

Nursing (BSN), Bachelor of Science Degree

The purpose of this program is to prepare the students to become professional nurses able to function in a variety of roles. The students will be prepared in the areas of health assessment, nursing theories and concepts, research, leadership, informatics and health promotion across various healthcare settings. The graduates will acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to safely practice patient care and pass the NCLEX exam. FNU awards a Bachelor of Science degree upon completion.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDITS)

General Education Requirements (53 credits)	Credit Hours
COMMUNICATIONS (12 credits)	
ENC 1101 English Composition I **	3
ENC 1102 English Composition II **	3
SPC 1017 Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
ENC 3311 Advanced Writing and Research	3
HUMANITIES (6 credits)	Credit Hours
PHI 1600 Ethics	3
Humanities (from the selection of Hum. Courses offered)	3
BEHAVIORAL / SOCIAL SCIENCE (6 credits)	Credit Hours
PSY 1012 General Psychology	3
DEP 2004 Human Growth and Development	3
NATURAL SCIENCE (18 credits)	Credit Hours
BSC 1085C Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BSC 1086C Anatomy and Physiology II	4
CHM 1033 Introduction to Chemistry	3
CHM 1033L Introduction to Chemistry Lab	1
MCB 2000C Microbiology	3
HSC 2577 Principles of Nutrition for Health Care	3
MATHEMATICS (7 credits)	Credit Hours
MAC 1105 College Algebra I **	3
STA 2014 Introduction to Statistics**	4
COMPUTERS (4 credits)	Credit Hours
CGS 1030 Introduction to Information Technology	4
Core Courses (67 credits) Without RN License	Credit Hours
NUR 3029C Fundamentals of Nursing	7
NUR 3065 Physical Assessment in Health Care	4
NUR 3125 Pathophysiology	4
NUR 3226C Adult Health Nursing I	6
NUR 3145 Pharmacology	3
NUR 3805 Nursing Role and Scope	3
NUR 3227C Adult Health Nursing II	6

NUR 3165	Nursing Research	3
NUR 3525C	Psychiatric Nursing	4
NUR 3655	Culture in Nursing	3
NUR 3355C	Pediatric Nursing	5.5
NUR 3465C	Maternity and Newborn Nursing	5.5
NUR 4827C	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NUR 4836C	Professional Nursing Practicum	6
NUR 4636	Community Nursing	4

Core Courses (67 credits) With RN License		Credit Hours
NUR 3065	Physical Assessment in Health Care	4
NUR 3125	Pathophysiology	4
NUR 3165	Nursing Research	3
NUR 3178	Complementary and Alternative Healthcare	3
NUR 3655	Culture in Nursing	3
NUR 3805	Nursing Role and Scope	3
NUR 3826	Ethical and Legal Aspects of Nursing Practice	2
NUR 4287	Nursing and the Aging Family	2
NUR 4516	Crisis Intervention	2
NUR 4636	Community Nursing	4
NUR 4827C	Nursing Leadership and Management	3

Courses transferred due to an active RN License (34 credits)		Credit Hours
NUR 3029C	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
NUR 3226C	Adult Health Nursing I	6
NUR 3227C	Adult Health Nursing II	6
NUR 3525C	Psychiatric Nursing	4
NUR 3355C	Pediatric Nursing	5.5
NUR 3465C	Maternity and Newborn Nursing	5.5

All students must have completed all General Education requirements successfully with a grade of "C" or higher and all Science courses with a "B" or higher before beginning core courses.

NOTE: FNU reserves the right to transfer the appropriate courses.

*General Education Component (see page 191)

**This course has prerequisites; check course descriptions.

*** Mandatory course for entering the core courses

****During the BSN program, the student will only be allowed to repeat one course. If the student fails two courses during the program, he/she will be terminated from the program.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Admission Requirements

1. Students must take a Diagnostic Test (students with proof of transferable credits of College Algebra (MAC 1105) and English Composition (ENC1101) from an accredited institution may be exempt). Students must also pass the KAPLAN exam **with at least an 80%** as a combined score in all four sections of the exam to qualify for the BSN Program (can only be taken twice). Registration for the exam is completed directly with the school.
2. Program Application
3. Two professional references
4. Local Police Report
5. Essay - Minimum 250 words about why you are choosing the Nursing career, strengths and weakness, personal and live motivations.
6. Official transcripts (if you are transferring credits from other institutions). Natural Science courses MUST have a letter grade of at least B (BSC1085C, BSC1086C, CHM1025, CHM1025L, MCB2000C, and HSC2377). Letter grade "D" is not transferable. GPA 3.0
7. Entrance Interview
8. General education courses start every 8 weeks and Nursing Core Courses every 16 weeks (Winter, Summer and Fall)

Admission Requirements - For students with a RN License

Will follow the same admissions procedures, but they must present an active RN license.

1. Program Application
2. Two professional references
3. Local Police Report
4. Essay - Minimum 250 words about why you are choosing the Nursing career, strengths and weakness, personal and live motivations.
5. Official transcripts. (If you are transferring credits from other institutions). Natural Science courses MUST have a letter grade of at least B (BSC1085C, BSC1086C, CHM1025, CHM1025L, MCB2000C, and HSC2377). Letter grade "D" is not transferable. GPA 3.0
6. Registered Nurse License, clear and active.
7. General education courses start every 8 weeks and Nursing Core Courses every 16 weeks (Winter, Summer and Fall)

Foreign Physicians Admission Requirements

Requirements:

- a. Graduated as medical doctor from another country from an accredited institution.
- b. Practiced as a physician for at least 2 years
- c. Medical school transcripts must be evaluated and made equivalent by an accredited credential evaluation agency
- d. General Education requirements: (17 credits/53 if demonstrated by transcripts)
 1. All science courses will be transferred (C and above)
 2. Communication requirements (ENC 1101, ENC 1102, and SPC 1017) can be validated by obtaining a TOEFL score of 62 and above with each section with an acceptable level (intermediate or fair and above), or IELTS score of 5.5, or a 44 on the PTEA. ENC 3311 Advanced Writing and Research is required.
 3. Humanities (6 crs.) includes PHI 1635 Biomedical Ethics

4. Psychology and Human Growth and Development will be transferred.
 5. College Algebra will be transferred, but Statistics is required for the program, student must complete this course unless included in transcripts.
 6. CGS 1030, Introduction to Information Technology is required, unless included in transcripts.
- e. Score a minimum of 80% on the Entrance Exam.
 - f. Interview with Nursing Admission Committee

Note: Foreign Physicians applying for the ADN will receive the same credits that apply to the program.

DISCLAIMER:

Foreign online students who hold international nursing licenses and have an Associate in Science of Nursing degree can be enrolled in the online Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) with RN License track. Note that foreign students who graduate from an online nursing program and hold an international nursing license are unable to work in the USA, unless they sit for the NCLEX in the state of their choice. In order to sit for the NCLEX exam, students will be required to present a translation and equivalency of their academic credentials in English from an authorized evaluation agency and or any other requirements requested by the Board of Nursing.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Mission

The mission of the program is *“to prepare the graduates to become licensed registered nurses and to provide safe and compassionate nursing care. The program will enable graduates to obtain entry level positions and to be qualified to provide direct care to individuals and families in a variety of care settings.”* The mission of Florida National University ties in with its philosophy that devotes itself to the cause of education by:

- Preparing individuals for personal and professional success
- Incorporating many diverse elements into the occupational and professional opportunities which this community offers
- Providing programs leading to degrees and to developing professional attitudes, values, and skills that will enhance their potential for success in their careers and in life.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Philosophy

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing subscribes to the philosophy statement of Florida National University. The Nursing faculty has developed and adheres to the following beliefs:

- We believe that the students' success in nursing derives from knowledge of nursing principles, development of skills and competence, and high standards of professionalism expressed through appearance, attitude, and demeanor in all aspects of practice.
- We believe that safe nursing care derives from critical thinking skills, good judgment applied to knowledge and clinical expertise.
- We believe that the Bachelor of Science in Nursing continues the high standards of integrity and ethics for students, professors, administrators and staff set by the institution for all of its programs.
- We believe that every student is unique and deserves the individual support and guidance necessary to be successful.
- We believe that the registered nurse functions as an important part of the health care team within the limits of the scope of practice of the profession. We believe that an understanding of the dependent role of the registered nurse and the scope of practice is a key element of the success of the nursing graduate.