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The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750 (202) 887-8476 is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing (4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN CO2, Tallahassee, FL 32399, 850-245-4125).

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

Master of Science in Nursing Degree Programs

The College offers programs of study leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. These degree programs are also part of the MSN-to-DNP combined curriculums available to prepare qualified professional nurses for advanced nursing roles in the care of adults, children, and families, as well as a separate program of study to prepare qualified professional nurses to function as nurse educators for teaching positions in colleges, universities, and clinical practice settings. The degree programs offer clinical training in adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner (AGNP), pediatric primary care nurse practitioner (PNP), family health nurse practitioner (FNP), and psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP), and majors for the General Leadership, Nurse Educator, and Nurse Executive.

Throughout the curriculum, students are guided in 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, master’s paper, research project or translational research and the opportunity to investigate an area of interest in advanced study.

Graduates of nurse practitioner programs are eligible to sit for national certification examinations in their respective specialties and apply for APRN licensure (APRN roles) as if appropriate. Graduates of the Nurse Educator Major are eligible to sit for national certification.

Program Objectives

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

1. Leaders, educators, and change agents in the delivery of high-quality, accessible, culturally competent healthcare in local and global societies.

2. Professional advanced practice nurses who use communication, interprofessional collaboration, and synthesis of evidence-based practice, scholarship, and research in the delivery of health care for local and global societies.

3. Facilitators and leaders of interprofessional health care teams who use an understanding of organizational systems and the environment and are able to integrate care services and health care policy across local and global societies.
4. Critical thinkers who actively and skillfully utilize ethical principles into the translation of evidence into safe, affordable, accessible, innovative, quality care.
5. Advanced practice nurses who deliver patient and family centered holistic care using knowledge of basic sciences including genetics/genomics, preventive health, and advances in health technology.
6. Advanced practice nurses who analyze, influence, and develop health policy that promotes access and delivery of high-quality healthcare to diverse populations.

Program Policies

Nursing students 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 degree program.

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:

STEP 1 – Submit an application to Nursing CAS (the Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs)
1. Complete an online application via Nursing CAS http://www.nursingcas.org and pay the appropriate fee to Nursing CAS.
2. Complete the required FIU supplemental application and pay the $30 fee.
3. Send official transcripts from ALL SCHOOLS attended (all Associates & Bachelors degree coursework) to Nursing CAS for upload and verification. EXCEPTION: Foreign transcripts, along with their official evaluations (grades, credits, and GPA in U.S. terms), should be sent directly to the college at the following address: Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences, AHC-3, Room 121, 11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, FL, 33199.
4. Upload all required supplemental items including three (3) professional nursing references, professional CV, copy of an active Florida RN License, and Personal Statement to Nursing CAS.

STEP 2 – Professional Interview
1. Following a review of all completed applications a select number of applicants will be offered the opportunity to participate in a panel interview.
2. Interview candidates may be instructed to bring an additional set of official transcripts to their interview appointment.

Academic Standing

Good Standing: To achieve and maintain a classification of good standing, the student must maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 in the courses required for the MSN and DNP degrees.

Progression in the Program

The student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in required graduate courses with a minimum of a "B" (85%) or better in all required courses.

If a student earns less than an 85 in any course, the course must be repeated and earn a grade of "85" or better. If this course is a pre-requisite for another course, the student will not be allowed to continue enrollment for that course and may be allowed to enroll in other courses if applicable to the program. Only one course repeat in the program will be allowed. Therefore, a student who earns a grade below an 85 in more than one course will be dismissed from the program.

Students may not have a cumulative GPA below 3.0 in the courses for more than two semesters. If the cumulative GPA for required coursework is below 3.0 for a third semester, the student will be dismissed from the program.

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for graduation the student must:
• Meet all University Graduate School requirements for graduation.
• Satisfactorily complete all didactic and fieldwork requirements within degree program guidelines.
• Have a minimum graduate GPA of 3.0 in the degree required courses.

Master of Science in Nursing – Generalist Leadership Major

This major is not a direct admission program but planned to be awarded to Doctor of Nursing Practice - Nurse Anesthetist Program (DNP-NA) students as they progress through their DNP-NA program of study in recognition of meeting certain content milestones.

The Generalist Leadership major is designed to recognize RN's clinical experience and build upon prior knowledge while focusing on the core knowledge, skills, and abilities that are essential to meet the complexities of advanced health care. The generalist leadership curriculum provides a foundation for the advanced nursing practice – nurse anesthesiology role. The program includes coursework in the following areas: Graduate Nursing Core, Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) Core, and Functional Role Fundamentals - Generalist Leadership.

Graduate Core – 12 credits

- Theoretical Underpinning and Research Process – 6 credits
  NGR 7121 Scientific and Theoretical Foundations of Adv Nursing Practice 3
  NGR 5810 Research Methods 3
- Applications of Research and Evidence-Based Clinical Practice – 6 credits
  NGR 7854 Analytical Methods for Evidence Based Clinical Practice 3
  NGR 7853 Translational Research 3

APN Core – 10 credits

- Pharmacological Concepts in Adv. Practice Nursing
  NGR 6172 3
- Advanced Health Assessment
  NGR 6002C 4
- Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing
  NGR 5141 3

Functional Role - Generalist Leadership – 16 credits

- Culture and Advanced Practice
  NGR 5131 3
Admission Requirements

The applicant must:

1. Have completed a baccalaureate degree in nursing which is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Applicants with a baccalaureate degree from nursing programs without NLNAC or CCNE accreditation will be considered on an individual basis. RN applicants (with 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. 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). The minimum required scores is 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 80 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or 6.5 overall on the IELTS.
   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 be admitted, to participate in clinical experiences and complete the program, and/or obtain advanced licensure/certification.

Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Educator Major

Curriculum – Total 38 credits
This Nurse Educator Major consists of the following:

- **MSN Level Common Core Requirements**
  - **Graduate Nursing Core:** (12 credits)
    - NGR 5110: Theories in Nursing 3
    - NGR 5131: Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice 3
    - NGR 5810: Research Methods in Nursing 3
    - NGR 6910C: Research Project 3
  - **Advanced Practice Nursing Core • Direct Care Core Courses (10 credits)**
    - NGR 6002C: Advanced Health Assessment 4
    - NGR 5141: Pathophysiological Basis of ANP 3
    - NGR 6172: Pharmacological Concepts in ANP 3
  - **Nursing Educator Course Requirements (16 credits)**
    - 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

- **Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Executive Major**
  
  Note: A moratorium has been placed on admissions to the Nurse Executive Major.

Degree Requirements

1. Completion of 43 semester 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. 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).

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

Curriculum

MSN Level Course Requirements

Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)
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 (NE): (9 credits)
NGR 5720C Org Dynamics of Nursing Systems 3
NGR 6726C Nursing Management and CQI 3

Nurse Executive: (8 credits)
NGR 5723C Advanced Nursing Administration I 4
NGR 6724C Advanced Nursing Administration II 4

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

Nursing Education: (7 credits)
NGR 6710 Role Synthesis in Nursing Education 4
NGR 6713 Curriculum Development in Nursing 3

Nurse Executive: (10 credits)
NGR 6712L Role Synthesis in Nursing Administration 4
HSA 6176 Financing and Reimbursement of Health Systems 3
PHC 6443 Ethical Issues 3

Research: (6 credits)

Master’s Thesis Option
NGR 6970 MSN Thesis I 3
NGR 6971 MSN Thesis II 3

OR

Master’s Paper Option
NGR 6970 MSN Thesis I (Research Paper) 3
Elective 3

OR

Master’s Project Option
NGR 6910C Research Project 3
Elective 3

Master of Science in Nursing – Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program

Admission Requirements

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)

3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.


5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.

6. Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with the Graduate Admissions Committee.

Graduation Requirements

1. Successful completion of 45-48 semester credits in nursing required courses and all clinical experience requirements.

2. Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master’s paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits).

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

Curriculum

MSN Level Course Requirements

Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)
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 (NE): (9 credits)
NGR 5720C Org Dynamics of Nursing Systems 3
NGR 6726C Nursing Management and CQI 3

Nurse Executive: (8 credits)
NGR 5723C Advanced Nursing Administration I 4
NGR 6724C Advanced Nursing Administration II 4

Nursing Administration: (7 credits)
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Nursing Education: (7 credits)
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Nurse Executive: (10 credits)
NGR 6712L Role Synthesis in Nursing Administration 4
HSA 6176 Financing and Reimbursement of Health Systems 3
PHC 6443 Ethical Issues 3

Research: (6 credits)

Master’s Thesis Option
NGR 6970 MSN Thesis I 3
NGR 6971 MSN Thesis II 3

OR

Master’s Paper Option
NGR 6970 MSN Thesis I (Research Paper) 3
Elective 3

OR

Master’s Project Option
NGR 6910C Research Project 3
Elective 3

Master of Science in Nursing – Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program

Admission Requirements

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)

3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.


5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.

6. Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with the Graduate Admissions Committee.

Graduation Requirements

1. Successful completion of 45-48 semester credits in nursing required courses and all clinical experience requirements.

2. Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master’s paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits).

3. 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.

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5. With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

Curriculum

MSN Level Course Requirements

Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)
NGR 5110 Theories in Nursing 3
NGR 5131 Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice 3
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Nurse Executive: (10 credits)
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Research: (6 credits)

Master’s Thesis Option
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OR

Master’s Paper Option
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Elective 3

OR

Master’s Project Option
NGR 6910C Research Project 3
Elective 3

Master of Science in Nursing – Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program

Admission Requirements

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)

3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.


5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.

6. Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with the Graduate Admissions Committee.
### Master of Science in Nursing – Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program

**Admission Requirements**

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with MSN Committee.

**Graduation Requirements**

1. Successful completion of 45-48 semester credits in nursing required courses and all clinical experience requirements.
2. Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master’s paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits).
3. 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.
4. 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.
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**MSN Level Course Requirements**

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### Master of Science in Nursing –Family Nurse Practitioner Program

**Admission Requirements**

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.
5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with the Graduate Admissions Committee.

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**Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)**

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**Advanced Practice Nursing Core (ACNP): (13 credits)**

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**Advanced Child Health Nursing: (15 credits)**

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1. Successful completion of 49-52 semester credits in nursing required courses and all clinical experience requirements.
2. Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master’s paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits).
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

Curriculum

**MSN Level Course Requirements**

**Graduate Nursing Core:** (9 credits)

- 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 (FNP):** (13 credits)

- NGR 6002C Advanced Health Assessment 4
- NGR 5141 Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice 3
- NGR 6172 Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice 3
- NGR 5064C Theories in Nursing 3

**Clinical Education Seminar (1)**

- NGR 6743 Clinical Education Seminar 1

**Advanced Family Health Nursing:** (19 credits)

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

**Role Development:** (4 credits)

- NGR 6619L Role Synthesis in Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice 4

**Master of Science in Nursing – Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program**

**Admission Requirements**

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale (CUM GPA is a calculation inclusive of all academic coursework including courses at the community college level.)
3. UG 60 GPA of 3.0 or greater in Bachelor of Nursing upper division coursework.

5. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Applicants from Programs without such accreditation will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Completion of all MSN admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, FIU supplemental application, a written essay, recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae, as well as favorable personal interview with the Graduate Admissions Committee.

**Graduation Requirements**

1. Successful completion of 45-48 semester credits in nursing required courses and all clinical experience requirements.
2. Completion of a thesis (6 credits), a master’s paper (3 credits), or a research project (3 credits).
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. With the exception of thesis courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

**Curriculum**

**MSN Level Course Requirements**

**Graduate Nursing Core:** (9 credits)

- 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 (APNP):** (11 credits)

- NGR 6002C Advanced Health Assessment 4
- NGR 5141 Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice 3
- NGR 6172 Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice 3
- NGR 6743 Clinical Education Seminar 1

**Advanced Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing:** (18 credits)

- 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

**Role Development:** (4 credits)

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

Note: A moratorium has been placed on admissions to the Foreign-Educated Physician Degree Pathway.

Admission Requirements
The Combined BSN/MSN degree pathway for foreign-educated physicians (FEPs) is designed to:
- obtain the BSN degree
- become Registered Nurses (RNs)
- attain the MSN degree
- become eligible to take the Advanced Registered Nurse Practice (APRN) national certification exam

The combined BSN/MSN degree 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 44-48 graduate credits, totaling 106 to 110 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;
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 NCWCNS.
7. 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 be admitted, to participate in clinical experiences and complete the program, and/or obtain advanced licensure/certification.

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.

Curriculum

Semester I – 18 (15 UG/3 Grad)
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 Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice (MSN Requirement) 3

Semester II – 15 (12 UG/3 Grad)
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 3665L Integrative Nursing Care I 0
NGR 5141 Pathophysiological Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice (MSN Requirement) 3

Semester III – 14 (11 UG/3 Grad)
NUR 3535 Psychosocial Nursing 3
NUR 3535L Psychosocial Nursing Clinical 3
NUR 4686L Integrative Nursing Care II 0
NUR 42869 Nursing Care of Older Adults 2
NUR 3821 Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues 3
NGR 5110 Theories in Nursing (MSN Requirement – Not required for BSN) 3

Semester IV – 17 (17 UG)
NUR 4455 Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing 3
NUR 4455L Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical 3
NUR 4355 Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing 3
NUR 4355L Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical 3
NUR 4667 Nursing in Global Health Care Systems 3
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/10 Grad)
NUR 4636C Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing 4
NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Synthesis 2

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)

Semester VI
NUR 4636C Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing 4
NUR 4945L Senior Clinical Synthesis 2
NUR 6301C, or 6601C Family Health Nursing I 3
NUR 6201L, or 6301L, or 6601L Family Health Nursing Practice I* 3
NUR 5XXX Elective 3

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

Semester VII
NUR 6202C, or 6302C, or 6602C Family Health Nursing II 3
NUR 6202L, or 6302L, or 6602L Family Health Nursing Practice II* 3
NUR 6910C Research Project 3

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

Eligible to take APRN 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 APRN preceptors in all NP practicum courses.

Combined RN to BSN/MSN Degree Pathway

The RN-to-BSN/MSN degree 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 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, corequisite 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 provisionally be 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 of 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-BSN-MSN track a student must:

1. Active, Unencumbered Florida RN license or enhanced licensure through the Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC)
2. Cumulative 3.2 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.

Degrees conferred

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

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

Level I: (up to 33 credits)

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)

NUR 3666 Evidence-Based Nursing and Research in Global Health Care 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-co-requisite courses.

Level III: (10 credits)
BSN degree awarded at the completion of Level IV and students will be fully admitted to the MSN.

**MSN Progression**

The 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 a plan of study for selected role specialty track.

**MSN Level Course Requirements**

**Graduate Nursing Core: (9 credits)**

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<td>Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice [Nurse Practitioner tracks only]</td>
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**Clinical Education Seminar and Role Development of the APN (3) [Nurse Practitioner tracks only]**

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<td>Role Development of the Advanced Practice Nurse</td>
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**Advanced Nursing Practice Role: Select one Specialty**

**Nursing Educator: (16 credits)**

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

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**Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner: (19 credits)**

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**Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: (22 credits)**

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**Family Nurse Practitioner: (23 credits)**

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**Ph.D. in Nursing Degree**

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

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.
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). Minimum required scores is 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 80 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or 6.5 overall on the IELTS.
6. A statement of the applicant's goals for pursuing the PhD degree in nursing. This statement must be typed, double-spaced, in a 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 (APRN) 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. Program

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 Vitae
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.
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 typed, double-spaced, in a 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 on-line applications as indicated include all identified supporting documents to these.
   a. Complete a graduate admissions application online. It is available at https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant/index.html
   b. Complete the FIU NWCHS-PhD Application for Admission via NursingCAS (The Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs) at https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login
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 Admissions, P.O. Box 659004, Miami, Florida 33265-9004 and 2) uploaded to your NursingCAS profile.
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. 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 Program: (60 Credits)**

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

The program requires completion of the following courses: A research sequence (1 course on knowledge development, 2 courses in research methods and design, 2 courses in statistics, and 2 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 a minimum of 2 cognate courses in a specific knowledge area.

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**Curriculum BSN to PhD Program (Minimum of 94 credits)**

The BSN to PhD program builds on student's general nursing knowledge and skills at the baccalaureate level and provides a course of study for advanced nursing practice at the master’s level. The curriculum includes master’s level courses designed to prepare students for advanced practice roles and provide the foundation from which students can engage in a program of intellectual inquiry at the doctoral level. If a student in the BSN-PhD track desires specialty certification (e.g., adult nurse practitioner), all required course work and clinical practice must be completed for that clinical specialty. Students on this track will receive the MSN degree upon completion of their required courses as outlined on their individual plan of study. The program can be completed in 4 ½ - 5 years of full-time study.

The BSN- PhD in Nursing program requires a minimum of 91 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.

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AGPCNP/PPCPNP/PMHNP/ADM clinical program courses.

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**Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree**

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a degree awarded following graduate doctoral study of the registered nurse with specialty preparation in advanced practice nursing. The DNP degree includes or builds upon the clinical 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 degree are to prepare nurses for leadership roles in a specialized area of advanced practice nursing 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. The DNP is offered as an MSN-to-DNP program or as a Dual Degree MSN + DNP program option for adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, pediatric primary care nurse practitioner, family health nurse practitioner, psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner, and clinical specialty areas.

The DNP Scholarly Project is a program culminating with an evidence-based scholarly project which unfolds in a 3 course series that provides the DNP students with mentored opportunities to identify, develop, implement, evaluate, and disseminate an independent, analytic scholarly project within the domain of advanced nursing practice. DNP students enter the DNP Scholarly Project series upon successful completion of all established DNP coursework and are required to submit a formal proposal, obtain approval by the DNP Project Team, submit and obtain approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB), implement and evaluate their respective evidence based scholarly project commensurate with doctoral education during this course series. A successful public presentation of scholarly project outcomes and defense is also required. Enrollment in the DNP Scholarly Project Course series, NGR 7940C (4 credits), NGR 7941C (4 credits), NGR 7942C (4 credits), NGR 7943 (1 credit) with a minimum of 1 credit, provides eligibility for DNP students to be considered “enrolled half- time equivalent” to meet financial aid qualification.
Anesthesia Nursing Application Process
Applicants must complete the following steps in order to be considered for admission:

STEP 1 – Submit an application to Nursing CAS (the Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs)
1. Complete an online application via Nursing CAS at http://www.nursingcas.org and pay the appropriate fee to Nursing CAS.
2. Complete the required FIU supplemental application and pay the $30 fee. The direct link to the supplemental application may be found in the Anesthesiology Nursing Program website.
3. Send official transcripts from ALL SCHOOLS attended (all Associates & Bachelors degree coursework) to Nursing CAS for upload and verification.
4. Upload all required supplemental items including three (3) professional nursing references, professional CV, copy of an active Florida RN License, and Personal Statement to Nursing CAS.

STEP 2 – Professional Interview
1. Following a review of all completed applications a select number of applicants will be offered the opportunity to participate in a panel interview. The program Admissions Committee makes final recommendations for admission.

Academic Standing
Good Standing: To achieve and maintain the classification of good standing, the student must maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 in the courses required for the MSN and DNP degrees. Full-time enrollment is required in Nurse Anesthesiology Program.

Progression in the Program
The student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in required graduate courses with a minimum of a “B” (85%) or better in all required courses.

If a student earns less than an 85 in any course, the course must be repeated and earn a grade of “B” or better. If this course is a pre-requisite to a subsequent course, the student will not be allowed to enroll in that subsequent course until satisfactory completion of the pre-requisite course is achieved but may be allowed to enroll in other courses if applicable to the program. Only one course repeat in the program will be allowed. Therefore, a student who earns a grade below an 85 in more than one course will be dismissed from the program.

A student who fails a DNP project course (pass or fail course) will be allowed to repeat only once even if they have less than an 85 in one MSN level course.
Students may not have a cumulative GPA below 3.0 in the courses for more than two semesters. If the cumulative GPA for required coursework is below 3.0 for a third semester, the student will be dismissed from the program.

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BSN-to-DNP Anesthesiology Nursing Program are not allowed to fail clinical residency courses as a clinical failure are immediate grounds for dismissal.

Graduation Requirements
To be eligible for graduation the student must:

• Meet all University Graduate School requirements for graduation.
• Satisfactorily complete all didactic and fieldwork requirements within degree program guidelines.
• Have a minimum graduate GPA of 3.0 in the degree required courses.

Admission Requirements (Post -MSN-to-DNP program)
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:

1. Completed Master’s degree in Advanced Practice Nursing specialty role (e.g. ANP, PNP, FNP, CRNA, CNM, CNS, etc.) from an accredited institution with minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25;
Or
Completed Master’s Degree in Nursing and a completed Post Graduate Certificate in Advanced Practice Nursing specialty role (e.g. ANP, PNP, FNP, CRNA, CNM, CNS, etc.)
2. Current licensure, with no restrictions as an APRN in your state of residence;
3. Proof of Advanced Practice Specialty Certification;
4. Completion CNHS DNP Program Application;
5. Essay (500 words) addressing desired focus and areas of interest for practice in DNP program;
6. Three (3) professional recommendations describing the applicant’s ability to be successful in a DNP program;
7. Curriculum Vitae;
8. Successful personal Interview with the Graduate Admissions Committee;

Degree Requirements (Post MSN-to-DNP program)
The Doctor of Nursing Practice program requires completion of a minimum of 36 credits (beyond a Master of Science in Nursing) and a DNP Scholarly 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/preceptorship experiences must be evaluated at a satisfactory level and completed with a grade of “Pass.” The DNP Scholarly Project must be approved by the DNP Scholarly Project Team. A successful public presentation and defense of the DNP Scholarly Project is also required.

Doctoral Nursing Practice Core (36 credits)
NGR 7121 Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice 3
NGR 7769 Patient Safety and Quality Improvement in Healthcare 3
NGR 7891 Healthcare Finance and Economics in Advanced Clinical Practice 3
NGR 7871 Health Informatics 3
NGR 7854 Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice 3
NGR 7892L Health Policy Practicum (60 Clinical
Admission Requirements (Post-BSN-to-DNP Nurse Anesthetist)

Admission to the Post-BSN-to-DNP Nurse Anesthetist 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-NA Program must meet the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University, the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the Department of Nurse Anesthetist Practice (DNP-NA).
2. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) from a National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited nursing program and from an accredited institution.
3. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater in a 4.0 scale and a minimum GPA of 3.0 for upper division coursework (UG 60)
4. Official GRE scores (Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical); NOTE: There is no minimum GRE score recommended for this program.
5. Current State of Florida RN license. Out of state students must obtain a license to practice in Florida prior to admission.
7. Essay (500 words)
8. Three professional recommendations.
10. Successful personal interview with DNP-NA admissions committee.

Degree Requirements (Post-BSN-to-DNP Nurse Anesthetist Program)

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthetist requires the completion of all required courses and clinical experience requirements and a Quality Improvement Project. DNP-NA 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 minimum letter grade of “B.” The Quality Improvement Project must be approved by the DNP Project Committee. A successful public presentation and defense of the DNP Project is also required.

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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.

Post-BSN-to-DNP (Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP)

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Admission Requirements

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6. Completion of all admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, a written essay, Recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae.
7. Essay (500 words) addressing desired focus and areas of interest for practice in The Post-BSN-to-DNP program.
8. Three (3) professional recommendations describing ability to be successful in a MSN-DNP program.
10. Successful personal Interview with The Post-BSN-to-DNP admissions committee.

In order to advance to the DNP Scholarly Project course series component of this track, students must meet the following requirements upon conferment of MSN degree:
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Doctor of Nursing Practice Core (36 credits)
NGR 7121 Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice 3
NGR 7769 Patient Safety and Quality Improvement in Healthcare 3
NGR 7891 Healthcare Finance and Economics in Advanced Clinical Practice 3
NGR 7871 Healthcare Informatics 3
NGR 7854 Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice 3
NGR 7892L Health Policy Practicum 3
NGR 7733 Organizational Dynamics of Health Systems 3
NGR 7853 Translational Research 3
NGR 7940C DNP Project I 4
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NGR 7942C DNP Project III 4

Advanced Practice Nursing Core (14 credits)
NGR 6002C Advanced Health Assessment 4
NGR 5141 Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice 3
NGR 6172 Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice 3
NGR 5064C Diagnostic and Therapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice 3
NGR 6743 Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Education Seminar 1

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**Post-BSN-to-DNP (Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner- MSN/DNP) Requirements**

1. Successful completion of 59 semester credits in post-BSN-to-DNP program required courses and all specialty clinical experience requirements; as well as satisfactory attainment of terminal program competencies (exit examination) prior to conferral of MSN degree.
2. Successful completion of all DNP required core courses (36 credits), including DNP Project public presentation and defense are required for conferral of DNP degree.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. With the exception of DNP Project courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.

**Post-BSN-to-DNP (Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP)**

The Post-BSN-to-DNP is a program of graduate doctoral study for registered nurses. The Post-BSN-to-DNP program of study builds upon the initial clinical training of entry level nurses prepared at the baccalaureate level. This program will include the 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 healthcare delivery and clinical expertise for advanced nursing practice education. Graduates of this program will be eligible for certification as a Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. The goals of Post-BSN-to-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**

1. Successful completion of all the admission requirements for graduate education at Florida International University and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
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6. Completion of all admission paperwork including the NursingCAS application, a written essay, Recommendations, and Curriculum Vitae.
7. Essay (500 words) addressing desired focus and areas of interest for practice in Post-BSN-to-DNP program.
8. Three (3) professional recommendations describing ability to be successful in a MSN-DNP program.
10. Successful personal Interview with the Graduate Admissions Committee.

In order to advance to the DNP Scholarly Project course series component of this track, students must meet the following requirements upon conferral of MSN degree:

1. Maintain good academic standing as defined in the FIU Student Handbook.
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Graduate Nursing Core (8 credits)
NGR 5131 Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice 3
NGR 5810 Research Methods in Nursing 3
NGR 6703 Role Development of the Advanced Practiced Nurse 2

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (19 credits)
NGR 6301C Advanced Child Health Nursing I 3
NGR 6301L Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice I 3
NGR 6302C Advanced Child Health Nursing II 3
NGR 6302L Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice II 3
NGR 6337L Role Synthesis in Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice 4
NGR 6337 Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Child Health Nursing 3

Post-BSN-to-DNP (Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP) Requirements
1. Successful completion of 59 semester credits in post-BSN-to-DNP program required courses and all specialty clinical experience requirements; as well as satisfactory attainment of terminal program competencies (exit examination) prior to conferral of MSN degree.
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Post-BSN-to-DNP (Family Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP)
The Post-BSN-to-DNP is a program of graduate doctoral study for registered nurses. The Post-BSN-to-DNP program of study builds upon the initial clinical training of entry level nurses prepared at the baccalaureate level. This program will include the 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 healthcare delivery and clinical expertise for advanced nursing practice education. Graduates of this program will be eligible for certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner. The goals of the Post-BSN-to-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.

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8. Three (3) professional recommendations describing ability to be successful in a MSN-DNP program.
10. Successful personal Interview with Graduate Admissions Committee.

In order to advance to the DNP Scholarly Project course series component of this track, students must meet the following requirements upon conferral of MSN degree:
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In order to advance to the DNP Scholarly Project course series component of this track, students must meet the following requirements upon referral of MSN degree:
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Post-BSN-to-DNP (Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-MSN/DNP) Requirements

1. Successful completion of 59 semester credits in post-BSN-to-DNP program required courses and all specialty clinical experience requirements; as well as satisfactory attainment of terminal program competencies (exit examination) prior to conferral of MSN degree.

2. Successful completion of all DNP required core courses (36 credits), including DNP Project public presentation and defense are required for conferral of DNP degree.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. With the exception of DNP Project courses, students are expected to register for courses with letter grades.