Allied Health SOAR (Student Orientation And Registration) will be held Wednesday, 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 threat 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 attendance in school frequently reflects future attendance in the workplace. It is very important for nurses 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.

b. **There are limited exceptions to the Attendance Policy as there are no 'excused' absences** (this includes hospitalization, surgery, automobile accidents, death in the family or any other reason) because lost theory &/or clinical time cannot be made up. Limited exceptions fall under the Title IX Policy.

4) **Transportation & Travel:** It is very important for nursing students to have reliable transportation as well as a backup plan in case of problems. All students will not 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 and you will also be responsible for providing your own 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, it is very important for you 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-PN by September 30, 2024, 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 did not study enough. No one ever said it would be easy to become a nurse.

7) **Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN) Criminal Background Check:** In the last semester of the program, a Criminal Background Check is required by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. This background check will be state and federal and **will contain juvenile as well as 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.

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 as falsification of records and will be dismissed 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 certain criminal background issues. If a student is not allowed to perform the required clinical rotations, then 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, please contact the Dean of Allied Health's office at (870) 574-4475.

17-3-102. Licensing restrictions based on criminal records per the Arkansas State Board of Nursing https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/ACA17.3.102.pdf
(a) An individual is not eligible to receive or hold a license issued by a licensing entity if that individual has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of any of the following offenses by any court in the State of Arkansas or of any similar offense by a court in another state or of any similar offense by a federal court, unless the conviction was lawfully sealed under the Comprehensive Criminal Record Sealing Act of 2013, § 16-90-1401 et seq., or otherwise previously sealed, pardoned or expunged under prior law:

(1) Capital murder as prohibited in § 5-10-101;
(2) Murder in the first degree and second degree as prohibited in §§ 5-10-102 and 5-10-103;
(3) Manslaughter as prohibited in § 5-10-104;
(4) Negligent homicide as prohibited in § 5-10-105;
(5) Kidnapping as prohibited in § 5-11-102;
(6) False imprisonment in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-11-103;
(7) Permanent detention or restraint as prohibited in § 5-11-106;
(8) Robbery as prohibited in § 5-12-102;
(9) Aggravated robbery as prohibited in § 5-12-103;
(10) Battery in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-201;
(11) Aggravated assault as prohibited in § 5-13-204;
(12) Introduction of a controlled substance into the body of another person as prohibited in § 5-13-210;
(13) Aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer or an employee of a correctional facility as prohibited in § 5-13-211, if a Class Y felony;
(14) Terroristic threatening in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-13-301;
(15) Rape as prohibited in § 5-14-103;
(16) Sexual indecency with a child as prohibited in § 5-14-110, if the offense is a felony;
(17) Sexual extortion as prohibited in § 5-14-113;

(18) Sexual assault in the first degree, second degree, third degree, and fourth degree as prohibited in §§ 5-14-124 — 5-14-127;

(19) Incest as prohibited in § 5-26-202;

(20) Offenses against the family as prohibited in §§ 5-26-303 — 5-26-306;

(21) Endangering the welfare of an incompetent person in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-201;

(22) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-205;

(23) Permitting the abuse of a minor as prohibited in § 5-27-221;

(24) Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print media, transportation of minors for prohibited sexual conduct, pandering or possessing visual or print media depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, or use of a child or consent to use of a child in a sexual performance by producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child, as prohibited in §§ 5-27-303 — 5-27-305, 5-27-402, and 5-27-403;

(25) Possession or use of child sexual abuse material as prohibited in § 5-27-603;

(26) Computer exploitation of a child in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-27-605;

(27) Felony adult abuse as prohibited in § 5-28-103;

(28) Theft of property as prohibited in § 5-36-103;

(29) Theft by receiving as prohibited in § 5-36-106;

(30) Arson as prohibited in § 5-38-301;

(31) Burglary as prohibited in § 5-39-201;

(32) Felony violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, § 5-64-101 et seq., as prohibited in the former § 5-64-401, and §§ 5-64-419 — 5-64-442;

(33) Promotion of prostitution in the first degree as prohibited in § 5-70-104;

(34) Stalking as prohibited in § 5-71-229;

(35) Criminal attempt, criminal complicity, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy, as prohibited in §§ 5-3-201, 5-3-202, 5-3-301, and 5-3-401, to commit any of the offenses listed in this subsection and

(36) All other crimes referenced in this title.

(b)(1) If an individual has been convicted of a crime listed in subsection (a) or subsection (e) of this section, a licensing entity may waive disqualification or revocation of a license based on the conviction if a request for a waiver is made by:

(A) An affected applicant for a license; or

(B) The individual holding a license is subject to revocation.

(2) A basis upon which a waiver may be granted includes without limitation:

(A) The age at which the offense was committed;

(B) The circumstances surrounding the offense;

(C) The length of time since the offense was committed;

(D) Subsequent work history since the offense was committed;

(E) Employment references since the offense was committed;

(F) Character references since the offense was committed;

(G) Relevance of the offense to the occupational license; and

(H) Other evidence demonstrating that licensure of the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the public.

Instructions:

1) **CERTIFICATIONS:** American Heart Association's Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support (BLS/CPR) or American Red Cross Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers training is required for nursing students prior to 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**.
   - **It is your responsibility to obtain a current CPR certification if yours has expired or will expire during the program.**

2) **BOOKS:** Purchase of the required books can be done through the SAU Tech Bookstore. The bookstore is located in the Student Center (see map #14) and their phone number is 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 of the program 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.**
   - More information will be provided by the Dean of Allied Health 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. Every student will create an account with VerifyStudent for this criminal background check. *(See next page for instructions)*

***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.

- Have your credit card (Visa/MasterCard/American Express/Discover) information ready in order 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: **SOUTE8AF**

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 and paid for on the day of SOAR.

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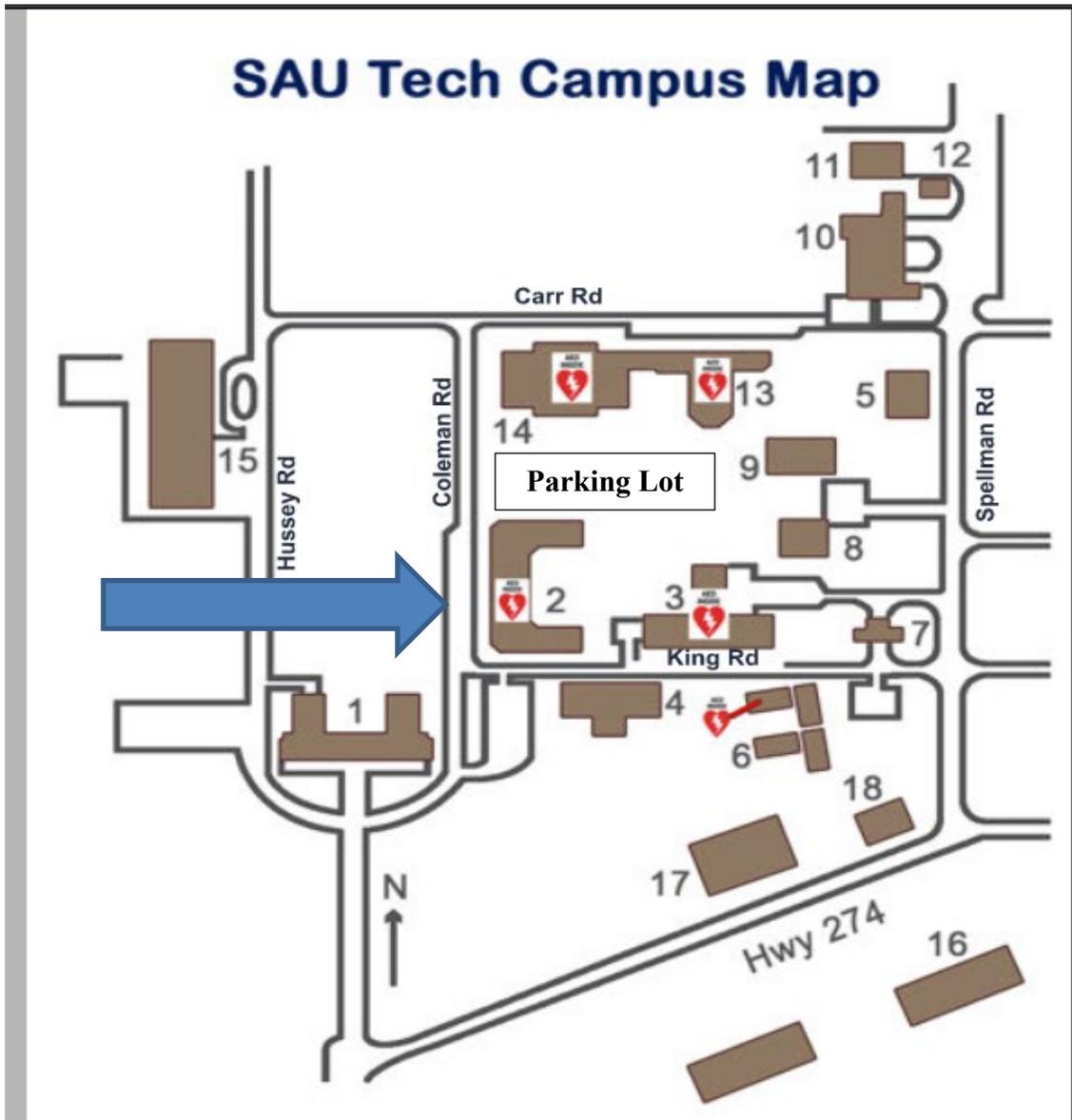
For Class: You will be **required** to purchase at least two (2) black scrub pants. Class is usually two (2) to three (3) days a week. You can purchase your black scrub pants from IHC or your vendor of choice. You may wear any type of shirt you choose to class.
(EX: SAU Tech Rocket T-shirt with your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

SAU TECH SCRUB PRICING		
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 Emborder $6/top	XXS-XL $34 2X-3X $36 4X-5X $40	
Cherokee Jacket CK303A	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 Emborder $6/top	XS-XL $37 2X-5X $40	
Cherokee Jacket CK305A Emborder $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	

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 is located. As well as the cafeteria.

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Please check the appropriate box(es) and sign below. E**mail 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/Paramedic to RN Program.

☐   **YES,** I will be able to attend the required Allied Health SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration) event on Tuesday, July 18 @ 0900

☐ **YES,** I understand that I must complete the prerequisites I am taking in the Summer of 2023 with a C or better and that I will be submitting a new transcript to the nursing department.

☐ **YES,** I understand that if I just graduated from the SAU Tech PN Program, I must take and pass my NCLEX-PN by September 22, 2023. If I fail my NCLEX exam, I will not be able to continue in the LPN/Paramedic to RN Program.

☐ **NO,** I am unable to attend the Nursing SOAR. I will call Shelley Young at 574-4475 or email at syoung@sautech.edu prior to **July 10 @ 5p** to schedule a SOAR date.

☐   **NO**, I will not be able to attend nursing school at SAU Tech. Reason (optional):

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_____   _____
Student's Printed Name   Date

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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: _____

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