

Nursing

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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), 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, (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. 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 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 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.

In addition to undergraduate tuition and fees, nursing students may be charged a fee for courses with an "L" suffix for laboratory supplies.

Students who request a transfer from another nursing program must provide a letter of good standing from the nursing program in which they were enrolled.

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.

All admission documents must be submitted and courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester in which the student is applying. 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, (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
2. Have completed science courses within the past 10 years;
3. Have met all the lower division requirements including a grade of "C" or better for all nursing pre-requisite courses. Students earning a grade of "C minus" or below in any science prerequisite course may repeat that course only once. A student who earns a grade of "C minus" or below in any science pre-requisite course for a second time will be redirected to another major within FIU. Advisement relative to other majors/options will be provided;
4. Completed a minimum of 54 semester hours; and
5. Be recommended for admission by the Undergraduate Nursing Admissions Committee.
6. 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.

A criterion-based point system is used for admission evaluation of applicants to the generic BSN program. Pre-Nursing Pathway: The FTIC students who are admitted in the Pre-Nursing track their freshman year will be granted admission if they meet eligibility requirements. 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 AO track and the RN-BSN, 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 institution or FIU core students must successfully complete the following prerequisites for the FIU nursing program:

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

| <u>FIU Course(s)</u> | <u>Equivalent Course(s)</u> |
|----------------------|--|
| STA 3145 | STAX014 or STAX023 or STAX122 |
| CHM 1033/L | CHMXXXX or BCHXXXX or BSCXXXX or PCBXXXX or PHYXXXX |
| PCB 2099/L | BSCX085C or BSCX085L or BSCX093C or BSCX093L |
| ZOO 3731/L | BSCX086C or BSCX086L or BSCX094C or BSCX094L |
| MCB 2000/L | MCBX010C or MCBX010L or MCBX013C or MCBX000L or MCBX004L or DEPX004 or DEPX054 or DEPX000 or DEPX414 |
| DEP 2000 | PSYXXXX or SOPXXXX or SYGXXXX |
| PSY 2012 | SYGXXXX |
| HUN 2201 | HUNX201 |

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.

Please visit <https://cpm.flvc.org> for a current list of state-approved common prerequisites.

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.

TRACK PLAN

Course Credits – 54**Freshman Year – Fall Semester – 14 credits**

| | | |
|----------------|------------------------|---|
| ENC 1101 | Writing and Rhetoric I | 3 |
| MGF 1106 | Finite Mathematics | 3 |
| OR | | |
| MAC 1105 | College Algebra | |
| 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

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|------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 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

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| PHI 2010 | Introduction to Philosophy (<i>preferred because also meets Gordon Rule</i>) | 3 |
| HUN 2201 | Principles of Nutrition | 3 |
| CHM 1033/1033L | Survey of Chem/Lab* | 5 |
| Elective | | 3 |

Sophomore Year – Spring Semester – 13 credits

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|----------------|--|---|
| ZOO 3731/3731L | Human Anatomy/Lab* (<i>Can be taken any time after MCB 2000/2000L or PCB 2099/2099L</i>) | 4 |
| PHI 2600 | Introduction to Ethics | 3 |
| DEP 2000 | Human Growth/Dev | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |

* Contact departments for course scheduling of sciences.

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**

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|-----------|---|---|
| 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

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|-----------|---|---|
| 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 |

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| NUR 3535L | Psychosocial Nursing Clinical | 3 |
| NSP 3801 | Inter-Professional Approaches to Health Care | 1 |

Junior Year – Summer Semester – 12 credits

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| 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 – GL | 3 |
| NUR 3685L | Integrative Nursing Care I | 0 |

Senior Year – Fall Semester – 15 credits

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| 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 Semester – Spring Semester – 12 credits

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| 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:

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| NUR 3029C | – Skills |
| NUR 3066C | – Assessment |
| NUR 3685L | – Integrative 1 |
| NUR 4686L | – Integrative 2 |

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

Note: A moratorium has been placed on admissions to the Veterans Medic to Nurse Track.

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, psychology, 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 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

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|------------------------------|---|
| 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

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| NUR 3145 | Pharmacologic Basis of Nursing Practice | 3 |
| NUR 3125 | Pathophysiologic Basis for Nursing Practice | 3 |

Junior Level I – Boot Camp – 12 Exempt Credits

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| 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

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| NUR 3821 | Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues – GL | 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

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| NUR 3666 | Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care – GL | 3 |
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| 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

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| 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 Fall 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 (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 an 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 Nursing Admissions Committee.

*Required nursing prerequisites include the following courses:

Foreign-educated physicians (FEPs) seeking a BSN degree must:

1. Have a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA
2. Have a Doctor of Medicine degree from an accredited medical school outside of the U.S. shown through the completion of a course by course evaluation obtained through a NACES accredited evaluation company (naces.org). Student must provide translations of their Doctor

of Medicine transcript from a NACES (naces.org) accredited company. FIU will review all college/university transcripts in-house at no additional charge to students.

3. Have a minimum of 550 on Paper-Based TOEFL exam, or 80 on the Internet-Based Test (TOEFL), or minimum of 6.5 IELTS band score, or completion of ENC 1101 and 1102 from a regionally accredited college or university. *TOEFL Paper-Based Exam is offered at the FIU English Language Institute (eli.fiu.edu).
4. Applicant cannot have previously obtained an RN license.
5. Applicant must apply to FIU Undergraduate Admissions (admissions.fiu.edu) for the FALL term for the Nursing-AO-BSN track AND Nursing CAS, by no later than July 1st.
6. Applicant must have successfully completed the following nursing prerequisites (with grade of 'C' or above): statistics, human growth & development across the life span, and human nutrition. Transcripts will be evaluated by NWCNHS.
7. Applicant must complete all prerequisite courses no later than the SUMMER A term of the year in which they are applying for; bachelor's degree must be conferred no later than the SPRING term of the year in which they are applying; AND have been completed within the last 10 years. If older than 10 years, they must be repeated.
8. Applicant must provide a copy of their social security card and ensure they are in compliance with Board of Nursing requirements for licensure.
9. 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.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies*

| <u>FIU Course(s)</u> | <u>Equivalent Course(s)</u> |
|----------------------|---|
| STA 3145 | STAX014 or STAX023 or STAX122 |
| CHM 1033/L | CHMXXXX or BCHXXXX or BSCXXXX or PCBXXXX or PHYXXXX |
| PCB 2099/L | BSCX085C or BSCX085/X085L or BSCX093C or BSCX093/X093L |
| ZOO 3731/L | BSCX086C or BSCX086/X086L or BSCX094C or BSCX094/X094L |
| MCB 2000/L | MCBX010C or MCBX010/X010L or MCBX013C or MCBX000/X000L or MCBX004/X004L |
| DEP 2000 | DEPX004 or DEP054 or DEP000 or DEP414 PSYXXXX or SOPXXXX or |

PSY 2012 SYGXXXX
HUN 2201 HUNX201

*FEP applicants require the following prerequisites ONLY:

STA 3145
DEP 2000
HUN 2201

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.

Required Nursing Courses

Year I – Fall Semester (Fall B) – 5 credits

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| NUR 3029C | Foundations of Nursing Practice Laboratory | 2 |
| NUR 3029 | Foundations of Nursing Practice | 3 |

Year I – Spring Semester – 19 credits

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| NUR 3821 | Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues – GL | 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

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| 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

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| 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

Note: A moratorium has been placed on admissions to the RN to BSN track.

The RN-BSN degree requires a minimum of 120 credits.

- 60 transferable lower division credits, including:
 - Human anatomy & lab (4 credits)
 - Human physiology & lab (4 credits)
 - Microbiology & lab (4 credits)

- Survey of chemistry & lab (4 credits)
 - Human growth & development (3 credits)
 - Statistics (3 credits)
 - Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
 - Nutrition (3 credits)
 - Intro to Ethics (3 credits)
- 27 credits of clinical proficiency evaluation awarded through a FIU nursing faculty-led Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) course
 - 33 credits in RN-BSN curriculum (must be taken at FIU)
 - 27 credits of upper division nursing courses
 - 6 credits of upper division electives (any 3000 or 4000 level courses)

No more than six (6) transferable credits from other nursing baccalaureate programs will be accepted for the RN-BSN program of study, and nursing prerequisites must be completed at an accredited institution. 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, co-requisite 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 PLA 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 NWCNHS. The applicant must meet the RN-BSN track admission requirements, including the program of study, in effect at the time of readmission. Upon readmission, RN-BSN coursework already completed will be evaluated by the Chair of Undergraduate Nursing or designee. Readmitted RNs may be required to repeat or take additional courses to complete degree requirements.

It is preferred that RNs have one year clinical nursing experience and must obtain professional liability insurance prior to registering for NUR 4636C and NUR 4945L. Students must achieve the competencies of PLA 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

1. Unencumbered Florida Registered Nurse License,
2. 2.75 Cumulative GPA (no prerequisite grade below a C) from an ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, formerly NLNAC) accredited ASN or Diploma Nursing program. You may verify your nursing program's accreditation at the following link:
<http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm>,

3. Minimum 60 transferable lower division college credits,
4. Meet a) Florida mandated Gordon Rule requirements; b) University Core Curriculum requirements; and c) University foreign language requirement. These requirements can be met with an Associate in Arts (AA) from a Florida State College System or non-nursing Bachelor's degree in another field from an accredited institution.
5. Applicants with foreign degrees that have Florida RN licensure can apply if degree earned is evaluated to be equivalent to a Bachelor's degree or Doctorate in Medicine degree at an accredited U.S. institution,
6. RN-BSN applicants who have taken BSN courses at another institution and are requesting a transfer into the NWCNHS RN-BSN track must have all coursework evaluated by FIU Nursing Faculty to determine course equivalency and are allowed a maximum of 6 transfer upper division Nursing credits and,
7. Approved transferred nursing coursework must be completed within 5 years of enrollment at the time of admission.
8. 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.

Prior to admission, degree seeking applicants without an Associate in Arts degree from a Florida State Institution must satisfy the same current admission Undergraduate Catalog Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences 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 prior to admission. Visit the website at: <http://www.fiuonline.com/programs/online-undergraduate-degrees/rntobsn/> for program information.

Advanced Placement and Progression of RNs

Progression within the RN -BSN program can now be achieved through FIU faculty-led Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). Up to 27 PLA credits can be awarded through examinations adopted, created, and/or facilitated by FIU's undergraduate nursing unit. The examination is constructed to allow the student to demonstrate mastery of the learning outcomes of specific subjects within the nursing curricula (i.e. Adult Health, Psychiatric-Mental Health, and Obstetrics/ Pediatrics). Each subject area examination is integrated as part of a 3-credit course designed to support RN-BSN nursing students' transition and socialization to the role of BSN prepared professional nurses, as well signal students' successful achievement of PLA

Curriculum Level I:

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| NUR 3805 | Professional Nursing I: Socialization (PLA credit)* | 3 |
| NUR 3821 | Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues – <i>GL</i> | 3 |
| NUR 3066C | Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice | 4 |
| Level II: | | |
| NUR 3666 | Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care** – <i>GL</i> | 3 |
| NUR XXXX | Upper Division Elective (in Nursing) | 3 |
| Level III: | | |
| NUR 4667 | Nursing in Global Health Care Systems – <i>GL</i> | 3 |
| | Upper Division Elective | 3 |
| | Upper Division Elective | 3 |
| Level IV: | | |
| NUR 4636C | Community Health Nursing | 4 |
| NUR 4945L | Senior Clinical Practicum | 4 |

*(PLA) Prior Learning Assessment

**Statistics is a prerequisite for this course

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

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

The RN-to-BSN/MSN track is for students currently licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN). The RN-to-BSN/MSN option allows an RN with an associate degree in nursing from an ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, formerly NLNAC) accredited institution to:

- obtain the BSN degree
- attain the MSN degree
- become eligible to take national certification exam associated with the selected advanced practice role of preparation

The RN-to-BSN/MSN track requires a minimum of 120 credits for completion of the BSN portion, comprised of 33 upper division and graduate credits, 27 Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credits (granted upon evaluation of clinical proficiency), and 60 lower division credits that must include:

- human anatomy & lab 4 credits
- human physiology & lab 4 credits
- microbiology & lab 4 credits
- chemistry & lab 4 credits
- human growth & development 3 credits
- statistics 3 credits
- psychology 3 credits
- nutrition 3 credits
- ethics 3 credits

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, co-requisite and required courses for the curriculum plan in effect at the time of admission.

Students must complete the University Core Curriculum, an evaluation of prior learning, and be provisionally admitted to the MSN Program prior to enrollment in Level III courses. Applicants must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA to be provisionally admitted to the MSN Program and progress to Level III. Students with less than a 3.2 GPA will be transferred to the RN-BSN track to complete their baccalaureate.

Admission to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is contingent upon meeting Graduate Nursing and University Graduate School (UGS) admission requirements.

The MSN degree prepares the RN for advanced nursing roles. Upon admission in the MSN program, students select one of the following concentration tracks: a) nurse educator, b) adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, c) family nurse practitioner, d) pediatric primary care nurse practitioner, or e) psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner; and enroll in a prescribed set of core courses central to all graduate nursing roles as well as courses specific to their concentration.

Successful completion of the nurse practitioner program qualifies students to take appropriate national certification examinations and apply for licensure as an APRN in Florida and other states. Nurse Educator graduates are eligible for national certification from the National League of Nursing, and the American Association of the Colleges of Nursing. Note that all the above concentration tracks lead to the APRN eligibility except the nurse educator track.

Students must be provisionally admitted to the MSN program prior to taking graduate level NGR 5141 Pathophysiological Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice, NGR 5131 Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice, and NGR 6002C Advanced Health Assessment courses. RNs must have one-year clinical nursing experience and obtain professional liability insurance prior to registering for clinical/practicum courses.

Admission Requirements

Degree seeking applicants with fewer than 60 semester hours of transfer credit must satisfy the same admission requirements as beginning freshmen. Visit the information website for this program at <http://rn2bsn.fiu.edu/> for program information.

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

1. Active, unencumbered Florida RN license or enhanced licensure through the Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC)
2. Cumulative GPA (no prerequisite grade below a 'C') from an ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, formerly NLNAC) accredited ASN program.
3. Minimum 60 transferable lower division college credits,
4. Meet:
 - a. Florida mandated Gordon Rule requirements;
 - b. University Core Curriculum requirements; and
 - c. University foreign language requirement. These requirements can be met with an Associate in Arts (AA) from a Florida College System or non-

- nursing Bachelor's degree in another field from an accredited institution.
5. Applicants with foreign degrees that have Florida RN licensure can apply if degree earned is evaluated to be equivalent to a Bachelor's degree or Doctorate in Medicine degree at an accredited U.S. institution,
 6. RN-BSN applicants who have taken BSN courses at another accredited institution and are requesting a transfer into the NWCHNS RN-BSN track must have all coursework evaluated by FIU Nursing Faculty to determine course equivalency and are allowed a maximum of 6 transfer upper division Nursing credits and,
 7. Approved transferred nursing coursework must be completed within 5 years of enrollment at the time of admission.
 8. 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, or completion of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) of clinical competencies*

*Up to 27 PLA credits towards completion of the BSN at FIU can be awarded through FIU faculty-led evaluation of competency** in specific subjects within the nursing curricula (i.e. Adult Health, Psychiatric-Mental Health, and Obstetrics/Pediatrics).

**Upon admission into the program, students will be provided with the steps to complete this process. RNs who are provisionally admitted to the MSN program complete three graduate level courses (Advanced Health Assessment, Pathophysiological Basis of ANP and Culture & Advanced Nursing Practice) while taking BSN 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 RN-to-BSN/MSN track. A course in the RN-to-BSN/MSN track can be repeated only once. If a student fails the same NUR/NGR course twice, or two different NUR/NGR courses, they will be dismissed from the RN-to-BSN/MSN track.

Degree Conferral

Students enrolled in the RN-to-BSN/MSN must apply to graduate with the BSN and meet University Graduation application deadlines for semester IV. Students must apply to graduate with the MSN and meet University Graduation application deadlines for semester VIII [Nurse Educator track] or semester IX [Nurse Practitioner tracks].

Curriculum

Level I: (up to 33 credits)

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| NUR 3821 | Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues | 3 |
| NUR 3805 | Professional Nursing 1: Socialization (up to 27 PLA credits)* | 3 |

*Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process is integrated as part of this 3-credit course, designed to support RN-BSN nursing students' transition and socialization to the

role of BSN prepared professional nurses, as well signal students' success in demonstrating mastery of prior learning in specific nursing subject areas (i.e., Adult Health, Psychiatric-Mental Health, and Obstetrics/Pediatrics).

Level II: (9 credits):**

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| NUR 3666 | Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care | 3 |
| NUR 4667 | Nursing in Global Health Care Systems – GL | 3 |
| NUR 3119 | Professional Nursing: Concepts and Issues | 3 |

** Students must apply to the MSN program at this point; Applicants must have a 3.2 GPA to be provisionally admitted to the MSN program. See University catalog/nursing advisor for pre-and-corequisite courses.

Level III: (10 credits):

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| NGR 5141 | Pathophysiological Basis of ANP | 3 |
| NGR 5131 | Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 |
| NUR 4636C | Care of Families: Community Health Nursing | 4 |

Level IV: (8 credits):

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| NUR 4945L | Senior Clinical Practicum | 4 |
| NGR 6002C | Advanced Health Assessment (45-hours Clinical) | 4 |

BSN degree awarded at the completion of Level IV and students will be fully admitted to the MSN.

MSN Progression

MSN Level Course Requirements begin in Semester V and vary in length depending on the role specialty plan of study selected (i.e., across semesters V to VII for the Nurse Educator track or V to IX for Nurse Practitioner tracks). Upon admission into the MSN program, students will be provided with plan of study for selected role specialty track.

MSN Level Course Requirements

Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)

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| NGR 5110 | Theories in Nursing | 3 |
| NGR 5131 | Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 |
| | <i>[taken during BSN enrollment, Level III]</i> | |
| NGR 5810 | Research Methods in Nursing | 3 |

Direct Care Core: (10-13 credits)

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| NGR 6002C | Advanced Health Assessment | 4 |
| | <i>[taken during BSN enrollment, Level IV]</i> | |
| NGR 5141 | Pathophysiological Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 |
| | <i>[taken during BSN enrollment, Level III]</i> | |
| NGR 6172 | Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 |
| NGR 5064C | Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 |
| | [Nurse Practitioner tracks only] | |

Clinical Education Seminar and Role Development of the APN (3) [Nurse Practitioner tracks only]

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| NGR 6743 | Clinical Education Seminar | 1 |
| NGR 6703 | Role Development of the Advanced Practice Nurse | 2 |

Advanced Nursing Practice Role: Select one Specialty Nursing Educator: (16 credits)

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| NGR 6713 | Curriculum Development in Nursing | 3 |
| NGR 6715 | Instructional Technology in Nursing and Health Sciences | 3 |
| NGR 6714C | Clinical Teaching Strategies for Nursing | 3 |
| NGR 6708C | Classroom Teaching Strategies for Nursing | 3 |
| NGR 6718 | Testing and Evaluation in Nursing Education | 3 |
| NGR 6710L | Clinical Specialty Practicum for the Nurse Educator | 1 |
| Or | | |

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner: (19 credits)

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| NGR 6201C | Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing I | 3 |
| NGR 6201L | Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum I | 3 |
| NGR 6202C | Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing II | 3 |
| NGR 6202L | Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum II | 3 |
| NGR 6209 | Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Adult- Gerontology Nursing | 3 |
| NGR 6700L | Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practice | 4 |
| Or | | |

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner: (19 credits)

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| NGR 6301C | Advanced Child Health Nursing I | 3 |
| NGR 6301L | Advanced Child Health Nursing Practicum I | 3 |
| NGR 6302 | Advanced Child Health Nursing II | 3 |
| NGR 6302L | Advanced Child Health Nursing Practicum II | 3 |
| NGR 6337 | Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Child Health Nursing | 3 |
| NGR 6337L | Role Synthesis in Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice | 4 |
| Or | | |

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: (22 credits)

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| 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 |
| NGR 6560 | Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Decision Making | 3 |
| NGR 6505L | Role Synthesis in Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practice | 4 |
| Or | | |

Family Nurse Practitioner: (23 credits)

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| NGR 6601C | Advanced Family Health Nursing I | 4 |
| NGR 6601L | Advanced Family Health Nursing Practicum I | 4 |
| NGR 6602C | Advanced Family Health Nursing II | 4 |
| NGR 6602L | Advanced Family Health Nursing Practicum II | 4 |
| NGR 6748 | Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Family Nursing Practice | 3 |

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| NGR 6619L | Role Synthesis Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice | 4 |
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Combined BSN/MSN for Foreign-Educated Physician Degree Pathway Track

Note: A moratorium has been placed on admissions to the 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 3.5 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 <3.5 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. BSN degree will be awarded at the end of semester V or semester VI depending on clinical space 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.

Curriculum

Semester I – 18 (15 UG/3 Grad)

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| NUR 3029 | Foundations of Nursing Practice | 3 |
| NUR 3029C | Foundations of Nursing Practice Laboratory | 2 |
| NUR 3029L | Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical | 3 |
| NUR 3066C | Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice | 4 |
| NUR 3119 | Professional Nursing: Concepts and Issues | 3 |
| NGR 6172 | Pharmacological Concepts in Advanced Nursing Practice (MSN Requirement) | 3 |

Semester II – 15 (9 UG/6 Grad)

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| NUR 3226 | Nursing Care of Adults I | 3 |
| NUR 3226L | Nursing Care of Adults I Clinical | 3 |
| NUR 3821 | Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues – GL | 3 |
| NGR 5110 | Theories in Nursing (MSN Requirement- Not required for BSN) | 3 |
| NGR 5141 | Pathophysiological Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice (MSN Requirement) | 3 |

Semester III – 14 (14 UG)

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| NUR 3535 | Psychosocial Nursing | 3 |
| NUR 3535L | Psychosocial Nursing 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 |
| NUR 3821 | Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues – GL | 3 |

Semester IV – 17 (17 UG)

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| 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 4355L | Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical | 3 |
| NUR 4667 | Nursing in Global Health Care Systems | |

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| | – GL | 3 |
| NUR 4940 | Senior Clinical Synthesis | 2 |

Low GPA Stop-out Option: Students with <3.5 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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| NUR 4636C | Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing | 4 |
| NGR 5131 | Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice (MSN Requirement – Not required for BSN) | 3 |
| NGR 5035C | Advanced Client Assessment (MSN Requirement – Not required for BSN) | 3 |
| NGR 5810 | Research Methods in Nursing (MSN Requirement) | 3 |

Failure to Pass NCLEX Stop-out Option: Students must pass the NCLEX on first attempt during semester V. Students not passing the NCLEX-RN on first attempt 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)

Semester VI

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| NGR 6201C, or 6301C, or 6601C | Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing I | 3-4 |
| NGR 6201L, or 6301L, or 6601L | Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing Practice I* | 3-4 |
| NGR 5XXX | Elective | 3 |

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

Semester VII

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| NGR 6202C, or 6302C, or 6602C | Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing II | 3-4 |
| NGR 6202L, or 6302L, or 6602L | Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing Practice II* | 3-4 |
| NGR 6910C | Research Project | 3 |

Semester VIII

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| NGR 6209, or 6337, or 6748 | Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child or Family Health Nursing | 3 |
| NGR 6700L, or 6337L, or 6619L | Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult-Gerontology, Child, or Family Health Nursing Practice* | 4 |

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.