

# 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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## Established

1956

## Accredited

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

## Degrees

The College of Nursing offers a **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** program, which prepares students to Care, Lead, and Inspire. Nursing courses include both classroom and laboratory activities, and students may choose from three track options:

- **Traditional BSN Track:** Admits students in the fall and is designed for full-time students seeking their first bachelor's degree in nursing.
- **Accelerated BSN Track:** Admits students in the summer and is tailored for full-time students who already hold a bachelor's or higher degree in another field and wish to become registered nurses.
- **RN to BSN Track:** Admits students in the fall and spring. It is designed for registered nurses who have earned an associate degree from a nationally accredited nursing program and seek to complete their bachelor's degree.

The College of Nursing also offers advanced programs, including the **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** and the **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing Science**.

## Rankings

The College of Nursing is consistently ranked among the top nursing schools in the nation, reflecting the quality and impact of its education, research, and clinical practice. Our **BSN** and **DNP** programs are currently ranked near or within the top 30, holding positions at #19 and #31, respectively, by *U.S. News & World Report*, and have the potential to increase our national and international standings.

## Academic Advising

Students can schedule academic advising appointments by contacting the Office of Student Services (<https://nursing.ufl.edu/students/office-of-student-services/>). Academic advisors provide personalized support for curriculum planning, class registration, scholarship information, policies, procedures, and other educational resources. It is recommended that students meet with an academic advisor at least once per semester.

## Helpful Links

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

### Academic Policies

## Admission

The University of Florida's baccalaureate nursing curriculum is a high-demand, limited-access program. Enrollment is limited because of the high cost of program delivery, the limited availability of clinical learning facilities, and the limited availability of qualified faculty, which are necessary to maintain

appropriate faculty-to-student ratios in all clinical areas. The Admissions Committee uses a holistic assessment process that considers many factors, including student experiences, attributes, and academic metrics. Due to classroom and clinical space limitations, not all qualified applicants are admitted.

## Application Deadlines

Specific application deadlines for each BSN track are available on the College of Nursing website. (<https://nursing.ufl.edu/programs/bachelor-of-science-bsn/>)

### Traditional BSN Track

All applicants to the Traditional BSN track must complete all General Education and College of Nursing pre-professional requirements by the end of the Spring semester before admission.

#### Minimum Application Requirements for Native UF Students

- Completion of 60 credits by the end of the Spring semester before admission, including:
  - All required Nursing pre-professional courses.
  - All General Education Program requirements, including: (<https://undergrad.ua.ufl.edu/general-education/>)
    - University of Florida General Education courses. (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#text>)
    - University of Florida Writing Requirement. (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/student-responsibilities/writing-requirement/>)
    - State Core General Education courses. (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext>)
  - Civic Literacy Requirement. ([https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/civics\\_requirement/](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/civics_requirement/))
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Minimum pre-professional GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
  - Minimum grades of C in all required pre-professional courses.
- Submit the NursingCAS application, including:
  - Essays responding to specific questions.
- Completion of the HESI Academic Assessment (A2) Exam.

#### Minimum Application Requirements for Transfer Students from Florida Public/State Colleges

- Submit the University of Florida Transfer application. (<https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/transfer/>)
  - Transfer applicants should refer to the transfer admission section of the undergraduate catalog (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/admission/#transferstudentstext>) to ensure they meet all university admission requirements.
- Associate of Arts degree by the end of the Spring semester before admission.
- Completion of 60 credits by the end of the Spring semester before admission, including:
  - All required Nursing pre-professional courses.
  - Civic Literacy Requirement. ([https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/civics\\_requirement/](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/civics_requirement/))
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Minimum pre-professional GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
  - Minimum grades of C in all required pre-professional courses.
- Submit the NursingCAS application, including:
  - Essays responding to specific questions.
- Completion of the HESI Academic Assessment (A2) Exam.

#### Minimum Application Requirements for Transfer Students from Other Universities

- Submit the University of Florida Transfer application. (<https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/transfer/>)
  - Transfer applicants should refer to the transfer admission section of the undergraduate catalog (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/admission/#transferstudentstext>) to ensure they meet all university admission requirements.
- Completion of 60 credits by the end of the Spring semester before admission, including:
  - All required Nursing pre-professional courses.
  - Civic Literacy Requirement. ([https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/civics\\_requirement/](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/civics_requirement/))
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and a 3.0 GPA on all pre-professional courses.
  - Minimum grades of C in all required pre-professional courses.
- Submit the NursingCAS application, including:
  - Essays responding to specific questions.
- Completion of the HESI Academic Assessment (A2) Exam.

## Accelerated BSN Track

### Minimum Application Requirements

- Submit the University of Florida Post Baccalaureate Application (<https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/post-baccalaureate/>).
- A bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university in a field other than nursing.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) calculated using the most recent 60 credits taken toward the bachelor's degree or a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) on a master's or doctoral degree.
- Submit the NursingCAS application, including:
  - Essays responding to specific questions.
  - Resume/Curriculum Vitae.
  - One academic letter of reference.
  - One personal letter of reference.
- Completion of the HESI Academic Assessment (A2) Exam.
- International students must submit TOEFL scores demonstrating proficiency in spoken and written English. TOEFL score as follows:
  - 550 (paper-based)
  - 213 (computer-based)
  - 80 (web-based)

## RN to BSN Track

The RN to BSN track allows registered nurses with an associate degree in nursing to complete their bachelor's degree. Specific requirements can be found here ([https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGNUR/NSG\\_BSN01\\_UFO/](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGNUR/NSG_BSN01_UFO/)).

## Requirements for All Students

Students in the health professions are held to standards of conduct that may exceed those typically expected of university students. Adherence to the standards of acceptable conduct outlined in the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics and the Florida Nurse Practice Act is required. Students admitted to the BSN program are expected to adhere to the requirements outlined in the Student Handbook and specific College of Nursing policies, which are available for review on the College of Nursing website. (<https://nursing.ufl.edu/students/current-students/student-handbook-and-policies/>)

### Expenditures

Specialized equipment, uniforms, laboratory fees for clinical courses, and transportation to off-campus clinical sites are required for nursing students. Detailed cost information is available on the College of Nursing website.

### Enrollment Requirements

All admitted nursing students must complete a background check\*, mandatory immunization verification (Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella, Influenza, Tetanus, Tuberculosis), fingerprinting, and drug screening. The College of Nursing follows CDC guidelines and adheres to the safety regulations of our clinical partners. Additionally, all students must provide proof of current health insurance and certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for health care providers. More Specific information on the Enrollment Requirements for the BSN program is available on the College of Nursing website (<https://nursing.ufl.edu/students/incoming-students/>).

\*Students must disclose any arrests or criminal charges in their UF Program application. Upon disclosure, further information may be requested. All students must undergo a new background check, fingerprinting, and drug test. Disclosure of arrest or conviction information may impact your admission to the Nursing Program.

### Progression

To progress, students admitted to the College of Nursing baccalaureate program must comply with all University of Florida progression policies and specific College of Nursing requirements. Nursing students must maintain a grade of "C" or above and a satisfactory (S) in clinical practice for all required courses, along with a minimum 2.0 GPA each semester. If a student earns a grade of "C minus" or below or an unsatisfactory (U) in any required nursing course, they may repeat that course only once, on a space-available basis. Additionally, students can repeat only one course of nursing needed and may withdraw from any required nursing course only once. All prerequisite courses must be completed before enrollment in subsequent courses.

### Travel for Clinical

Students may be required to travel from campus to assigned clinical sites as part of their clinical education. These experiences are essential for gaining hands-on training in diverse healthcare settings, ensuring students are well-prepared for professional nursing practice. Students should plan accordingly for transportation and scheduling to meet clinical requirements.

## Degree Requirements

### Student Responsibility

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements. Any questions about these requirements should be addressed with an academic advisor from the College of Nursing.

### BSN Degree Requirements

- **Traditional BSN:** Completion of 120 credits, including 60 upper-division nursing credits.
- **Accelerated BSN:** Completion of 60 nursing credits (post-baccalaureate).
- **RN to BSN:** Completion of 120 credits, including 60 upper-division nursing credits.
- A minimum grade of C in each nursing course.

### Licensure

Upon completing the baccalaureate curriculum, graduates can sit for the NCLEX-RN examination to obtain state licensure as a registered nurse.

## Programs

### MAJORS

- Nursing

### UF ONLINE MAJORS

- Nursing | RN to BSN UF Online
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