

# 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 (BSN)*

### Entrance Requirements

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

- I. Students who desire to register 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 prerequisite 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 as a pre-nursing student and complete prerequisites.
- 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) on more than two prerequisite 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 the start of clinical experiences. This 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.

#### General Education Requirements

Each student must complete the 36-hour general education core and two (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 and enrolled in more than six credit hours must take a Bible course each day that they take classes on the Florida College campus. All nursing students must comply with the school daily bible policy

#### 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  
 STA 2023 Elementary Statistics

#### Core Courses: required, non-nursing

COM 2000 Introduction to Communication  
 DEP 2004 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 3026C Fundamentals of Nursing + Clinical  
NUR 3066L Physical Assessment & Nursing Skills Lab  
NUR 3145 Pharmacological Therapeutics & Dosage Calculations  
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, & Pediatric Nursing + Clinical  
NUR 4635C Populations & Community Health Nursing + Clinical  
NUR 4827 Leadership in Nursing  
NUR 4837 Healthcare Systems  
NUR 4945C Transition to Professional Practice + Clinical

### **Quality of Work**

A minimum cumulative 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**

Candidates must participate in graduation exercises in the year of completing their other requirements. Any exception must be cleared through the Provost.

*RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BSN DEGREE (124 HOURS shown)*

<b>Fall – Year One</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring – Year One</b>	<b>Hours</b>
BSC 2085C – Human Anat & Phys I	4	BSC 2086C – Human Anat & Phys II	4
ENC 1101 – Freshman Comp I	3	ENC 1102 – Freshman Comp II	3
HLP 2081 – Health and Wellness	1	MAC 1105 – College Algebra	3
PE Activity	1	SPC 1608 – Public Speaking	3
PSY 1012 – General Psychology	3	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	TR Daily Bible	1
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<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Fall – Year Two</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring – Year Two</b>	<b>Hours</b>
DEP 2004 – Lifespan Psychology	3	CHM 1032C – Chem. for Allied Health	4
Humanities Requirement	3	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
MCB 2000C – Microbiology	4	STA 2023 – Elementary Statistics	3
Social Science Requirement	3	MWF Daily Bible	2
MWF Daily Bible	2	TR Daily Bible	1
TR Daily Bible	1	NUR 2010 – Introduction to Nursing	(1)
		PHI 3633 Biomedical Ethics	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16(17)</b>
<b>Fall – Year Three</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring – Year Three</b>	<b>Hours</b>
MWF Daily Bible	1	MWF Daily Bible	1
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
HUN 2201 – Nutrition	3	NUR 3218C – Adult Med-Surg Nurs.	4
NUR 3026C – Fund. of Nursing	5	NUR 3286 – Gerontology	2
NUR 3066L – Phys Assess/Skills Lab	3	NUR 3535C – Mental Health Nursing	4
NUR 3145 – Pharm Ther & Dos Calc	3	NUR 4165 – Conn Research to Prac.	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fall – Year Four</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring – Year Four</b>	<b>Hours</b>
MWF Daily Bible	1	REL Course	1
TR Daily Bible	1	NUR 4227C – Adv Med-Surg Nurs.	4
COM 2000 – Intro to Communication	3	NUR 4827 – Nursing Leadership	3
NUR 4467C – Mat/Fam/Ped Nursing	6	NUR 4837 – Healthcare Systems	2
NUR 4635C – Pop/Comm Health	5	NUR 4945C –Trans to Prof Practice	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

**Accreditation**

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Florida College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).