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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, B1N 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 is structured so that students will complete the program in 6 semesters (2 years) only with credits varying from 6-11 credit hours per semester. Courses are offered online or on ground allowing students...
flexibility. 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

The objectives of the MSN program are to prepare graduates as:

1. Leaders and change agents in the delivery of high-quality, accessible, culturally competent healthcare in a global society.
2. Professional advanced practice nurses who use communication, collaboration, and synthesis of evidence-based practice, scholarship, and research in the delivery of health care for global health systems.
3. Facilitators in designing inter-professional healthcare teams, who use an understanding of organization and environment, and are able to integrate care services across global health systems.
4. Critical thinkers, who use scientific evidence, patient culture, values, and preferences to investigate clinical problems and translate evidence into safe, cost effective innovative practice that adheres to the ethical tradition of nursing.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

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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://www.flvc.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 to the Anesthesiology Nursing (AN) clinical track who have a non-nursing baccalaureate are eligible for admission through the MSN bridge program. Contact the Office of Anesthesiology Nursing for specific details. RN applicants (with a baccalaureate degree in another field) 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. Anesthesia applicants must have at least one year clinical nursing experience as an RN. This experience must be in critical care.
4. Have completed introductory courses in statistics (3 credits), and basic health assessment (3 credits). 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. These RN applicants must have completed undergraduate courses with a grade of “C” or higher: 4 credits each of human anatomy & lab, human physiology & lab, microbiology & lab, and survey of chemistry & lab; and 3 credits each of human growth & development, statistics, psychology, principles of nutrition, and ethics.
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) of 550 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 or 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.

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 to 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](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 33199, 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, 33199, telephone: (305) 348-7747 (No service fee).

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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**

1. 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.

2. AN Track: completion of 71 semester credits as specified.

3. 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).

4. 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.

5. 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:**

(10)

(For RN with BS/BA in another field)

- NUR 3119 Professional Nursing: Concepts and Issues 3
- NUR 3668 Nursing Leadership in Global Health Care 3
- NUR 4636C Care of Families: Community Health Nursing 4

**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 in Advanced Adult Health Nursing 3
Advanced Child Health Nursing: (15)
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 6337 Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Child Health Nursing 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
NGR 6727 Issues & Strategies of Nursing Administration 3

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) Elective 3
OR
Master's Project Option
NGR 6910C Research Project 3
Elective 3

Combined BSN/MSN for Foreign-Educated Physician Track

Admission Requirements
The Combined BSN/MSN track is a pathway for foreign-educated physicians (FEPs) from culturally diverse backgrounds to:

- obtain the BSN degree
- become Registered Nurses (RNs)
- attain the MSN degree
- become eligible to take the Advanced Registered Nurse Practice (ARNP) national certification exam

The combined BSN/MSN track is an accelerated program that builds upon the knowledge and skills of the
social and physical sciences from a prior BS degree. It is comprised of 63 upper division credits and 43-47 graduate credits, totaling 105 to 109 credit hours. Admission to the MSN component is contingent upon meeting the MSN admission requirements.

To be admitted to the BSN/MSN track, students must:

1. Have completed a medical degree from an accredited non-US university;
2. Have transcripts evaluated by Josef Silny & Associates or by an equivalent transcript evaluation company;
3. Obtain a TOEFL score of 550;
4. Meet nursing entry requirements for computation and reading skills;
5. Meet the admission criteria to be admitted to the University and to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; and
6. Successfully complete the following nursing prerequisites (with grade of 'C' or above): statistics, human growth & development across the life span, human nutrition, anatomy & physiology, microbiology, chemistry. Transcripts will be evaluated by CNHS.

To advance to the MSN component of this track, (Semesters V-VIII), students must:

1. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above for Semesters I to IV; and
2. Be licensed as a registered nurse (RN) by the end of Semester V.

**Degree Conferrals**

Students enrolled in the MSN component must apply to graduate with the MSN during the 4th week of semester VI; BSN degree will be awarded at the end of semester VI. Students must apply for graduation from the BSN by 4th week of semester VI and will be eligible for a BSN degree at the end of semester VI.

**BSN Stop-out Options**

1. **Low GPA Stop-out Option:** Students with <3.2 cumulative GPA for Semesters I to IV will take NUR 4636C (Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing, 4 credits) and NUR 4945L (Senior Clinical Practicum, 4 credits) in Semester V. BSN degree will be awarded at the end of semester V or semester VI depending on availability of NUR 4945L. Students must apply for graduation of the BSN component by the 4th week of the semester they intend to graduate.

2. **Failure to Pass NCLEX Stop-out Option:** Students not passing NCLEX-RN by the end of Semester V will take NUR 4945L (Senior Clinical Practicum, 4 credits) in Semester VI. BSN degree will be awarded at the end of semester VI. Students must apply for graduation of the BSN component by the 4th week of the semester they intend to graduate.

**Curriculum**

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**Failure to Pass NCLEX Stop-out Option:** Students must pass the NCLEX during semester V. Students not passing the NCLEX-RN by the end of semester V will take NUR 4945L (Senior Clinical Practicum, 4 credits) in semester VI and will be eligible for a BSN degree at the end of semester VI.

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Eligible to take ARNP National Certification Exam after completion of semester VIII. Students must apply for graduation from MSN at the beginning of semester VIII.

*All students must have a majority of ARNP preceptors in all NP practicum courses.

Repeating Nursing Courses and Dismissal

A grade of "C" or better in all NUR courses and a grade of "B" or better in all NGR courses is necessary for continuing in the combined BSN/MSN track. A course in the BSN/MSN track can be repeated only once. If a student fails the same NUR course twice, or two NUR clinical and/or clinical-related courses, or two NGR courses, he/she will be dismissed from the BSN/MSN for FEP track.

RN-BSN-MSN

The RN-BSN-MSN requires a minimum of 120 credits for completion of the BSN portion. In addition to 60 transferable lower division credits, the degree requirements include a 24 credit nursing core, a 30 credit clinical proficiency evaluation (completed by equivalency exams), 4 credits of human anatomy & lab, human physiology & lab, microbiology & lab, and survey of chemistry & lab; and 3 credits each of human growth & development, statistics, psychology, principles of nutrition, ethics, and intercultural communication. No more than six (6) transferable credits from other nursing baccalaureate programs will be accepted for the BSN portion of the program of study.

Each applicant's educational record is individually evaluated by the nursing unit. To progress through the curriculum, the RN must successfully complete prerequisite, corequisite and required courses for the curriculum plan in effect at the time of admission.

Students must complete the University Core Curriculum, CLAS and Equivalency Exams and be admitted to the MSN Program prior to enrollment in Level III courses. Applicants must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA to be admitted to the MSN Program and must meet admission criteria for the FIU Graduate School and MSN Program. Students must be admitted to the MSN program prior to taking Pathophysiological Basis of ANP, Theories in Nursing, and Advanced Client Assessment courses.

RNs must have one year clinical nursing experience and obtain professional liability insurance prior to registering for NUR 4636C and/or NUR 4945L.

Admission Requirements

Degree seeking applicants with fewer than 60 semester hours of transfer credit must satisfy the same admission requirements as beginning freshmen. 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 submitted the required applications and official transcripts to FIU and CNHS.

3. Have completed a) Florida mandated Gordon Rule requirements; b) CLAS competencies; c) University Core Curriculum requirements; d) University foreign language requirement; and e) nursing major prerequisites.
4. Have completed at least 60 transferable credits of academic course work with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 from a regionally accredited college or university.
5. Have completed the required Excelsior equivalency examinations with a grade of "C" or better.
6. 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) of 550 or for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A total score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL or 6.5 on the IELTS is required.
   b. CGFNS certification on Florida RN licensure.
7. See Generic BSN for program policies related to background checks, immunizations, health requirements, and CPR.

Advanced Placement of RNs

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 Excelsior College examinations (Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing, Adult Health Nursing, and Maternal-Child Nursing) with a grade of "C" or better.

RNs who are admitted to the MSN program complete three graduate level courses (Advanced Client Assessment, Pathophysiological Basis of ANP and Theories in Nursing) while taking BSN courses. Applicants admitted to the MSN program will substitute graduate nursing practicum credits for NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum. Students who are not admitted to the MSN program will complete NUR 3666 Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care and NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum for the BSN degree.

Curriculum

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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 Ph.D. 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. (Verbal and Quantitative) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. 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 Ph.D. 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 3.3 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. Applicants, whose native language is not English, must take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and obtain a minimum of 80 on the iBT TOEFL (equivalent to 550 on the paper based version).
6. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for admissions into the Ph.D. in Nursing Program. The GRE must have been taken within the last 5 years of the date postmarked on the application.
7. Three letters of recommendation from academic and professional references.
8. A statement of the applicant’s goals for pursuing the Ph.D. 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.
9. Current Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in the State of Florida. License must remain current throughout the program.
10. Current professional liability insurance. The graduate student must maintain liability insurance throughout the program.
11. A satisfactory interview by members of the College’s Doctoral Program Admissions Committee. The
Committee will examine the credentials of all applicants.

**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](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 33199. (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: (57 Credits)**

The MSN to PhD track requires completion of 57 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, 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.

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**Curriculum BSN to Ph.D. Track (Minimum of 88 credits)**

The BSN to Ph.D. 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- Ph.D. 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- Ph.D. in Nursing track requires a minimum of 88 credits, including 6 credits of MSN core, 9 credits of APN (Advanced Practice Nursing) core; 12-16 credits of nursing specialty; 4 credits of role development; 12 credits of core knowledge (scientific inquiry & nursing science, cultural competence in research), 6 credits of statistics, 9 credits of advanced research methods, 6 credits of grantsmanship, 6 credits of cognate electives, and a minimum of 18 credit hours of dissertation.

**MSN Core: (6)**
- 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: (12)**
AHL/CHN/FNP/PMHN/ADM clinical track courses. Note: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Nurse Anesthesia tracks require greater than 12 clinical track credits to meet accreditation and certification requirements for clinical contact hours.

**Role Development: (4)**
- NGR 6700L Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult Health Nursing Practice 4
- NGR 6337L Role Synthesis in Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice 4
- NGR 6505L Role Synthesis in Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice 4
- NGR 6619L Role Synthesis in Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice 4

**Core Knowledge: (12)**
- NGR 6123 Knowledge Development in Nursing Science 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: (6)**
- NGR 6917 Grantsmanship I 3
- NGR 6918 Grantsmanship II 3

**Cognate Electives: (6)**
(Electives by advisement)

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**Dissertation (18)**
- NGR 7980 Dissertation I 3-18

**Examinations**
A student must successfully complete the following written examination and oral defenses in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Ph.D. degree in Nursing:

1. **Candidacy Examination:** The purpose of the Candidacy Examination is to demonstrate the student’s ability to 1) synthesize knowledge in the student’s research (substantive and methods) and cognate areas; 2) visualize the long-term development of a program of research in the defined area; and 3) place the planned dissertation research in the context of that program of research and the area of knowledge. Upon successfully passing the written and oral Candidacy Examination and completing all required coursework, the student is admitted to Dissertation Candidacy. The Candidacy Examination is held after completion of course work requirements as represented in the student’s Plan of Study, and prior to the Defense of the Dissertation Proposal.

2. **Dissertation Proposal Defense:** The proposal defense must be completed after the student has identified the major substantive and methodological issues of the research problem and the proposal is written in excellent form. The Proposal should consist of:
   - An introduction to research problem, with a statement of the research question or hypothesis;
   - A review of relevant literature sufficient to provide context for the research problem as well as a review of literature focused on the specific question to be examined;
   - A description of the research methods to be utilized in answering the research question, including a complete definition of the data to be collected and extant data bases that could be used; and
   - A list of references.

The proposal oral defense must be successfully completed and approved by the Dissertation Committee prior to the defense of the dissertation.

3. **Dissertation Defense:** All Committee members must preliminarily approve the Dissertation document before the student can apply for Dissertation Defense. By their signatures, Committee members certify that the Dissertation is ready for Defense.

The student should consult with his/her chairperson on the format and the time parameters of the oral Defense. After the Committee determines that the Defense was successful, the student should obtain signatures of all Committee members on the required form. Students should become familiar with the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Ph.D. in Nursing Policies and Procedures at [http://cnhs.fiu.edu/](http://cnhs.fiu.edu/) and the University Graduate School’s regulations and deadlines at [http://gradschool.fiu.edu](http://gradschool.fiu.edu).

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**Doctor of Nursing Practice**
The Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a program of graduate doctoral study for the registered nurse with specialty preparation in advanced nursing practice. The DNP program of study builds upon the clinical track with credit hours.
specialization to include study of: advanced specialty practice; systematic practice and program outcome evaluation; application of health information resources; development of safe, equitable, and cost effective health policy; innovation, implementation and evaluation of care delivery models; leadership development in health care delivery and clinical expertise for advanced nursing practice and education. The goals of the DNP program are to prepare nurses for leadership roles in a specialized area of advanced nursing practice with an emphasis on: philosophical, ethical, and scientific principles that provide the foundation for leadership in professional nursing care; continued acquisition of knowledge and clinical skills in an area of advanced practice specialization; and leadership and clinical expertise in healthcare delivery, evaluation, quality improvement and advanced practice nursing education.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the DNP Program is competitive and is based on evaluations of the applicant’s abilities, past performance, recommendations and match of FIU’s DNP Program goals with the applicant’s professional practice goals. In addition to the general FIU graduate admission requirements, applicants to the DNP Program must meet the following requirements:

- One official transcript from each college/university attended and reflecting a minimum MSN grade point average of 3.25;
- Official GRE scores (verbal and quantitative);
- Master’s degree or Post Master’s Certificate in Advanced Practice Nursing specialty role (e.g. ANP, CRNA, CNM, FNP, PNP, CNS) from an accredited institution;
- Florida licensure as an ARNP;
- Full and accurate disclosure regarding licensure issues, professional practice disciplinary actions, behavioral or academic misconduct at an educational institution, and charges/convictions of a criminal offense;
- Proof of Advanced Practice Specialty Certification;
- Completion of the CNHS DNP Program Application available on the College of Nursing and Health Science web site;
- An essay (500 words) addressing desired focus and areas of interest for practice in DNP Program;
- A personal interview with members of the College DNP Admissions Committee;
- Three professional recommendations describing the applicant’s ability to be successful in a DNP program;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- If selected for admission, completion of College requirements for criminal background investigation and drug screening prior to enrollment.

Degree Requirements

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice requires completion of a minimum of 42 credits (beyond a Master of Science in Nursing) and a Capstone Project. DNP students will be expected to progress in their plan of study and demonstrate satisfactory attainment of course objectives and terminal program competencies. All course work must be completed with a minimum grade of "B" or "Pass" for non-letter grade courses. Clinical performance in residency must be evaluated at a satisfactory level and

completed with a grade of "Pass." The Capstone Project must be approved by the DNP Project Committee. A successful public presentation and defense of the DNP Capstone Project is also required.

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(Choice areas: clinical, education, systems/administration)

Students are expected to attend Fall, Spring and Summer semesters, for a total of 6 consecutive semesters, in order to complete the program in 2 years.

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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.