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The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, (202) 887-8476 and by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, 222 S. Prospect Ave., Suite 304, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068 (847-692-7050) and is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing (4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN CO2, Tallahassee, FL 32399, 850-245-4125).

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences also offers a Ph.D. in Nursing degree, as well as selected continuing education courses.

Master of Science in Nursing

The College offers a program of study leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree to prepare qualified professional nurses for advanced nursing roles in the care of adults, children, and families. The program offers clinical tracks in adult health nursing (AHN), psychiatric-mental health nursing (PMHN), family health nursing (FHN), child health nursing (CHN), and anesthesiology nursing (AN), and a track for the Nurse Executive (NE). The design of the program allows for the development of the nurse practitioner role, or the nurse anesthetist role.

Throughout the curriculum, students are guided in the process of self-development to pursue excellence in professional and scholarly endeavors. The program allows flexibility within the basic curricular structure through individualized learning experiences, electives, a thesis, masters paper, or research project, and the opportunity to investigate an area of interest in advanced study.

The curriculum model allows students to enroll on a full-time or part-time basis. The duration for the individual student study plan is determined in consultation with a faculty adviser and is based on the student's experiential background and goals. The program can be completed in 5-6 semesters of full-time study for the AHN, CHN, PMHN, FHN and NE tracks averaging 9-12 credit hours per semester. Part-time study can be completed in a variable time but not to exceed six years. The AN track requires seven semesters (full time only), varying from 7-16 credit hours per term.

Graduates are qualified to apply for ARNP licensure in Florida and are prepared to apply for certification as an advanced nurse practitioner in the chosen specialty area of anesthesiology, adult health, child health, family health, or psychiatric-mental health nursing.

Program Objectives

1. Provide comprehensive, specialized quality care to clients in various settings, incorporating theories and advanced knowledge into nursing practice.
2. Utilize critical thinking, therapeutic communication and appropriate teaching, management, consultative, and advanced clinical skills in the exercise of professional responsibilities.

3. Integrate developmental, cultural, spiritual, physiological, and psychosocial concepts in advanced professional role performance.
4. Investigate clinical problems and test theory, contributing to the theoretical basis of nursing and the specialty area.
5. Function as a leader and change agent in the health care and professional arena, enhancing improved delivery of health care and influencing health policy.
6. Demonstrate leadership in the development and implementation of professional standards and conduct.

5. Submit evidence of basic computer application (word processing) skills.
6. Have a faculty interview.
7. Provide the following:
 - a. Statement of philosophy of nursing and professional goals.
 - b. Letters of reference from: 1) a previous nursing faculty; 2) a current immediate supervisor; and 3) a co-worker.
8. For international students (graduates of foreign nursing schools) only:
 - a. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.
 - b. CGFNS certification of Florida RN license.
9. The Florida Board of Nursing and clinical agencies require the disclosure of conviction records for misdemeanors and/or felonies; therefore, this information will be required at the time of application. Applicants are required to submit to criminal background checks and drug testing. Expenses associated with background checks and drug testing (including repeat testing) are the responsibility of the student. Findings may affect a student's ability to participate in clinical experiences and complete the program, and/or obtain advanced licensure/certification.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

<u>FIU Course(s)</u>	<u>Equivalent Course(s)</u>
STA 3145	STA X014
CHM 1033/L	CHM X033
PCB 2099/L	BSC X085C
ZOO 3731/L	BSC X086C
MCB 2000/L	MCB X010C
DEP 2000	DEP X004
PSY 2012	PSY X012
HUN 2201	HUN X201

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Community College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <http://facts.org>. See Common Prerequisite Manual.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must:

1. Have completed a baccalaureate degree in nursing which is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Applicants with a baccalaureate degree from nursing programs without NLNAC or CCNE accreditation will be considered on an individual basis. RN applicants with an Associate Degree in Nursing and a baccalaureate degree in another field who are applying to the MSN program must have completed a non-nursing baccalaureate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher from a nationally accredited college or university.
2. Have evidence of a current RN licensure in Florida.
3. Have at least one year clinical nursing experience as an RN. For AN applicants, this experience must be in critical care.
4. Have completed introductory courses in statistics (3 credits), and basic health assessment (3 credits). RN (with a non-nursing baccalaureate degree) to MSN applicants must have completed the following: **Undergraduate courses with a grade of "C" or higher:**

Statistics	3
Chemistry & Lab	4
Human Anatomy/Physiology & Labs	8
Microbiology & Lab	4
Human Growth & Development	3
Psychology	3
Ethics	3
Nutrition	3

Program Policies

Nursing majors are responsible for transportation expenses related to clinical experiences. They are required to carry health and accident insurance. To safeguard the health of clients, nursing students are required to submit proof of immunizations upon entry into the nursing program. Students must submit proof of basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification (American Heart Association) prior to entering clinical courses in the nursing major. This CPR certification must cover the period of enrollment in the major.

In addition to graduate tuition and fees, NP and doctoral nursing students are charged a fee of \$105/credit for graduate nursing courses. The additional fee supports clinical instructional costs, testing preparation, and laboratory/technology supplies and costs. Contact the Office and Anesthesiology Nursing for information on AN fees.

The College reserves the right to terminate a student from the nursing program for reasons related to the inability to safely carry out professional responsibilities.

Application Process

Applicants must complete the following steps in order to be considered for admission:

1. Complete two applications as indicated and return to the appropriate offices:
 - a. Complete a FIU graduate admissions application online available at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>.
 - b. Complete an application for the graduate nursing major and send to College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, AHC-3, Room 127, 11200 SW 8th St., Miami, Florida

33181, telephone: (305) 348-7703. For admission to the MSN Anesthesiology Nursing track send application to: FIU College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, AHC-3, Room 342, 11200 SW 8th St., Miami, Florida, 33181, telephone: (305) 348-7747 (No service fee).

- Request an official transcript of records from each college or university attended for undergraduate and graduate work. A transcript must be sent to Florida International University, Office of Graduate Admissions, P.O. Box 659004, Miami, Florida 33265-9004.
- Schedule an interview with the Director for Admissions and Student Services (305) 348-7703. For applicants applying to the Anesthesiology Nursing clinical track, call (305) 348-7747. The interview is for the purpose of discussing the admission criteria and application process, and identifying deficiencies and transferable credits.
- Send three reference letters to the FIU College of Nursing. For AN applicants, the application materials must include a complete, comprehensive, and current curriculum vitae.
- Participate in an interview with a faculty member teaching in the graduate program. The interview is for the purpose of evaluating the educational goals, verifying application materials, reviewing admission criteria, identifying deficiencies and transferable credits, as well as projecting a tentative plan of study. The applicant should take an active role in the interview process to be informed about the program and the basis for the admission criteria.

Degree Requirements

- AHN, CHN, PMHN, or Nurse Executive Track: completion of 43 semester credits. The FHN Track is 47 credits. Minimum of 36-40 credits in nursing and 3-6 credits of non-nursing electives. The non-nursing electives are restricted to supporting courses for the specialty area.
- AN Track: completion of 71 semester credits as specified.
- Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master's paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits). Students electing a master's paper or research project must complete an additional three hours of cognate course(s).
- Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. See Graduate Catalog in University Graduate School Rules and Regulations for information on Academic Warning, Probation, and Dismissal.
- Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B-" or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.

With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades. Electives may be taken as pass/fail subject to the approval of the advisor.

NOTE: 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 updated information in nursing.

Curriculum

RN Baccalaureate Level Course Requirements: (12)

(For RN with BS/BA in another field)

NUR 3825	P.N. I: Socialization	3
NUR 4827	P.N.: Leadership	3
NUR 4636	Community Health Nursing	3
NUR 4636L	Community Health Clinical	3

MSN Level Course Requirements:

Graduate Nursing Core: (9)

NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3

Advanced Practice Nursing Core (AHN, AN, CHN, MHN, FHN Tracks): (9)

NGR 5035C	Advanced Client Assessment	3
NGR 5141	Pathophysiological Basis of ANP	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacological Concepts in ANP	3

Advanced Practice Nursing Core (NE Track): (9)

NGR 5720C	Org Dynamics of Nursing Systems	3
NGR 5871C	Nursing Informatics	3
NGR 6726C	Nursing Management and CQI	3

Nursing Specialty

Advanced Adult Health Nursing: (15)

NGR 6201C	Advanced Adult Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6201L	Advanced Adult Health Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6202C	Advanced Adult Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6202L	Advanced Adult Health Nursing Practice II	3
NGR 6209	Clinical Decision Making	3

Advanced Child Health Nursing: (12)

NGR 6301C	Advanced Child Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6301L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6302	Advanced Child Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6302L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice II	3

Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: (15)

Note: A moratorium has been placed on admissions to the Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Track.

NGR 6503	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6503L	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6504C	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6504L	Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice II	3
NGR 6538	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3

Advanced Family Health Nursing: (16)

NGR 6601C	Advanced Family Health Nursing I	4
NGR 6601L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice I	4
NGR 6602C	Advanced Family Health Nursing II	4
NGR 6602L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice II	4

***Advanced Family Health Nursing Sub-Specialty: (6)**

(Intensive Practicum in Specialized Area: Select One)

*Management of Persons with HIV/AIDS	6
*Management of Survivors of Domestic Violence	6
* Management of the Elderly	6

Nurse Executive: (8)

NGR 5723C	Advanced Nursing Administration I	4
NGR 6724C	Advanced Nursing Administration II	4

Anesthesiology Nursing: (45)

NGR 6421	Principles of Anesthesiology Nursing I	2
NGR 6400	Chemistry and Physics of Anesthesiology Nursing I	2
NGR 6460	Pharmacology of Anesthesiology Nursing I	1
NGR 6431L	Anesthesiology Nursing Practicum I	1
NGR 6404	Advanced Bioscience for Anesthesiology Nursing I	3
NGR 6422	Principles of Anesthesiology Nursing II	3
NGR 6461	Pharmacology of Anesthesiology Nursing II	2
NGR 6490	Regional Anesthesia	2
NGR 6401	Chemistry and Physics of Anesthesiology Nursing II	1
NGR 6432L	Anesthesiology Nursing Practicum II	2
NGR 6423	Principles of Anesthesiology Nursing III	2
NGR 6433L	Anesthesiology Nursing Practicum III	3
NGR 6405	Advanced Bioscience for Anesthesiology Nursing II	3
NGR 6434L	Anesthesiology Nursing Practicum IV	4
NGR 6424	Principles of Anesthesiology Nursing IV	2
NGR 6435L	Anesthesiology Nursing Practicum V	4
NGR 6436L	Anesthesiology Nursing Practicum VI	4
NGR 6437L	Anesthesiology Nursing Practicum VII	4

Role Development: (4)**Advanced Practice Nurse**

NGR 6700L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult Health Nursing Practice	4
	or	
NGR 6337L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice	4
	or	
NGR 6505L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice	4
	or	
NGR 6619L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice	4

Role Development**Nurse Anesthetist: (5)**

NGR 6493	Technology in Anesthesiology Nursing I	1
NGR 6492	Professional Aspects of Anesthesiology Nursing I	1
NGR 6491	Advanced Anesthesiology Nursing Seminar	3

Nursing Administration: (7)

NGR 6712C	Advanced Nursing Administration III	4
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NGR 6727	Issues & Strategies of Nursing Administration	3
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Nursing Education: (7)

NGR 6710	Role Synthesis in Nursing Education	4
NGR 6713	Curriculum Development in Nursing	3

Nurse Executive: (10)

NGR 6712L	Role Synthesis in Nursing Administration	4
HSA 6176	Financing and Reimbursement of Health Systems	3
PHC 6443	Ethical Issues	3

Research: (6)**Master's Thesis Option**

NGR 6970	MSN Thesis I	3
NGR 6971	MSN Thesis II	3

OR**Master's Paper Option**

NGR 6970	MSN Thesis I (Research Paper)	3
Elective		3

OR**Master's Project Option**

NGR 6910C	Research Project	3
Elective		3

MSN to Foreign-Educated Physician Track**Admission Requirements**

This eight semester Entry MSN-FEP track begins with admission to the upper division. Applicants who meet the following admission criteria will be admitted to the Graduate program with undergraduate status for the pre-licensure phase (Semesters 1-4). To be admitted as graduate student to the upper division pre-licensure phase of this program, students must:

1. Have completed a medical degree (MD) in a foreign country;
2. Have their transcript evaluated by Josef Silny & Associates;
3. Obtain a TOEFL score of 550 (or equivalent);
4. Meet entry requirements for computation and reading skills; and
5. Meet the admission criteria to be admitted to Florida International University.

To be admitted to the advanced practice nursing phase (Semesters 5-8) with graduate status, students must:

1. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, and
2. Be licensed as a registered nurse (RN)

Student who do not attain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher during the pre-licensure phase or who do not wish to continue in the Entry MSN-FEP program will continue undergraduate status, complete 9 undergraduate semester credit hours (NUR 4636 Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing and NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum), and graduate with a BSN degree. These students will take the NCLEX-RN at the completion of this semester.

Curriculum**Level 1: Semester I**

NUR 3027	Foundations of Nursing II	3
NUR 3027L	Foundations of Nursing II Clinical	6
NUR 3065C	Client Assessment	3

NUR 3805	Professional Nursing: Socialization	3
NGR 6192	Pharmacological Concepts in Advanced Nursing Practice	3

Level 2: Semester II

NUR 3226	Nursing Care of Adults I	3
NUR 3226L	Nursing Care of Adults I Clinical	3
NUR 3227	Nursing Care of Adults II	3
NUR 3227L	Nursing Care of Adults II Clinical	3
NGR 5141	Pathophysiological Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3

Level 3: Semester III

NUR 3535	Psychosocial Nursing	3
NUR 3535L	Psychosocial Nursing Clinical	3
NUR 4827	Professional Nursing: Leadership	3
NUR 4286	Nursing Care of Older Adults	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods	3

Level 4: Semester IV

NUR 4455	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing	3
NUR 4455L	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical	3
NUR 4355	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing	3
NUR 4355	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical	3
NUR 4940	Senior Clinical Synthesis	3

Level 5: Semester V

NUR 4636	Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing	3
NGR 5604	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5035C	Advanced Client Assessment	3
NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3

Nursing Specialty**Advanced Adult Health Nursing**

NGR Elective		3
NGR 6201C	Advanced Adult Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6201L	Advanced Adult Health Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6202C	Advanced Adult Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6202L	Advanced Adult Health Nursing Practice II	3

OR**Advanced Child Health Nursing**

NGR 6301C	Advanced Child Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6301L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice I	3
NGR 6302	Advanced Child Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6302L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice II	3
NGR Elective		3

OR**Advanced Family Health Nursing**

NGR 6601C	Advanced Family Health Nursing I	4
NGR 6601L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice I	4
NGR 6602C	Advanced Family Health Nursing II	4
NGR 6602L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice II	4
NGR Elective		3

Role Development

NGR 6910C	Research Project	3
NGR 6700L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult	

	Health Nursing Practice	4
	or	
NGR 6337L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice	4
	or	
NGR 6619L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice	4

RN-BSN-MSN

The RN-BSN-MSN requires a minimum of 120 semester hours of credit for completion of the BSN portion. In addition to 60 transferable lower division semester hour credits, the degree requirements include a 30 semester-hour core, a 30 semester-hour clinical proficiency evaluation (completed by equivalency exams), 3 semester hours of statistics, 3 semester hours of intercultural communication, and 8-10 semester hours of a foreign language.

Students must complete the University Core Curriculum, CLAS and Equivalency Exams and be admitted to the Graduate Nursing Program prior to enrollment in Level III courses.

Applicants to the Graduate Nursing Program must meet admission criteria for the FIU Graduate School and Graduate Nursing Program. Students must be admitted to the MSN graduate nursing program prior to taking Pathophysiological Basis of ANP, and Research Methods in Nursing courses. Students who are not admitted to the Graduate Nursing Program will complete NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum for the BSN degree; those admitted to the Graduate Nursing Program will not take this course.

Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Transfer

Degree seeking applicants with fewer than 60 semester hours of transfer credit must satisfy the same admission requirements as beginning freshmen. Graduates of diploma nursing programs who do not have transferable college credit will be required to complete the lower division credit requirements. See a nursing advisor (305) 348-7703 in the Office of Admissions and Student Services for program information.

For admission to the RN-BSN-MSN track a student must:

1. Be licensed by the State of Florida as a Registered Nurse (RN).
2. Have achieved passing scores on the CLAST or be exempted from the CLAST through academic performance in selected courses.
3. Complete:
 - a) Florida mandated Gordon Rule requirements; and
 - b) University Core Curriculum requirements; and
 - c) nursing major prerequisites.
4. Have completed at least 60 transferable credits of academic course work with a GPA of at least 3.0 from a regionally accredited college or university.
5. Have completed the required Excelsior equivalency examinations with a grade of "C" or better.
6. International students must submit a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
7. See Generic BSN for program policies.

Advanced Placement and Progression of RNs

Each applicant's educational record is individually evaluated by the nursing unit. To progress through the curriculum, the RN must successfully complete prerequisite, co-requisite and required courses recommended in the curriculum plan in effect upon admission. Transition to Professional Nursing and PN I: Socialization, may be taken while completing prerequisites. Advanced placement in both nursing and non-nursing courses is facilitated by earning credits through examination, i.e., challenge or equivalency exams such as CLEP or through Excelsior College. RNs must have one year clinical nursing experience prior to taking NUR 4636, NUR 4636L, and NUR 4945L. RNs in this track complete three graduate level courses (Advanced Client Assessment, Pathophysiological Basis of ANP and Research Methods in Nursing) while taking BSN courses.

Curriculum

Level I:

NUR 3081	Transition to Professional Nursing	3
NUR 3805	P.N. I: Socialization	3
STA 3145*	Statistics for the Health Professions	3
COM 3461	Intercultural/Interracial Communication	3
NUR 3226/3227	Adult Physiological Nursing (E.E.)	12
NUR 3535	Psychosocial Nursing (E.E.)	6
NUR 4355	Childrearing (E.E.)	6
NUR 4455	Childbearing (E.E.)	6

Level II**:

NUR 4827	PN: Leadership	3
NGR 5141	Pathophysiological Basis of ANP	3

Level III:

NGR 5035C	Advanced Client Assessment	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3
NUR 4636	Community Health Nursing	3
NUR 4636L	Community Health Clinical	3
NUR 4945L***	Senior Clinical Practicum	6

*Substitute an Upper Division Elective if Statistics was taken at the lower division.

**Students must apply to the MSN program at this point; Applicants must have a 3.2 GPA to be admitted to the MSN program.

***Applicants admitted to the Graduate Nursing Program will substitute graduate nursing practicum credits for NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum.

See University catalog/nursing advisor for pre-and-co-requisite courses.

Ph.D. in Nursing

The Ph.D. in Nursing program is designed to prepare its graduates for leadership roles and research careers in academia, the health care industry, and government and private organizations focused on health care. The program purpose is to develop individuals who will be leaders in generating and applying the science needed to guide nursing practice, and who have the knowledge and skills to direct and guide application of other evidence-based health care findings to improve the health of people from diverse cultures. Students in the program will pursue individualized courses of study under the mentorship of research active faculty. A major program emphasis is the

preparation of Ph.D. educated minority nursing leaders and focused research on health issues for minority and underserved populations. There are two tracks in the PhD in Nursing, MSN to PhD and BSN to PhD.

Admission Requirements MSN to PhD Track

A prospective student must meet all admission requirements stipulated in the University's Graduate Policies and Procedures. Additional requirements are as follows:

1. A master's degree in nursing from an accredited institution.
2. A master's program grade point average (GPA) of 3.3/4.0 or higher.
3. A combined score of 1120 or higher on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). *The GRE must have been taken within the last 5 years of the date postmarked on the application. If the GRE was taken prior to 5 years and the combined score is high, call the College's Doctoral Program Office to determine if a waiver is possible.*
4. Three letters of recommendation from academic and professional references.
5. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 overall on the IELTS is required.
6. A statement of the applicant's goals for pursuing the PhD degree in nursing. This statement must be prepared in typed, double-spaced, narrative format of no more than 500 words, using Times New Roman or Arial 12 Font.
7. Current Registered Nurse (RN) licensure or RN licensure with Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) certification in the State of Florida if applicable. The license must remain current throughout the program. Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in Florida is waived for international students.
8. Current professional liability insurance. The graduate student must maintain liability insurance throughout the program.
9. A satisfactory interview by members of the College's Doctoral Program Admissions Committee. The Committee will examine the credentials of all applicants.

Admission Requirements BSN to PhD Track

Prospective student must meet all admissions requirements stipulated in the University's Graduate Policies and Procedures. Additional requirements are as follows:

1. An overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
2. Curriculum Vita
3. Evidence of scholarship in nursing science, for example: Term paper/special project report; research report; published article or manuscript submitted for publication
4. Demonstrated computer proficiency in word processing and electronic library searches
5. All admission criteria listed in items 3 to 9 for MSN to PhD in Nursing (above).

Application Process

Applicants must complete the following steps in order to be considered for admission:

1. Complete two applications as indicated and return to the appropriate offices to avoid unnecessary delay in the review process.
 - a. Complete a graduate admissions application online available at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>.
 - b. Application for admission for Ph.D. in Nursing program to: FIU College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, AHC-3, Room 127, 11200 SW 8th St., Miami, Florida 33181. (No service fee).
2. Request an official transcript of records from each college or university attended for undergraduate and graduate work. Transcripts must be sent to both 1) FIU, Office of Graduate Admissions, P.O. Box 659004, Miami, Florida 33265-9004 and 2) the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Admissions Office.
3. Submit the required documents (transcripts, GRE scores, TOEFL scores if applicable, letters of recommendation, statement of goals, RN licensure, liability insurance) for admission evaluation. The application and required documents do not have to be sent to the University Graduate Admissions Office or the College Admissions Office as one package; however, all required documents **MUST** be received on or before the deadline date.
4. The application file must be complete before the College's Doctoral Program Committee will consider the applicant for admission. The application and supporting documents must be received on or before June 1 for Fall admission, October 1 for Spring admission, and March 1 for Summer admission. If the application and supporting documents are not received by the appropriate deadline, the application will be considered for admission for the following term.

General Degree Requirements

1. Achievement of an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. A cumulative GPA of less than 3.0 will place the student on probation for one semester, and she/he may be subject to dismissal if the 3.0 GPA requirement is not met after the probationary period.
2. Removal of all conditions, deficiencies, and incomplete grades. With the exception of doctoral dissertation courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "B-" or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.
3. Student is expected to complete the dissertation five (5) years from the date of advancement to candidacy (i.e., successful completion of written and oral examinations, favorable recommendation of supervisory/guidance committee, and an approved dissertation proposal).
4. All requirements must be completed within nine years of first enrollment in the doctoral program.

Curriculum MSN to PhD Track: (60 Credits)

The MSN to PhD track requires completion of 60 credit hours of coursework and dissertation credits. The program can be completed in 4 years of full-time study.

The track requires completion of the following courses: A research sequence (1 course on knowledge development, 2 courses in research methods and design, 2 courses in statistics, and 3 one-credit courses on grantsmanship); research in health care for multicultural, diverse and vulnerable populations; academic, health care and political systems: function, structure, leadership and survival; accessing, managing, and packaging information; and 3 cognate courses in a specific knowledge area.

Core Knowledge: (12)

NGR 6123	Knowledge Development in Nursing Science	3
NGR 7736	Academic, Health Care, and Political Systems: Function, Structure, Leadership, and Survival	3
NGR 7830	Research in Health Care for Multicultural, Diverse, and Vulnerable Populations	3
NGR 7873	Accessing, Managing and Packaging Information	3

Research Methods and Design: (9)

NGR 6800	Advanced Nursing Research Methods I: Design and Sampling	3
NGR 6801	Advanced Nursing Research Methods II: Measurement and Dissemination	3
NGR 6815	Qualitative Methods	3
or		
PHC 6710	Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health	3

Statistics: (6)

PHC 6718	Quantitative Research Analysis in Health and Urban Affairs II	3
xxxx	Statistics Elective	3

Grantsmanship: (3)

NGR 6917	Grantsmanship I	1
NGR 6918	Grantsmanship II	1
NGR 6919	Grantsmanship III	1

Cognate Electives: (6)

(Electives by advisement)

Dissertation: (24)

NGR 7980	Dissertation I	3
NGR 7981	Dissertation II	21

Curriculum BSN to PhD Track (97 credits)

The BSN to PhD track builds on student's general nursing knowledge and skills at the baccalaureate level and provides a course of study for advanced nursing practice at the master's level. The curriculum includes master's level courses designed to prepare students for advanced practice roles and provide the foundation from which students can engage in a program of intellectual inquiry at the doctoral level. If a student in the BSN-PhD track desires specialty certification (e.g., adult nurse practitioner), all required course work and clinical practice must be completed for that clinical specialty. Students will receive the MSN degree upon completion of the first 5 semesters of full time study described in the program.

progression plan. The program can be completed in 4 ½ - 5 years of full-time study or 6-7 years of part-time study.

The BSN-PhD in Nursing track requires a minimum of 97 credits, including 9 credits of MSN core, 9 credits of APN (Advanced Practice Nursing) core; 16 credits of nursing specialty; 12 credits of core knowledge (scientific inquiry & nursing science, cultural competence in research, information management), 6 credits of statistics, 9 credits of advanced research methods, 3 credits of grantsmanship, 6 credits of cognate electives, and a minimum of 24 credit hours of dissertation.

MSN Core: (9)

NGR 5110	Theories of Nursing	3
NGR 5604	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3

APN Core: (9)

NGR 5035C	Advanced Client Assessment	3
NGR 5141	Pathophysiological Basis of ANP	3
NGR 6192	Pharmacological Concepts in ANP	3

Clinical Nursing Specialty/EDU/ADM: (16)

AHN/CHN/FNP/PMHN/Anesthesia/ADM clinical track courses. Note: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Nurse Anesthesia tracks require greater than 16 clinical track credits to meet accreditation and certification requirements for clinical contact hours.

Core Knowledge: (12)

NGR 6123	Knowledge Development in Nursing Science	3
NGR 7736	Academic, Health Care, and Political Systems: Function, Structure, Leadership, and Survival	3
NGR 7830	Research in Health Care for Multicultural, Diverse, and Vulnerable Populations	3
NGR 7873	Accessing, Managing and Packaging Information	3

Statistics: (6)

PHC 6718	Quantitative Research Analysis in Health and Urban Affairs II	3
PHC 7719	Quantitative Multivariate Analysis in Health Sciences Research (or equivalent by advisement)	3

*Has a pre-requisite of introductory statistics

Research Methods and Design: (9)

NGR 6800	Advanced Nursing Research Methods I	3
NGR 6801	Advanced Nursing Research Methods II	3
NGR 6815	Qualitative Methods	3

Grantsmanship: (3)

NGR 6917	Grantsmanship I	1
NGR 6918	Grantsmanship II	1
NGR 6919	Grantsmanship III	1

Research Paper: Candidacy Exam: (3)

NGR 6910C	Research Project or equivalent	
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Cognate Electives: (6)

(Electives by advisement)

Dissertation (24)

NGR 7980	Dissertation I	3
NGR 7981	Dissertation II	21