

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)

Nursing Admission Policy

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 Florida College admission requirements. First-year applicants who wish to pursue pre-nursing must have an unweighted 3.00 GPA in high school and a 3.0 or greater on any college courses taken in high school. Pre-nursing students are encouraged to complete all prerequisite courses for the baccalaureate degree program before applying for admission to the upper-division BSN program.
- II. Full consideration for admission to the nursing program is assured for applications submitted by February 1 prior to the fall semester in which the applicant desires to enter the program. 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. All nursing applications are subject to review by the Nursing Admissions Committee. Applicants may be asked to participate in a pre-admission interview and/or testing.
- III. Applicants to the nursing program must have junior standing of at least 60 credits, excluding physical education credits, and a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all prerequisite courses, must earn a minimum grade of C in required courses, and may not have more than two prerequisite courses with a final grade of C. Preference may be given to students with higher GPAs and to students currently attending Florida College. Students must be in good academic standing and may not be on academic alert or probation.
- IV. A student may retake no more than one prerequisite course, one time, to attempt a higher grade. Retaking more than one prerequisite course, or retaking the same prerequisite course more than once, makes the applicant ineligible regardless of grades earned. This policy applies to all applicants whenever retake status is identified. Grade replacement must be completed before the program start date. An applicant who is otherwise eligible but has one permitted retake or any other prerequisite

course still in progress may be granted conditional admission, contingent upon completing the course and confirming the final grade before the program begins. Failure to do so will result in withdrawal of the offer. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that official transcripts, including any retakes, are submitted to the Registrar in time for accurate review.

V. Proof of the following is required for full acceptance to the nursing program:

1. Current immunizations by the start of the program.
2. Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Certification prior to start of clinicals.
3. Satisfactory Criminal History Information Background Inquiry Check and urine drug screen.
4. English proficiency documentation when required by the nursing ESL proficiency policy.
(See section VI)
5. Liability and malpractice insurance prior to start of clinical experiences (provided through Florida College program fees).
6. Additional immunization requirements established by clinical agencies, including COVID immunization if required by a clinical site.

VI. Undergraduate Nursing Student English as a Second Language Proficiency Policy

A certain level of English proficiency is necessary for academic success in nursing and for patient safety. In addition to College requirements, all applicants, including international and U.S. resident applicants, must attest to one of the following:

1. English is their first/native language.
2. English is not their first language, but they attended four years of high school in an English-speaking country and all courses were taught in English.
3. English is not their first language and they did not attend four years of high school where all courses were taught in English.

Applicants in the third category must take the TOEFL internet-based test (TOEFL-iBT) and obtain a minimum cumulative score of 84, with minimum individual scores of 24 in Speaking, 20 in Writing, 20 in Reading, and 20 in Listening. Complete information about the TOEFL-iBT, including test preparation materials, testing sites, and registration, is available through TOEFL. Applicants may register by internet, telephone, or mail. To request official TOEFL-iBT scores be sent to Florida College, applicants should use Institution Code 1482. Only official score reports will be accepted. TOEFL-iBT scores are valid for two years from the test date.

Nursing students for whom English is not their native language should be aware that they may not be able to complete the program of study within the described time frame. Individual advising is available and is directed toward assisting students to be successful. Admitted ESL nursing students who have difficulty in the nursing program may be required to engage in activities including, but not limited to, participation in additional ESL speaking, reading, or writing courses to increase the probability of success in the program and on certifying examinations.

VII. Transfer into the Program

Transfer students will have their transcripts evaluated by the Registrar and the Director of the Program before being considered for admission to the program. Transfer students must submit transcripts for all prior college credits and must transfer courses that adequately meet program GPA and prerequisite course standards. Determination of adequacy will be communicated to the candidate upon review by the Nursing Admissions Committee. In most cases, credit for nursing courses completed at other institutions will not transfer.

If transfer into the nursing program is approved, the student will take the first-year Bible sequence during the junior year and may take any sequence of Bible coursework during the senior year. Transfer students who enter the nursing program in this way will not be required to complete the lower-division Bible coursework expected of freshman pre-nursing students. 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 English Composition I
- ENC 1102 English Composition 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
- COM 2000 Introduction to Communication
- DEP 2004 Lifespan Developmental Psychology

Core Courses: required, non-nursing

- 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 encouraged to take as a freshman or sophomore.
- 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 4931 NCLEX Prep
- 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 (121 HOURS shown)

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
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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Total	15	Total	16
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
DEP 2004 – Lifespan Dev. 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	TR Daily Bible	1
MWF Daily Bible	2	NUR 2010 – Introduction to Nursing	(1)
TR Daily Bible	1	COM 2000 – Intro to Communication	3
		(if not taken yet)	
Total	16	Total	14(15)
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
REL course	1	REL course	1
PE Activity	1	NUR 3218C – Adult Med-Surg Nurs.	4
HUN 2201 – Nutrition (if not taken yet)	3	NUR 3286 – Gerontology	2
NUR 3026C – Fund. of Nursing	5	NUR 3535C – Mental Health Nursing	4
NUR 3066L – Phys Assess/Skills Lab	3	NUR 4165 – ConnectResearch toPrac	3
NUR 3145 – Pharm Ther & Dos Calc	3		
Total	16	Total	14
Fall – Year Four	Hours	Spring – Year Four	Hours
REL course	1	REL Course	1
PHI 3633 Biomedical Ethics	3	NUR 4635C – Pop/Comm Health	5
NUR 4227C – Adv Med-Surg Nurs.	4	NUR 4827 – Nursing Leadership	3
NUR 4467C – Mat/Fam/Ped Nursing	6	NUR 4931 NCLEX Prep	1
NUR 4837 – Healthcare Systems	2	NUR 4945C –Trans to Prof Practice	4
Total	16	Total	14

Accreditation

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