

Nursing Department

Faculty

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Aims of Nursing

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program is a four-year program (two years of prerequisite courses and two years of upper level) designed for students with no previous preparation in nursing. Students will receive excellent instruction and have optimal clinical learning experiences in hospitals, health agencies, long-term care facilities in the community, and simulated clinical experiences to prepare the graduates for beginning levels of nurse practice. The courses will be taught in alignment with the college's overall emphasis on spiritual, mental, physical, and social development. Graduates will have fulfilled the educational requirements to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After licensure graduates are prepared as nurse generalists for entry level nursing positions in hospitals, clinics, the military, long-term care facilities, and community health agencies, with potential for advancement and leadership roles. Graduates also have the foundation to pursue graduate study in nursing.

Mission Statement

The mission of the nursing program is to educate nurse generalists to optimize the health and wellness of diverse communities. Students will be challenged to become reflective, responsible, caring decision-makers providing Christian leadership as professional nurses accountable for their evidence-based actions.

Nursing (BS)

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Entrance Requirements

The following minimum requirements must be met for admission to the Nursing BSN program:

- I. Students who desire registering as pre-nursing must meet the following criteria:
Freshman applicants: A first-year student who wishes to apply to the BSN program, will have to complete all prerequisite courses and is encouraged to complete all distribution courses for the baccalaureate degree program prior to applying for admission to the upper division BSN program.
- II. Transfers
Students transferring from another institution for the BSN option who do not meet admissions requirements, can enroll in the pre-nursing program to complete pre-requisites.
- III. Admission to the Program as a Junior: Students who have been admitted to Florida College, including pre-nursing applicants, must also complete a nursing application to be considered for the nursing program. Full consideration for admission is assured for applications submitted by February 1 prior to the desired fall semester of entering the nursing program. All nursing applications are subject to review by the Nursing Admissions Committee.
 1. Applicants to the nursing program must have junior standing of at least 60 credits, not including PE credits, and a cumulative GPA of 2.7, with a minimum grade of 2.0 or higher in all prerequisite courses. Students may not earn a C (2.0) in more than two pre-requisite courses. Preference will be given to students with higher GPAs and students currently attending Florida College. Students must be in good academic standing, not on alert or probation for academic reasons.
 2. Proof of the following is required for full acceptance to the nursing program:

1. Current immunizations required
2. Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Certification
3. Criminal History Information Background Inquiry Check
4. The Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test (TOEFLiBT) is required for all not-licensed nursing applicants with English as a second language.
5. Admission to Florida College
6. Liability and malpractice insurance prior to start of clinical experiences. Th is included in nursing program fees.

Transfer into the Program

1. Transfer students will have their transcripts evaluated by the registrar and the director of the department before being considered for admission to the program.
 - a. Transfer students will need to submit transcripts for all prior college credits that adequately meet program standards for GPA and prerequisite courses (see program requirements below). Determination of adequacy will be communicated to the candidate upon review by the admissions committee.
 - b. In most cases, credit for nursing courses at other schools will not transfer.
 - c. If transfer is approved, the student will take the freshman Bible sequence in their junior year. After which, the student can take any sequence of Bible coursework in their senior year. Students transferring in will not be required to fulfill the lower division of Bible coursework required of a freshman pre-nursing student.
 - d. A campus visit is highly recommended but not required.

Total Semester Hours

Candidates must complete a minimum of 121 credit hours of major requirements and electives, excluding physical education activity courses.

General Education Requirements

Each student must complete the 36-hour general education core and three (2) hours of physical education classes. Transfer students who have completed at least 60 semester hours, including courses that satisfy the 36-hour general education core at Florida College, will take the freshman Bible sequence in their Junior year.

Language Requirement

There is no foreign language requirement, but two semesters of foreign language are possible. Students interested in taking a foreign language should talk with the nursing advisor to arrange their academic plan accordingly.

Daily Bible Requirement

All students living on campus and off-campus students enrolled in more than six credit hours must take a Biblical Literature course each day that they take classes on the Florida College campus. During the junior and senior years, with one exception, nursing students are required to take two credits of Bible each semester due to residency requirements and off-campus internships. The exception to this is the spring semester of the senior year, during which only one credit of Bible is required.

Prerequisites

- BSC 2085C Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BSC 2086C Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- CHM 1032C Chemistry for Allied Health (pre-req for this course is MAC 1105)
- ENC 1101 Freshman Comp I
- ENC 1102 Freshman Comp II
- MAC 1105 College Algebra or higher (some students may first need remedial math)
- MCB 2000C Microbiology
- PSY 1012 General Psychology

SPC 1608 Public Speaking or COM 2000 with permission of faculty
STA 2023 Elementary Statistics

Core Courses: required, non-nursing

COM 2000 Introduction to Communication
DEP 2045 Lifespan Psychology
HUN 2201 Fundamentals of Human Nutrition (pre-req for this course is CHM 1032)
PHI 3633 Introduction to Biomedical Ethics

Core Nursing Courses

NUR 2010 Introduction to Nursing – optional, but students are encouraged to take the course
NUR 3066L Clinical Application/Physical Assessment/Nursing Skills
NUR 3145 Pharmacological Therapeutic
NUR 3026C Nursing Fundamentals + Clinical
NUR 3218C Adult Medical Surgical Nursing + Clinical
NUR 3286 Gerontology
NUR 3535C Mental Health Nursing + Clinical
NUR 4165 Scholarly Inquiry: Connecting Research to Practice
NUR 4227C Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing + Clinical
NUR 4467C Maternal/Family Nursing/Pediatrics + Clinical
NUR 4635C Population/Community Health + Clinical
NUR 4827 Leadership in Nursing
NUR 4837 Healthcare Systems
NUR 4945 Transition to Professional Practice/Combined Didactic and Clinical

Quality of Work

A minimum grade point average of 2.5 on all nursing courses and a 2.5 GPA overall is required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Residency

Students must complete all nursing courses at Florida College. Students may petition the department chair for exceptions if emergencies arise.

Graduation Ceremony

As is customary with Florida College, candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing must participate in the graduation exercises in the year of completing their other requirements. Any exceptions must be cleared with the Academic Dean of the College.

RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BS DEGREE IN NURSING (121 hours)

Fall - Year One	Hours	Spring - Year One	Hours
BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSY 1012 - General Psychology	3	MAC 1105 - College Algebra	3
ENC 1101 - Freshman Comp I	3	ENC 1102 - Freshman Comp II	3
REL 1210 - Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 - Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1273 - Biblical Worldview	1	REL 1780 - Evidences	1
HLP 2081 - Health and Wellness	1	DEP 2045 - Lifespan Psychology	3
Total	14	Total	16
Fall - Year Two	Hours	Spring - Year Two	Hours
MCB 2000C - Microbiology	4	CHM 1032C - Chemistry for Allied Health	4
Humanities Requirement	3	LIT 2371 - OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
REL courses	3	REL Course	1
SPC 1608 - Public Speaking	3	STA 2023 - Statistics	3
Social Science Requirement	3	PHI 3633 Biomedical Ethics	3
		PE Activity	1
		NUR 2010 - Introduction to Nursing	(1)
Total	16	Total	15(16)
Fall - Year Three	Hours	Spring - Year Three	Hours
NUR 3145 - Pharmacological Therapeutics and Dosage Calculations	3	NUR 3535C - Mental Health Theory and Clinical	4
NUR 3026C - Fund. of Nursing	5	NUR 3218C - Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
HUN 2201 - Nutrition	3	REL Courses	2
NUR 3066L - Physical Assessment/Skills Lab	3	NUR 4165 Connecting Research to Practice	3
REL Courses	2	NUR 3286 Gerontology	1
Total	16	Total	14
Fall - Year Four	Hours	Spring - Year Four	Hours
NUR 4635C - Population/Community Health Theory and Clinical	5	NUR 4837 - Healthcare Systems	2
NUR 4467C - Maternal/Family/Pediatrics Theory and Clinical	6	NUR 4227C - Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory and Clinical	4
REL Courses	2	NUR 4827 - Nursing Leadership	3
COM 2000 - Intro to Communication	3	NUR 4945C - Clinical Transition to Professional Practice	4
Total	16	REL Course	1
		Total	14

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at Florida College admitted the first student cohort in the Fall of 2021. The Florida College Nursing Program received approval from the Florida Board of Nursing in December 2020. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approved the Florida College Nursing Program in June 2021. The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Florida College is pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccnaccreditation.org). Applying for accreditation does not guarantee that accreditation will be granted.