: CK002	XXS-XL \$40 2X-3X \$42 4X-5X \$44	PXXS-XL \$40 P2X \$42 TXS-XL \$42 T-2X \$44
Cherokee Top: CK605 Emboder \$6/top	XXS-XL \$34 2X-3X \$36 4X-5X \$40	
Cherokee Jacket CK303A Emboder \$6/jacket	XXS-XL \$43 2X-5X \$46	
Men		
Cherokee Pant: CK200A	XS-XL \$42 2X-5X \$44	SXS-XL \$42 S 2X-3X \$44 T S-XL \$46 T 2X \$44
Cherokee Top: CK910A Emboder \$6/top	XS-XL \$37 2X-5X \$40	
Cherokee Jacket CK305A Emboder \$6/jacket	XS-XL \$46 2X-5X \$49	
Optional Items: These items are not required to purchase on the day of SOAR		
BP Cuff	\$17.99	
Bandage Scissors	\$12.99	
Pen Light	\$7.99	
Stethoscope-Prestige	\$34.99	
Stethoscope-Littman	\$69.99	
Sketcher Shoes	\$69.99	

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PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX

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Building #1: Administration Building. This is where the Business Office and Financial Aid is located.

Building #2: Tech Engineering Building (TE). This is the building where SOAR will be located. TE100

Building #3: Shumaker Hall. This is the Allied Health Building where all of your classes will be located.

Building #4: Rocket Success Center. This is where you will get your student ID made

Building #14: Student Center. This is where the Bookstore and the cafeteria are located.

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Please check the appropriate box(es) and sign below. Email this form to bcovingt@sautech.edu by **Wednesday, July 10 @ 5p**. Or you may bring it to Mrs. Covington's office (Shumaker 120) by **5p on Wednesday, July 10**. (The college is closed on Fridays during the summer)

- YES**, I am accepting my position in the SAU Tech LPN Program.
- YES**, I will be able to attend the required Allied Health SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration) event on Wednesday, July 17 @ 0900
- YES**, I understand that I must complete the prerequisites I am taking in the Summer of 2024 with a C or better and submit a new transcript to the nursing department.
- NO**, I am unable to attend the Nursing SOAR. I will call Shelley Young at 574-4475 or email at syoung@sautech.edu before **July 15 @ 5p** to schedule a SOAR date.
- NO**, I cannot attend nursing school at SAU Tech. Reason (optional):

Student's Printed Name

Date

Student's Signature

Please include a current e-mail address, _____, and at least one current and reliable phone number, _____.

Failure to submit this form or call the Nursing Office by the stated deadline will serve as a declination of this offer and an alternate will be selected.

Office Use Only

Date Received: _____
Initials: _____