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The College of Nursing and Health Sciences was created in 2006 by the merger of the School of Nursing and the School of Health Sciences. In support of the University's mission as a major urban research institution, the College offers programs of professional study in selected health professions.

The College offers a baccalaureate degree in Nursing. Master's degrees are offered in Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and Nursing, The Doctor of Philosophy is offered in Nursing and the Doctor of Physical Therapy is offered in Physical Therapy.

Students interested in the academic programs offered by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences are urged to contact the academic unit for guidance on admissions requirements, curriculum and career planning.

College Policies

Background checks and drug screenings

The practicum/field placement sites used by some of the programs in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences require the disclosure of conviction records for misdemeanors and/or felonies and current screening for drug use. Therefore, students are often required to submit to criminal background checks and drug screening tests prior to the initiation of the clinical education portion of their education. The student will be responsible for the financial cost of such screenings.

Findings in background checks and/or drug screening tests may affect a student's ability to participate in clinical experiences and complete the program, and/or obtain licensure or certification.

Standard disclaimer on policy/procedure changes

The programs, policies, requirements, and regulations listed in this catalog are continually subject to review in order to serve the needs of the University's and College's various publics and to respond to the mandates of the Florida Department of Education, Board of Governors, the Legislature, and other regulatory and accrediting agencies. Changes may be made without advance notice. Please refer to the General Information section for the University's policies, requirements, and regulations. Please refer to the College's website for the most recent information regarding program requirements, policies, and procedures.

Changes to the Curriculum Requirements

The curricula described in this catalog are continually subject to review in order to respond to the mandates of the Florida Department of Education, Board of Governors, and the Legislature. This is especially true for the programs that are subject to national accreditation requirements. University policy changes in curriculum may be made without advance notice.

Generally, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences makes every effort to minimize the impact of curriculum changes on currently enrolled students by stipulating that students complete the requirements of their degree program in effect at the time of admission or readmission to the program. In the event that this is not possible due to accreditation standards or the deletion of courses, students may be required to complete alternative degree requirements in order to graduate. Students should review their file to ensure that all documentation of changes is noted.