The following publicly available information is provided by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) concerning the accreditation of the associate degree nursing program at East Arkansas Community College, Forrest City, AR. Information presented below is in accordance with ACEN Policy #5 Notification of Commission Decisions. ACEN staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to the associate degree nursing program at East Arkansas Community College.

What is the accreditation status of the associate degree nursing program at East Arkansas Community College?

On September 8-10, 2021, the ACEN Board of Commissioners voted to deny initial accreditation to the associate degree nursing program at East Arkansas Community College.

The deadline for filing an intent to appeal the Commission’s decision expired on November 8, 2021. The decision to deny initial accreditation to the associate degree nursing program at East Arkansas Community College is the final accreditation decision.

Why did the ACEN Board of Commissioners vote to deny initial accreditation to the associate degree nursing program at East Arkansas Community College?

The ACEN Board of Commissioners voted to deny initial accreditation for failure to comply with Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.2, of the ACEN Standards and Criteria. Standard 6 expects that program evaluation demonstrates that students have achieved each end-of-program student learning outcome and each program outcome. Criterion 6.2 expects the program to demonstrate evidence of graduates’ achievement on the licensure examination. Access the ACEN Standards and Criteria to read the full text of the Standards and Criteria cited above.