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The Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers a professional program of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, (202) 887-8476, and is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing (4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN CO2, Tallahassee, FL 32399, 850-245-4125). The program is open to generic (basic) and RN students. The generic BSN program includes a track for foreign-educated physicians who have previous knowledge and skills in the health care field. Upon graduation, generic students are eligible to write the NCLEX examination to become registered nurses.

The Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences also offers a Master of Science degree in Nursing, a Ph.D. in Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice degree as well as selected continuing education courses.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of the BSN, graduates will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge from nursing and related disciplines in the provision of care to clients within the health-illness continuum throughout the life span.
2. Utilize creative leadership to promote quality health care and patient safety in a rapidly changing multicultural, multiethnic, and global environment.
3. Synthesize and apply evidence and research findings from nursing and from other disciplines to improve or change nursing practice.
4. Use appropriate and current technology and skills in the delivery of safe and effective patient care.
5. Function as an advocate and change agent in influencing healthcare policies, delivery, economics, and health disparities to improve the quality of health care for diverse populations.
6. Collaborate and communicate with members of the health care team in the delivery of individualized, cost-effective and ethical health care services.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of accountability, responsibility, values, and standards of moral, ethical, and legal conduct that impact on the role and practice of the professional nurse.

8. Utilize theoretical knowledge and clinical competencies in caring for culturally diverse populations in a variety of clinical settings.

Program Policies

Students who enter FIU without an Associate of Arts (AA) degree, transfer from out-of-state, or transfer from a private community college must meet the FIU core curriculum requirements. See a nursing advisor (305) 348-7703 in the Office of Student Services for admission information.

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 health examination and 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.

The Florida Board of Nursing and clinical agencies require the disclosure of arrest and conviction records for misdemeanors and/or felonies; therefore, this information will be required at the time of application. Applicants are required to submit proof of health examination and 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.

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.

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.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)-
Generic Track

Degree Program Hours: 124

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the nursing major must submit an application for admission to the University and must follow the regular University procedures. Applicants must also complete a nursing major application. Applicants must be admitted to the University before admission to the nursing major. All admission documents must be submitted and courses must be completed by March 15 preceding the Fall admission. Students interested in the nursing major should contact the College to make an appointment with the Office of Student Services as early as possible. The College is located on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-7703, or call the Biscayne Bay Campus for the Foreign-Educated Physician to BSN track, (305) 919-4421.

The generic BSN track is a limited enrollment program and admission is competitive based on previous academic performance. To be admitted to the program, applicants must:

1. Have an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher, with no repeats in science courses due to failure;
2. Have completed science courses within the past 10 years;
3. Have met all the lower division requirements including a grade of “C” for all nursing pre-requisite courses;
4. Completed 60 semester hours;
5. Have met entry requirements for computation and reading skills; and
6. Be recommended for admission by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

A criterion-based point system is used for admission evaluation of applicants to the generic BSN program. Contact an advisor for information on the point system. Applicants must apply by the published deadline to be considered for admission. Once a class fills, there are no deferred admissions. Previous applicants who wish to be considered for admission in the next application cycle must submit a new application, along with any supporting documentation. For applicants to the Foreign-Educated Physician-BSN track and the RN-BSN-MSN, see admission requirements for these tracks.

Lower Division Preparation

Transfer students who have been awarded an Associate of Arts degree from a Florida (public) community college or a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited regional institution or FIU core students must successfully complete the following prerequisites for the FIU nursing program:

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

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Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Florida 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.

Course Credits

Statistics 3
Chemistry & Lab 5
Human Anatomy/Physiology & Labs 8
Microbiology & Lab 4
Human Growth & Development 3
Introduction to Psychology 3
Ethics* 3
Nutrition 3

*Additional course required for the degree. Equivalent transfer courses will be accepted.

Course Credits – 54

Freshman Year – Fall Semester – 14 credits
ENC 1101 Writing and Rhetoric I 3
MGF 1106 Finite Mathematics 3
SLS 1501 First Year Experience 1
PSY 2012 Intro to Psychology 3
PCB 2099/2099L Human Physio/Lab* 4

Freshman Year – Spring Semester – 13 credits
ENC 1102 Writing and Rhetoric II 3
MCB 2000 Introductory Microbiology* – GL 3
MCB 2000L Introductory Micro Lab* 1
Arts Requirement 3
STA 3145 Statistics 3

Sophomore Year – Fall Semester – 14 credits
PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy (preferred because also meets Gordon Rule) 3
HUN 2201 Principles of Nutrition 3
CHM 1033/1033L Survey Chem/Lab* 5
E elective 3

Sophomore Year – Spring Semester – 13 credits
ZOO 3731/3731L Human Anatomy/Lab* (Can be taken any time after MCB 2000/2000L or PCB 2099/2099L) 4
PHI 2600 Introduction to Ethics 3
DEP 2000 Human Growth/Dev 3
E elective 3

Scholastic Requirements

To remain in good academic standing students must:

1. Achieve a grade of ‘C’ or higher in nursing courses. A student who earns less than a ‘C’ in any nursing course will be required to repeat the course in order to progress in the nursing program. A student may repeat a course one time only. Students who have failed two nursing courses or have two failures in the same nursing course will be dismissed from the program.

2. Pass required examinations: Generic students are required to take specific nursing achievement examinations (To be announced at the beginning of each academic term). In addition, generic students are required to pass a nursing synthesis (exit) exam as a prerequisite to the BSN degree. This examination is given during the last semester of the program.

Required Nursing Courses – 70

Junior Year – Fall Semester – 15 credits
NUR 3029 Foundations of Nursing Practice 3
NUR 3029C Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab 2
NUR 3029L Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical 3
NUR 3125 Pathophysiologic Basis for Nursing Practice 3
NUR 3066C Health Assessment and Promotion 4

Junior Year – Spring Semester – 16 credits
NUR 3226 Nursing Care of Adults I 3
NUR 3226L Nursing Care of Adults I Clinical 3
NUR 3145 Pharmacologic Basis of Nursing Practice 3
NUR 3535 Psychosocial Nursing 3
NUR 3535L Psychosocial Nursing Clinical 3
NSP 3801 Inter-Professional Approaches to Health Care 1

Junior Year – Summer Semester – 12 credits
NUR 3227 Nursing Care of Adults II 3
NUR 3227L Nursing Care of Adults II Clinical 3
NUR 3666 Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care – GL 3
NUR 3821 Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues 3
NUR 3685L Integrative Nursing Care I 0

Senior Year – Fall Semester – 15 credits
NUR 4355 Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing 3
NUR 4355L Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical 3
NUR 4455 Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing 3
NUR 4455L Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical 3
NUR 4686L Integrative Nursing Care II 0
NUR 4667 Nursing in Global Health Care Systems – GL 3

Senior Year – Spring Semester – 12 credits
NUR 4636C Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing 4
NUR 4286 Nursing Care of Older Adults 2
NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum 4
NUR 4940 Senior Nursing Synthesis 2

A laboratory fee will be assessed for the following courses:
NUR 3029C – Skills $295 Per Student/Course
NUR 3066C – Assessment $129 Per Student/Course
NUR 3685L – Integrative 1 $48 Per Student/Course
NUR 4686L – Integrative 2 $31 Per Student/Course

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) – Veterans Medic to Nurse Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Veterans Medic to Nurse BSN (VBSN) must submit an application for admission to the University
and must follow the regular University procedures. Applicants must complete a Veterans Medic to Nurse application. Applicants must be admitted to the University before applying for admission to the nursing program. All admission documents must be submitted by the posted college application deadline preceding the Fall and Spring admission for VBSN students. Students interested in the VBSN program should contact the College to make an appointment with the VBSN advisor as early as possible. The College is located on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, AHC3-232, (305) 348-4725.

The VBSN track is a limited enrollment program. To be qualified for admission to the program, applicants must:
1. Be a veteran from any branch of United States military service, an active duty reservist, or a National Guard member with military medical training and service experience OR with Paramedic certification;
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all lower division coursework;
3. Have met all lower division requirements including a minimum grade of a “C” for all nursing prerequisite courses;*
4. Completed a minimum of 60 semester hours;
5. Have completed all required prerequisite science courses within the last 10 years;
6. Have met entry requirements for computation and reading skills through the specified nursing entrance exam; and
7. Be recommended for admission by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

*Required nursing prerequisites include the following courses: 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, physiology, principles of nutrition, and ethics.

Lower Division Preparation
Transfer and current FIU students entering the program must either have been awarded an Associate of Arts degree from a Florida (public) community college or baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited regional institution, or must meet the FIU core requirements as outlined in undergraduate university curriculum requirements. Students must also complete the nursing prerequisites as listed below. Exceptions to these lower division and nursing prerequisite requirements may be made on a case by case basis by the undergraduate nursing program chair.

Course Credits
Statistics 3
Chemistry & Lab 5
Human Anatomy & Lab 4
Human Physiology & Lab 4
Microbiology & Lab 4
Human Growth and Development 3
Introduction to Psychology 3
Ethics 3
Nutrition 3
Upper Division Elective 3

Required Nursing Courses
Pre-Program Requirements – 6 credits
NUR 3145 Pharmacologic Basis of Nursing Practice 3

Junior Level I – Boot Camp – 12 Exempt Credits
NUR 3029 Foundations of Nursing Practice 3
NUR 3029C Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab 2
NUR 3029L Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical 3
NUR 3066C Health Assessment and Promotion 4

Level I – Semester I – 17 credits
NUR 3821 Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues 3
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
NUR 4286 Nursing Care of Older Adults 2

Level II – Semester II – 18 credits
NUR 3666 Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care – GL 3
NUR 4355 Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing 3
NUR 4355L Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical 3
NUR 4455 Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing 3
NUR 4455L Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical 3
NUR 4667 Nursing in Global Health Care Systems – GL 3

Level III – Semester III – 16 credits
NUR 3535 Psychosocial Nursing 3
NUR 3535L Psychosocial Nursing Clinical 3
NUR 4636C Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing 4
NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum 4
NUR 4940 Senior Nursing Synthesis 2

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) – Accelerated Option

Degree Program Hours: 61

Admission Requirements
Applicants to the Accelerated Option BSN program must submit an application for admission to the University and must follow the regular University procedures. Applicants must also complete an Accelerated Option (A.O.) college application. Applicants must be admitted to the University before admission to the A.O. nursing major. All admission documents must be submitted and courses must be completed by the posted college application deadline preceding the Spring admission for A.O. students. Students interested in the A.O. program should contact the College to make an appointment with the Office of Student Services advisors as early as possible. The College is located on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-7709, or call the Biscayne Bay Campus for the Foreign Educated Physician to BSN track, (305) 919-4421.

The Accelerated Option (A.O.) BSN track is a limited enrollment program and admission is competitive based on previous academic performance. To be admitted to the program, applicants must:
1. Have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0;
2. Have completed all nursing prerequisites with a minimum of a "C" grade;
3. Have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all nursing prerequisites;
4. Have completed all required prerequisite science courses within the last 10 years;
5. Have met entry requirements for computation and reading skills; and
6. Be recommended for admission by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

*Required nursing prerequisites include the following courses:

**Course Credits**

**Freshman Year – Fall Semester**
- Introduction to Psychology 3
- Introduction to Ethics 3
- Human Growth and Development 3
- Human Nutrition 3
- Statistics 3

**Freshman Year – Spring Semester**
- Human Anatomy & Lab** 4
- Human Physiology & Lab** 4
- Microbiology & Lab** 4
- Chemistry & Lab** 4

**Coursework must be completed within the 10 years prior to admission to the program.**

A criterion based point system is used for admission evaluation of applicants to the Accelerated Option BSN program. Contact an advisor for information on the point system. Applicants must apply by the published deadline to be considered for admission. Once a class fills, there are no deferred admissions. Previous applicants who wish to be considered for admission in the next application cycle must submit a new application, along with any supporting documentation. For applicants to the Foreign Educated Physician combined BSN/MSN, Generic BSN, and the RN to BSN tracks – see admissions requirements for these tracks.

**Required Nursing Courses**

**Year I – Fall Semester (winter intersession) – 5 credits**
- NUR 3029C Foundations of Nursing Practice 3
- NUR 3029 Foundations of Nursing Practice Laboratory 2

**Year I – Spring Semester – 19 credits**
- NUR 3821 Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues 3
- NUR 3066C Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice 4
- NUR 3145 Pharmacologic Basis for Nursing Practice 3
- NUR 3125 Pathophysiologic Basis for Nursing Practice 3
- NUR 3226 Nursing Care of Adults I 3
- NUR 3226L Nursing Care of Adults I Clinical 3

**Year I – Summer Semester – 18 credits**
- NUR 3227 Nursing Care of Adults II 3
- NUR 3227L Nursing Care of Adults II Clinical 3
- NUR 4355 Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing 3
- NUR 4355L Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical 3
- NUR 4455 Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing 3
- NUR 4455L Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical 3

**Year II – Fall Semester – 19 credits**
- NUR 3666 Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care – GL 3
- NUR 3535 Psychosocial Nursing 3
- NUR 3535L Psychosocial Nursing Clinical 3
- NUR 4636C Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing 4
- NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum 4
- NUR 4940 Senior Nursing Synthesis 2

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)-RN to BSN Track**

The RN-BSN degree requires a minimum of 120 credits. 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 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. No more than six (6) transferable credits from other nursing baccalaureate programs will be accepted for the RN-BSN program of study. Students must complete at least 30 upper division credits at FIU.

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. It is possible to complete the nursing sequence in one year of full-time study after all prerequisites and equivalency examinations have been completed and the RN has been fully admitted to the program.

Admitted RN-BSN students who have not enrolled in any FIU course for three (3) or more consecutive terms, will be required to apply for readmission to FIU and the CNHS. The applicant must meet the RN-BSN track admission requirements, including the program of study, in effect at the time of readmission. On readmission, RN-BSN coursework already completed will be evaluated by the Director of the BSN Program or designee. Readmitted RNs may be required to repeat or take additional courses to complete degree requirements.

RNs must have one year clinical nursing experience and obtain professional liability insurance prior to registering for NUR 4636C and NUR 4945L. Students must achieve the competencies of equivalency exams prior to enrollment in Level IV courses.

**Scholastic Requirements**

To remain in good academic standing, students must achieve a grade of ‘C’ or higher in nursing courses. A student who earns less than a ‘C’ in any nursing course will be required to repeat the course in order to progress in the nursing program. A student may repeat a course one time only. Students who have failed (C- or lower) two nursing courses or have two failures in the same nursing course will be dismissed from the program.

**Admission Requirements**

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 FIU lower division credit requirements. Visit the information website for this program at http://rn2bsn.fiu.edu/ for program information.

For admission to the RN-BSN 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) University Core Curriculum requirements; c) University foreign language requirement; and d) nursing major prerequisites with a grade of "C" or higher.
4. Have completed at least 60 transferable credits of academic course work with a minimum GPA of 2.5 from a regionally accredited college or university.
5. Have completed the required Excelsior equivalency examinations with a grade of "C" or higher.
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 policies related to background checks, immunizations, health requirements, CPR, and drug testing.

Advanced Placement and Progression 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 higher.

Curriculum

Level I:
- NUR 3821 Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues 3
- NUR 3066C Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice 4
- 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 3666 Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care** – GL 3
- NUR XXXX Upper Division Elective (in Nursing) 3

Level III:
- NUR 4667 Nursing in Global Health Care Systems – GL 3
- COM 3461 Intercultural/Interracial Communication – GL (or Global Elective) 3
- Upper Division Elective 3

Level IV:
- NUR 4636C Community Health Nursing 4
- NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum 4

*E.E. = Equivalency Exam
**Statistics is a prerequisite for this course

A laboratory fee will be assessed for the following course:
NUR 3066C.

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

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 NWCNHS.
7. The Florida Board of Nursing and clinical agencies require the disclosure of arrest and 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 registered nurse licensure.

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 BSN during the 4th week of semester VI; BSN degree will be posted at the end of semester VI.
Students will graduate with the MSN at the end of semester VIII.

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.

3. Stop out students will graduate with BSN and will be discontinued from the combined BSN-MSN track.

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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 or VI, and end with a BSN degree.

Semester V – 13 (4 UG/9 Grad)

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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 the 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. (+4 UG credits for Stop Out Students only)

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Students must apply for graduation from the BSN by 4th week of semester VI.

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<td>NGR 6700L, or 6337L, or 6619L</td>
<td>Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing Practice*</td>
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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 higher in all NUR courses and a grade of “B” or higher 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
transferrable 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) transferrable 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, 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 registering for NUR 4636C and/or NUR 4945L.

RN must successfully complete the U niversity Core curriculum, the RN must successfully complete

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) University Core Curriculum requirements; c) University foreign language requirement; and d) nursing major prerequisites with a grade of “C” or higher.
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 higher.

RN who are admitted to the MSN program complete three graduate level courses (Advanced Client Assessment, Pathophysiological Basis of ANP and Culture & Advanced Nursing Practice) 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 (GL) and NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Practicum for the BSN degree.

Curriculum

Level I:
NUR 3821 Professional Nursing Leadership:  
Concepts and Issues 3
NUR 3066C Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice 4
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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
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NUR 3535L* Psychosocial Nursing Clinical 3
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NUR 4355L* Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical 3
NUR 4455* Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing 3
NUR 4455L* Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical 3

Level II**:
COM 3461 Intercultural/Interracial Communication – GL (or Global Elective) 3
NUR 3666 Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care – GL 3

Level III:
NGR 5141 Pathophysiological Basis of ANP 3
NGR 5131 Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice 3

Level IV:
NUR 4636C Care of Families: Community Health Nursing 4
NUR 5035C Advanced Client Assessment 3

*E.E. = Equivalency Exam
**Students must apply to the MSN program at this point: Applicants must have a 3.2 GPA to be admitted to the MSN program.

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

For BSN to Ph.D. Track, please see Graduate Catalog.