

NURSING | COLLEGE OF

The College of Nursing is recognized nationally and internationally for innovative education, dynamic programs of research and creative approaches to practice. Gator Nurses are prepared for leadership as clinicians, scientists and educators who reflect and care for a diverse society; foster interdisciplinary collaboration; and improve the health of individuals, families and communities.

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Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0212>)

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Established

1956

Accredited

Degree programs approved by the Florida State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Academic Advising

Students interested in a career in nursing should contact the Office of Student Affairs for advising before they submit an application for admission.

Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) with three track options: traditional, accelerated, and RN-BSN. The college also offers a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in nursing science.

Training Opportunities

The colleges of the Health Science Center and their associated healthcare delivery networks provide students access to an integrated system of community hospitals and clinics, statewide home health care, a veterans' health system and UF Health Shands Hospital. The College of Nursing maintains and participates in nursing and interdisciplinary care across the lifespan including women, children, adults, and the elderly with special emphasis on under-served and rural populations.

Helpful Links

- College Website (<http://nursing.ufl.edu/>)

Academic Policies

Admission to the College

More Info (<https://nursing.ufl.edu/>)

Students planning to enter the Traditional BSN program must complete General Education and preprofessional requirements by the end of Spring semester of the sophomore year. Standards for continuation are established for nursing majors and continuing students are monitored by the college.

Degree audits identify progress toward the degree and are posted on ONE.UF (<https://one.ufl.edu/>) after the Fall and Spring semesters. Critical-tracking criteria are outlined in the curriculum plans.

Students who desire to change their major to nursing should do so by the completion of their first academic year.

The college's online application for admission to upper-division coursework must be made by the March 1 deadline. Students will be admitted after Spring grades have been posted.

Admission evaluation factors include, but are not limited to, academic record, cumulative grade point average, performance in preprofessional courses, the extent to which the applicant exceeds minimum requirements, relevant student attributes, experiences, and career goals.

Students begin upper-division nursing studies in the Fall semester of the junior year.

Limited-Access Program

The University of Florida's baccalaureate nursing curriculum is a high-demand, limited-access program. Enrollment is limited because of the high cost for program delivery as well as limited availability of clinical learning facilities and limited availability of qualified faculty necessary to maintain appropriate faculty-to-student ratios in all clinical areas. Because of limited enrollment and the number of applications, many qualified applicants are unable to be admitted to the College of Nursing's upper-division nursing courses.

Minimum Application Requirements for Native UF Students

- Completed 60 credits of required preprofessional and General Education courses by the end of the Spring semester prior to admission
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) overall and for preprofessional courses
- Minimum grades of C in all required preprofessional courses
- Satisfactory completion of communication and computations requirement
- Completion of the HESI Academic Assessment (A2) Test

Minimum Application Requirements for Transfer Students

More Info (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/admission/>)

For application information, all transfer students should refer to the admission as a transfer student section of the catalog. Transfer applicants must meet all university and college-specific admission requirements. Applicants from other institutions who have satisfied minimum requirements will be considered for admission at the junior level on a space-available basis.

Students from Florida Public Colleges

- Associate of Arts degree by the end of Spring semester prior to admission
- Completed 60 credits of required preprofessional and General Education courses by the end of the Spring semester prior to admission
- Completed two sequential courses of foreign language in secondary school or 8-10 semester credits at the postsecondary level, or document an equivalent level of proficiency
- Minimum overall 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) and a 3.0 GPA on all preprofessional courses
- Completion of required prerequisite courses with a grade of C
- Completion of the HESI Academic Assessment (A2) Test, application requirement

Students from Other Universities

- Completed 60 credits of required preprofessional and General Education courses by the end of the spring semester prior to admission
- Completed two sequential courses of foreign language in secondary school or 8-10 semester credits at the post-secondary level, or document an equivalent level of proficiency
- Minimum overall 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) and a 3.0 GPA on all preprofessional courses
- Minimum grades of C in all required preprofessional courses
- Completion of the HESI Academic Assessment (A2) Test, application requirement

College Regulations, All Students

Before Enrolling in Nursing Courses

- Compliance with university, college and agency health policy requirements and immunizations
- Certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for healthcare providers
- Proof of current health insurance coverage
- Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen

Expenditures

Expenditures specific to nursing courses include, but are not limited to, specialized equipment, uniforms, laboratory fees for clinical courses and transportation for off-campus experiences.

Health Policy

The college requires specific immunizations and periodic health screenings. Compliance with health policies is required for clinical coursework. Students are expected to be physically and mentally able to perform the essential functions of the nursing curriculum and may be requested to provide appropriate medical documentation.

Degree Requirements

For graduation from the BSN program:

- **Traditional Track:** Completion of 120 credits, including 60 junior/senior-level credits
- **Accelerated Track:** Completion of 60 credits, post-baccalaureate
- **RN-BSN Track:** Completion of 60 credits, post AA degree or 60 transferable semester credits
- A minimum grade of C in each nursing course.
- Adherence to the standards of acceptable conduct as outlined in the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics, the Florida Nurse Practice Act, the university's Student Guide and the Undergraduate Catalog.

Graduating with Honors (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/academic-honors/#graduatingwithhonorstext>)

Traditional Track Only

Licensure

Upon satisfactory completion of the baccalaureate curriculum, the graduate will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is academically eligible to apply for the NCLEX-RN examination for state licensure as a registered nurse.

Programs

MAJORS

- Nursing

UF ONLINE MAJORS

- Nursing | RN to BSN UF Online

Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree Program

The College of Nursing offers an accelerated course of study for a baccalaureate degree in nursing. This program is for students with a baccalaureate or higher degree in another field.

The accelerated baccalaureate curriculum begins each Summer and is completed in four consecutive semesters of fulltime study.

Minimum Application Requirements

- A baccalaureate or higher degree from a nationally accredited college or university in a field other than nursing
- 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale), calculated on the most recent 60 credits taken toward the bachelor's degree or a cumulative 3.0 GPA toward a masters or doctoral degree
- Required prerequisite course must have been completed within the past seven years with a minimum grade of C. No more than two prerequisite courses can be in progress during the Spring semester prior to admission
- 1 academic letter of reference and 1 personal letter of reference
- Resume / curriculum vitae
- Essay that responds to questions specified on the NursingCAS site

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- Compliance with college health policy requirements and immunizations
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Curriculum Plan for Accelerated Baccalaureate Studies

Course	Title	Credits
Semester One		
Summer		
NUR 3066C	Clinical Reasoning: Health Assessment ¹	3
NUR 3106	Lead and Inspire 1: Professional Nursing Practice	2
NUR 3737C	Principles of Personalized Nursing Care 1	6
NUR 3196	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology in Nursing 1	4
(Total Clinical Hours: 180)		
Credits		15
Semester Two		
Fall		
NUR 3128	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology in Nursing 2	3
NUR 3168	Lead and Inspire 2: Research and Evidence-Based Nursing	2
NUR 3227C	Principles of Personalized Nursing Care 2 ¹	2
NUR 3219C	Clinical Reasoning and Personalized Nursing Care: Adult Acute Conditions	4
NUR 3535C	Clinical Reasoning and Personalized Nursing Care: Mental Health	4
(Total Clinical Hours: 180)		
Credits		15
Semester Three		
Spring		
NUR 4108	Lead and Inspire 3: Policy and Change in Nursing Practice	3
NUR 4467C	Clinical Reasoning and Personalized Nursing Care: Women, Children and Families	6
NUR 4768C	Clinical Reasoning and Personalized Nursing Care: Adult Chronic Conditions ¹	6
(Total Clinical Hours: 225)		
Credits		15
Semester Four		
Summer		
NUR 4827	Lead and Inspire 4: Leadership and Innovation in Nursing Practice	2
NUR 4636C	Clinical Reasoning and Personalized Nursing Care: Population Health	4
NUR 4766C	Clinical Reasoning and Personalized Nursing Care: Adult Complex Conditions ¹	6
NUR 4815	Professional Nursing Transformation	3
(Total Clinical Hours: 180)		
Credits		15
Total Credits		60

Total Clinical Hours=765

¹ Requires External Nursing Skills Test exam score of 800 to pass the course.