The junior/senior-level Traditional BSN program is four semesters long and provides learning experiences in a variety of clinical settings. The Accelerated BSN program prepares students with a baccalaureate degree in another field for entrance into the nursing profession with a BSN. The RN to BSN program prepares those current Registered Nurses who have previously earned an associate degree.

About this Program
- **College:** Nursing
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Science
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
- **Additional Information**
- **Related Nursing Programs**

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

The College of Nursing prepares baccalaureate nurses to care, lead and inspire. Nursing courses include classroom and laboratory activities correlated with supervised clinical experiences. Students may be required to travel outside of Gainesville for selected clinical experiences.

The curriculum is logically organized from simple to complex so that students acquire the cognitive, affective, and technical competencies of a professional nurse. Students are required to demonstrate competence at each semester in sequence to progress to more advanced concepts and skills. Knowledge from general education courses, nursing pre-professional courses, and introductory nursing courses is integrated and refined as student progress through increasingly complex theoretical nursing content and clinical application courses.

Courses in the first two semesters focus on foundational knowledge and principles of personalized nursing care. Students gain an understanding of the context of contemporary nursing practice, the meaning of professionalism, ethical and legal guidelines, professional values, and standards of professional nursing practice. Course content and concepts are aligned with clinical experiences to develop beginning clinical reasoning. Students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to provide evidence-based, safe, cost-effective quality care to achieve optimal health outcomes.

Courses in the final two semesters build upon prior learning and are characterized by increased complexity in content and outcomes. Students enhance clinical reasoning and critical thinking through nursing practice in a variety of settings for individuals across the lifespan, families and other groups, and communities. Learning experiences are designed to enable students to demonstrate leadership, interprofessional collaboration, and advocacy skills that improve the health of diverse individuals and populations. In the final semester, students participate in a project to develop an innovative solution for a problem or issue relevant to professional nursing.

Progression
Students must earn minimum grades of C in all required nursing courses and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA every semester while enrolled. Students may repeat only one required nursing course. Students earning less than a C in any required nursing course may repeat that course only once and on a space-available basis. Students who do not achieve a passing grade on their second attempt in a course will be dismissed from the nursing program. Students may withdraw only once from any required nursing course.

Students are expected to comply with college health policy requirements. Students in the health professions are held to standards of conduct that exceed those usually expected of university students. Consequently, nursing students are required to demonstrate safe practice in the care of patients and to exercise appropriate judgment as beginning-level professionals, including appropriate demeanor and appearance. Students must adhere to the standards of conduct outlined in the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics and the Florida Nurse Practice Act in addition to the University of Florida College of Nursing handbook. Students can be removed from the nursing curriculum, and/or any college-sponsored programs or organizations, based on violation of professional conduct.

Bachelor of Science
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Related Nursing Programs
- RN to BSN program, UF Online

Critical Tracking
Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

The following recommended curriculum plan for semesters 1-4 enables students to satisfy university-wide general education requirements and required preprofessional courses. The plan includes the courses and academic standards (overall GPA and preprofessional GPA) required each semester for continuation in the pre-nursing program and application for admission to the nursing major.

**Semester 1**
- Complete 2 critical-tracking courses with minimum grades of C: APK 2100C, APK 2105C, DEP 3053 or EDF 3110 (recommended), HUN 2201, MCB 2000/MCB 2000L, STA 2023, 3 credits of social and behavioral science (with PSY, SOP or SYG prefix), and 3 credits of physical or biological sciences (with BSC, CHM or PHY prefix)
- 3.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 3.0 overall GPA on work from all institutions

**Semester 2**
- Complete 2 additional critical-tracking courses with minimum grades of C
- 3.1 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 3.1 overall GPA on work from all institutions

**Semester 3**
- Complete 2 additional critical-tracking courses with minimum grades of C
- 3.2 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 3.2 overall GPA on work from all institutions

Credits for Degree:

Additional Information
Semester 4

- Complete all critical-tracking courses with minimum grades of C
- Complete writing requirement
- Complete all general education coursework with minimum grades of C
- Complete a total of 60 credits
- 3.3 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 3.3 overall GPA on work from all institutions

Semesters 5-8

Students cannot register for courses in semesters 5-8 before admission to the nursing major, which is competitive. The online application for admission must be submitted by March 1.

Model Semester Plan

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student’s academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

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Elective (Writing Requirement) 3
State Core Gen Ed Humanities 3

Semester Four

APK 2105C | Applied Human Physiology with Laboratory (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Biological Sciences) | 4 |
HUN 2201   | Fundamentals of Human Nutrition (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Biological Sciences) | 3 |

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Semester Five

NUR 3066C | Clinical Reasoning Health Assessment | 3 |
NUR 3106   | Lead and Inspire 1: Professional Nursing Practice | 2 |
NUR 3737C  | Principles of Personalized Nursing Care | 6 |
NUR 3196   | Pathophysiology/Pharmacology in Nursing | 4 |

Semester Six

NUR 3186   | Lead and Inspire 2: Research & Evidence-Based Nursing Practice | 2 |
NUR 3128   | Pathophysiology/Pharmacology in Nursing 2 | 3 |
NUR 3227C  | Principles of Personalized Nursing Care 2 | 2 |
NUR 3219C  | Clinical Reasoning & Personalized Nursing Care: Adult Acute | 4 |
NUR 3535C  | Clinical Reasoning & Personalized Nursing Care: Adult Chronic Conditions | 4 |

Semester Seven

NUR 4108   | Lead and Inspire 3: Policy Change in Nursing Practice | 3 |
NUR 4467C  | Clinical Reasoning & Personalized Care: Women, Children & Families | 6 |
NUR 4768C  | Clinical Reasoning & Personalized Care: Adult Chronic Conditions | 6 |

Semester Eight

NUR 4827   | Lead & Inspire 4: Leadership & Innovation in Nursing Practice | 2 |
NUR 4636C  | Clinical Reasoning & Personalized Nursing Care: Population Health | 4 |
NUR 4766C  | Clinical Reasoning & Personalized Nursing Care: Adult Complex Conditions | 6 |
NUR 4815   | Professional Nursing Transformation | 3 |

Total Credits 120

1. BSC, CHM, or PHY prefix.
2. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements. This is often done concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H or S).
3. Requires External Nursing Skills Test exam score of 800 to pass the course.

Academic Learning Compact

The major in nursing prepares graduates as generalists to provide holistic care that addresses the healthcare needs of diverse individuals, families, communities and populations across the lifespan. Nursing practice is
built on nursing knowledge, theory and research. Graduates will translate, integrate and apply knowledge that leads to improvements in patient outcomes.

**Before Graduating Students Must**
- Achieve a passing grade of C or higher in all required courses.
- Pre-licensure student must achieve a score of 850 on the Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) RN Exit Examination.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

**Students in the Major Will Learn to**

**Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)**

**Content**
1. Apply critical thinking to synthesize knowledge grounded in liberal education and nursing, in the practice of professional nursing in the global community.
2. Utilize knowledge of health care regulation to advocate for policy change to improve health care systems and professional nursing practice.
3. Utilize health promotion, health maintenance, and disease prevention strategies across settings to improve the health of diverse individuals and populations across the lifespan.

**Critical Thinking**
4. Integrate evidence-based findings in decision-making in the practice of professional nursing.
5. Appraise current evidence to evaluate health care safety and quality improvement initiatives for individuals and groups.
6. Analyze information from health care technology systems to apply evidence that will guide nursing practice.
7. Illustrate the importance of advocacy in the improvements in nursing practice and throughout the healthcare system.
8. Demonstrate professional competence and values reflective of professional nursing standards and mutual respect within a global society.

**Communication**
9. Collaborate with the healthcare team and clients to provide safe and cost effective high quality health care.
10. Demonstrate professional communication, collaboration and documentation with healthcare teams to support improvement in patient health outcomes.
11. Build therapeutic alliance with patients and families to provide personalized care.

**Curriculum Map**

*I = Introduced; R = Reinforced; A = Assessed*

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Assessment Types

- Faculty evaluation
- Achievement of minimum benchmark score on Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) Exam
- Exit Survey (Skyfactor)
- Passing score on the National Council Licensure Examination