

# COLLEGE OF NURSING

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The College of Nursing is committed to the advancement of nursing and the promotion of health care through its education, research and service endeavors. To fulfill its commitment to nursing education, the college offers an upper division program of study that leads to a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing.

## Mission

The mission of the College of Nursing is to advance the science and practice of the profession by creating environments conducive to learning, scholarly inquiry, and the development of innovative community partnerships. The College of Nursing is dedicated to achieving national recognition for its contributions to improving health care outcomes.

## Philosophy

The College of Nursing is committed to improving the health and well-being of all people by anticipating and responding to changing professional, social, technical and economic demands. Nurses address professional and community needs by assuming multiple collaborative and cooperative relationships and roles.

Nursing is a humanistic profession that enhances the quality of life by promoting health, preventing illness, supporting rehabilitation following illness, and providing care for persons at the end of life. All individuals are entitled to health care and the right to participate in making health care decisions.

Nursing is a continually evolving discipline with a unique body of knowledge. Nursing knowledge is advanced through the application of critical thinking, the development and testing of theories, and the conduct and utilization of nursing research.

Intellectual growth and professional autonomy are fostered through the continuum of educational programs in nursing. The *Baccalaureate Program* prepares students to enter professional practice and provides a foundation for graduate education. The *Master's Program* prepares students for advanced specialty practice, nursing education, and leadership. The *Doctoral Program* prepares nurse scientists to advance the discipline of nursing through the development and dissemination of knowledge.

Continuing Education Programs support lifelong learning needs of graduates of educational programs in nursing through offerings that enhance and expand their existing knowledge and skill base.

## Undergraduate Nursing Program General Information

The college offers a program that leads to a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing. The undergraduate program in nursing is a limited access upper division major at the University of South Florida. The program has four sequences:

1. The **FTIC (first time in college) Program** is for freshmen who have a high school GPA of 3.6 and composite SAT of 1200 or ACT of 28. Students who meet these requirements are admitted to the nursing major and are guaranteed a place in the nursing sequence if they complete all their prerequisite courses with a grade of B or high and maintain an over all 3.5 GPA.
2. **Upper Division Admission** is for students who have completed all the prerequisite courses and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Admission is competitive and students with higher GPAs are given preference.
3. The **Accelerated Program** is for students who have a baccalaureate degree in another field. Students with an earned bachelor's degree and who have completed all the pre-requisite courses may enter the accelerated program and complete 50 credits in nursing, earning a second bachelor's degree. Admission is competitive.

4. The **RN Completion Program** is for qualified registered nurses who are graduates of associate degree or diploma programs in nursing.

For further information about programs, scholarships, financial aid, faculty, and courses, consult the College of Nursing website at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/nursing>.

The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, (212) 363-5555 ext. 153, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW Suite 530, Washington, DC, 20036, (202) 887-6791, and approved by the Florida State Board of Nursing. Graduates of the upper division are eligible to write the qualifying examination for licensure as a registered nurse. Graduates may apply for licensure in Florida or other states and successful undergraduates have the educational background necessary for graduate study in nursing.

## Undergraduate Admission to the College of Nursing

The College of Nursing encourages applications from qualified applicants of both sexes and from all cultural, racial, religious, ethnic, and age groups. The College of Nursing uses selective criteria for the admission of students. Limitations on enrollments are determined on the basis of availability of sufficient qualified faculty, laboratory and classroom facilities, and clinical teaching resources.

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Please be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university.

In order to be considered for full admission to the college, the applicant must:

1. Submit an application to USF by the appropriate deadline.
2. Complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of "C-" or better.
3. Submit a College of Nursing application by the appropriate deadline.
4. Complete the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent and the writing and computation course requirements of 6A-10.30 (Gordon Rule).
5. Provide evidence of health insurance prior to enrollment.
6. Complete, prior to enrollment, the College of Nursing health form.
7. Provide evidence of current licensure in Florida if enrolling in the program as a registered nurse.

## Nursing Advising

The College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs offers a comprehensive service for all College of Nursing degree programs and advice to non-majors who are interested in being admitted. The service includes Preview USF, Fantastic Friday, registration, academic advising, scholarships, graduation certification, mentorship programs, and referrals to other university and community-based services and career-related opportunities. However, the student must remember that he or she is ultimately responsible for meeting all graduation requirements.

The goals of the office of Student Affairs are to

- Help students develop their educational plans
- Help students select appropriate courses
- Help students interpret institutional requirements
- Facilitate total student development

**Location/Phone(s):** The Health Science Center for the College of Nursing (MDN) is located near Bruce B. Downs Blvd. and West Holly Drive on the Northwest corner of campus. The College office is in MDN, Room 1032, (813) 974-2191.

**Advising Offices:** To schedule an advising appointment at a location where the College of Nursing offers courses call the College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs, (813) 974-9305; (888) 974-9488.

**Office Hours:** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Program Application Requests:** Applications for the Nursing programs are available from USF College of Nursing, Office of Student Affairs, MDC Box 22, 12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33612-4766 and at the College of Nursing web site: <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/nursing>.

### Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites) for Students Transferring from a Community College:

The University and the College of Nursing work closely with the community colleges within the 10 county USF service area. The University's Liberal Arts requirements and College of Nursing's prerequisite/support courses may be completed through the A.A. degree at the community college. If a student wishes to transfer without an A.A. degree and has fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the student must meet the university's entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements. The A.A. degree satisfies admission requirements only if courses are carefully selected and include the required major prerequisite/support courses.

The College of Nursing requires certain courses within the Liberal Arts requirement for the natural, social and behavioral sciences, and mathematics as listed under the heading "Liberal Arts Requirements." Students must complete the prerequisite courses listed below prior to being admitted to the upper-division major except those students in the FTIC program. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

BSC X085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I or any Human Anatomy & Physiology I course, 3-4 semester hours

BSC X086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II or any Human Anatomy & Physiology II course, 3-4 semester hours

CHM XXXX Comprehensive General Chemistry (CHM 1032 or higher), 4-6 semester hours

DEP X004 Human Growth & Development or any Human Growth & Development course, 3 semester hours

HUN X201 Human Nutrition or any Human Nutrition course, 3 semester hours, **OR**

NUR 1192

MCB X010C Microbiology or Any Microbiology course, 4 semester hours

PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology or any General Psychology course, 3 semester hours

STA X014 Statistics or any Statistics course, 3 semester hours

SYG X000 Introduction to Sociology or any Introduction to Sociology course, 3 semester hours

## Liberal Arts Requirements

The College of Nursing requires certain courses within the Liberal Arts requirements for the natural, social and behavioral sciences, and mathematics. Students must complete 60 semester hours of college-level work. Credit received on the basis of CLEP or Advanced Placement examinations or other appropriate procedures may be included to meet some of these requirements. For all students, the required 60 semester hours includes completion of the University of South Florida Liberal Arts requirements and may be satisfied by the completion of the following courses with the corresponding credit:

English6	
Math - Gordon Rule course	6
Algebra or Finite Math (preferred) (3)	
Statistics (3)	
Fine Arts	3
Natural Science	17-19
Chemistry (4)	
Nutrition (3)	
Microbiology (4)	
Anatomy/Physiology (6-8)	
Social Sciences	9
Life Cycle (3)	
Psychology (3)	
Sociology (3)	
Historical Perspectives	6
African, Latin American, Middle Eastern,	
Asian Perspectives	3
3. Students with a Florida community college A.A. degree (other than in nursing) will be considered to have met all of the USF Liberal Arts requirements but also must meet specific college requirements (below).	
4. Students must meet the University requirement for foreign language.	

## Prerequisite Coursework for Nursing Students

The student must earn a grade of "C" or better in *each* state mandated common prerequisite course. *Courses taken at another institution will be evaluated individually on the basis of content.* Students in Florida community colleges can obtain information about equivalent courses from their counselors or by contacting the College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs (813-974-9305).

1. Mathematics/Quantitative Methods: completion of at least one course in mathematics that meets the Gordon Rule requirement *and* one course in statistics.

**Mathematics** - one Gordon Rule course must be completed. College Algebra or Finite Math preferred. CLEP subject exams are acceptable.

**Statistics** - one course in statistics must be completed with a grade of "C" or better: STA 2122 or any STA course

2. Natural Sciences: minimum of 16 semester credits (including anatomy, physiology, and microbiology). Each course (in "a" through "d" below) taken toward meeting the natural sciences requirement must have been completed with a grade of "C" or better. At least one course must include a laboratory or have a corequisite laboratory course.

**a) Chemistry** - 4 semester credits. Courses should include content in 1) principles of chemistry, 2) structure of matter, 3) atomic and molecular structure, 4) states of matter, 5) chemical formulas and nomenclature, 6) solutions, 7) chemical kinetics and equilibrium, 8) theory and practice of quantitative analysis, 9) organic chemistry. \*CHM 2030 (4 credits) or CHM 2045, 2045L can be met with CLEP. \*Chemistry sequence for non-science majors.

**b) Microbiology** - one course. MCB 2030C. The Regents examination in microbiology is acceptable for registered nurse students only.

- c) **Anatomy and Physiology** - 6 semester hours. The Regents examination in anatomy and physiology is acceptable for registered nurse students only.
- d) **Nutrition** - one course. HUN 2201. College of Nursing Challenge Examination or University of Florida correspondence course is acceptable.
3. **Social Sciences:** Each course taken toward meeting this requirement must have been completed with a "C" or better.
- Psychology and Sociology** - one introductory course in each area. CLEP is acceptable. Must be completed with a "C" or better.
- Human Growth and Development (Life Span)** - Must include birth through aging process to death. HUS 4020, DEP 4005 or DEP 3103 and GEY 3000. Must be completed with a "C" or better.
- Students who enroll at USF in the lower division must meet the requirements for admission to the University and are advised by Academic Support and Achievement. These students may also wish to meet with a College of Nursing advisor. These students must also submit an application for admission to the College of Nursing.

**NURSING PROGRAM**

**• FTIC - COURSE OF STUDY**

**Semester I**

Freshman English I	3
College Algebra/Finite Math	3
General Psychology*	3
Historical Perspective	3
Chemistry*	4
Total	16

**Semester II**

Freshman English II	3
Social Science Statistics*	3
Anatomy & Physiology I*	3
Microbiology*	4
Introduction to Sociology*	3
Total	16

**Summer**

Optional

**Semester III**

Life Cycle*	3
Nutrition*	3
Anatomy & Physiology II*	3
Non-Western Perspectives	3
Fine Art	3
Total	15

**Semester IV**

NUR 3125 Pathophysiology	4
NUR 3826 Ethical/Legal Aspects of Nursing	3
Historical Perspective	3
Elective	3
Total	13

**Total PreClinical**

60

**Summer**

Optional

**Semester V**

NUR 3026 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice	4
NUR 3066 Physical Exam	2
NUR 3026L Fundamentals Clinical	4
NUR 3145 Pharmacology	3
Total	13

**Semester VI**

NUR 3215 Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
NUR 3215L Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical	4
NUR 3525 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 3525L Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry	3
Total	16

**Summer**

Optional

**Semester VII**

NUR 4216 Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
NUR 4216L Medical Surgical Nursing II	5
Nursing Elective	3
Total	12

**Semester VIII**

NUR 4355 Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	3
NUR 4455 Women's Health Nursing	2
NUR 4636 Community/Public Health Nursing	3
NUR 4635L Integrated Clinical	7
Total	15

**Semester IX**

NUR 4838 Leadership/Management	3
NUR 4948L Preceptorship	6
Total	9

**Total Hours (60+65)**

125

\*State Mandated Prerequisites

**• UPPER DIVISION ADMISSION - COURSE OF STUDY**

(After Completion of ALL Pre-requisite Courses)

**Semester I**

NUR 3125 Pathophysiology	4
NUR 3826 Ethical/Legal Aspects of Nursing	3
Total	7

**Semester II**

NUR 3026 Fund. of Nursing Practice	4
NUR 3066 Physical Exam	2
NUR 3026L Fundamentals Clinical	4
NUR 3145 Pharmacology	3
Total	13

**Semester III**

NUR 3215 Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
NUR 3215L Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical I	4
NUR 3525 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 3525L Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Clinical	3
Total	13

**Semester IV**

NUR 4216 Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
NUR 4216L Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical II	5
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry	3
Nursing Elective	3
Total	15

**Semester V**

NUR 4355 Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	3
NUR 4455 Women's Health Nursing	2
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NUR 4635L Integrated Clinical	7
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<b>Summer</b>		
NUR 4838	Leadership/Management	3
NUR 4948L	Preceptorship	6
Total		<u>9</u>

**Total Hours (60+65) 125**

### Accelerated Program Course of Study (After Completion of ALL Pre-requisite Courses)

NUR 3125	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	4
or		
NGR 6140	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice	3
NUR 3145	Pharmacology	3
NUR 3826	Ethical Legal Aspects in Nursing & Health Care	3

or		
NGR 6135	Ethical, Legal & Policy Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NUR 4165	Nursing Inquiry	3
or		
NGR 6800	Nursing Research	<u>3</u>
Total		12-13

NUR 3026	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice	4
NUR 3066	Physical Examination and Assessment	2
NUR 3026L	Nursing Fundamentals Clinical	4
or		
NGR 6931	Selected Topics*	<u>1-4</u>
Total		11-14

NUR 3215	Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
NUR 3525	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 4216	Medical Surgical Nursing II	<u>4</u>
Total		10

NUR 3215L	Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical	3
NUR 4216L	Medical Surgical Nursing II Clinical	5
NUR 3525L	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Clinical	3
or		
NGR 6931	Selected Topics*	<u>1-4</u>
Total		12-15

NUR 4355	Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	3
NUR 4455	Women's Health Nursing	2
NUR 4636	Community/Public Health	3
NUR 4838	Leadership Management	<u>3</u>
Total		11

NUR 4635L	Integrated Clinical	7
NUR 4948L	Preceptorship	6
or		
NGR 6931	Selected Topics*	<u>1-4</u>
Total		14-17

\*Please see academic advisor for required special topics courses.

### • REGISTERED NURSE - COURSE OF STUDY

NUR 3806	Educational Transitions for RN	3
NUR 3066	Physical Examination and Assessment	2
NUR 3066L	Clinical Experience in Health Assessment - RN	1
NUR 3125	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	4
NUR 3145	Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	3
NUR 4636	Community/Public Health Nursing	3
NUR 4636L	Comm/Public Health Nursing Clinical - RN	3
NUR 4838	Leadership & Management in Professional Nursing Practice	3

NUR 3826	Ethical Legal Aspects in Nursing and Health Care	3
NUR 4165	Nursing Inquiry	3
NUR	Nursing Elective	<u>3</u>
Total		31

In addition to requirements listed, the RN student must also meet all university graduate requirements as listed in the catalog.

### Conditional Admission Policy for Registered Nurses

RN students may be admitted conditionally to the College of Nursing. Students may enroll in the appropriate sequence of selected courses while completing the prerequisite requirements. An academic advisor will assist students with selecting the courses.

### Undergraduate Program Objectives Upon Graduation, Graduates will . . .

1. Use concepts, principles, theories, and models from the natural and social sciences; the arts and humanities; and the art and science of nursing to guide clinical practice.
2. Use critical thinking and clinical judgment as the basis for nursing practice in providing and coordinating care for individuals, families, and communities across the lifespan in health promotion, disease prevention, health restoration and rehabilitation.
3. Demonstrate understanding of the research process by integrating clinical data and research findings into nursing practice.
4. Interact with other health care professionals, clients and consumers as advocate, teacher, collaborator, communicator, manager, and professional leader to plan, provide, and evaluate essential health services for culturally diverse and vulnerable populations.
5. Examine the impact of health care policy on the health care delivery system within a variety of settings.
6. Practice within the ethical/legal parameters of professional nursing.
7. Demonstrate the potential for leadership within the profession and health care delivery system.
8. Demonstrate accountable behavior in the professional nursing role.

### CLEP Examinations

In accordance with University policies, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) general and subject examinations may be taken in several areas and according to the University or community college policies related to CLEP. The CLEP general examinations apply toward the distribution requirements at USF, and successful performance results in credit for any or all of the required areas. In addition, credit may be earned for a number of College of Nursing support courses, including: English Composition ENC 1101, 1102; General Chemistry CHM 2030 or CHM 2045, 2045L. Additional information may be obtained from the Office of Evaluation and Testing, University of South Florida, (974-2741, SVC 2054).

### Excelsior and College of Nursing Examinations

Successful completion of the following examination(s) can be used to fulfill course requirements as designated below: Registered nurses who are graduates of diploma programs may receive up to 26 semester general elective credits through successful completion of the Excelsior (formerly Regents) examinations in nursing. Registered nurses who are graduates of Florida associate degree programs will receive up to 26 semester upper level credits for their previous nursing education. Registered nurse students should contact the Office of Student Affairs

for advisement prior to enrollment. Graduates of other associate degree nursing programs may receive up to 26 credits after individual evaluation of their transcripts.

Registered nurse students may earn up to 6 semester credits and fulfill the college's requirement in anatomy and physiology through successful completion of the Excelsior examination in anatomy and physiology, and up to 3 credits in microbiology through successful completion of the Excelsior examination in microbiology. Excelsior examination information may be obtained from the Office of Student Affairs, College of Nursing.

### Degree Requirements

Students will be certified for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing upon completion of 124 semester hours composed of Liberal Arts requirements, science support courses (natural, social/behavioral), required nursing courses, and upper level electives or exit requirements.

A minimum grade of "C" or better must be attained in each course in the major and cumulative grade point ratio of 2.0 or better must be maintained throughout the program. At least 40 semester hours must be upper level work (courses numbered 3000 or above).

### Second Degree Requirements

Students who have an earned baccalaureate degree in another field from an accredited institution will be certified for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing upon completion of the required second baccalaureate degree courses.

### ASN/MS Program

Registered nurses with an ASN degree have the option of selecting the ASN to MS degree program. Support/prerequisite courses are the same as for the ASN to BS option. Admission is through the undergraduate program. Planning with a RN advisor will determine the nursing course requirements and progress through the program. The BS application process will be followed. Contact the Office of Student Affairs for further information (813-974-9305).

### Nursing Faculty

*Dean:* P. Burns; *Dean Emeritus:* G. MacDonald; *Professors Emeritus:* I. King, C. Long, O. Riggin, V. Ross; *Professors:* P. Burns, M. Evans, J. Karshmer, C. Lengacher, S. McMillan, L. Moody, B. Redding; *Associate Professors:* T. Beckie, J. Beckstead, C. Burns, J. Canty-Mitchell, L. Gonzalez, P. Gorzka, S. Gregory, M. Webb; *Assistant Professors:* A. Beraducci, S. Cadena, S. Edwards, C. Gwinn, C. Jevitt, P. Kuster, S. Morris, J. Overcash, E. Slocumb, J. Fanning; *Instructors:* L. Beson, L. Blasen, K. Blend, D. Breiter, C. Cahill, J. DuBois, C. Garrison, N. Gerton, L. Gonzalez, T. Harris, A. Johnson, K. Jones, L. Joustra, L. Kay, B. Little, P. McCallister, J. Molloy, J. Morris, F. Sloan.