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## Welcome & Purpose

The Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC) would like to welcome you to our website. ARNEC is a consortium of six community and technical colleges located in rural areas of Arkansas. ARNEC was created to provide LPN's/LPTN's/LVN's with the opportunity to take the next step towards advancing their careers in nursing by earning an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree, which prepares them to sit for the RN licensing exam, the NCLEX-RN. Many LPN's/LPTN's/LVN's have not taken this step yet because they were not able to stop working and travel to colleges that offered Registered Nurse (RN) completion programs. ARNEC was created to help rural nurses meet this need. ARNEC provides a way for Arkansas' higher education institutions to serve LPN's/LPTN's/LVN's who want to become RN's without leaving the communities in which they live and work .

## ARNEC Member Institutions

Click on the links below to access the homepage of any ARNEC Member Institution.

- [Arkansas State University - Newport \(ASU-N\)](#)
- [Black River Technical College - Pocahontas \(BRTC\)](#)
- [Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas - Nashville Campus \(CCCUA\)](#)
- [Ozarka College - Melbourne \(OC\)](#)
- [Rich Mountain Community College \(RMCC\)](#)
- [South Arkansas Community College - El Dorado \(SACC\)](#)

- [University of Arkansas Community College at Hope \(UACCH\)](#)
- [University of Arkansas Community College - Morrilton \(UACCM\)](#)

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