

COLLEGE OF NURSING

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA - 2007/2008 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

Undergraduate Nursing Program General Information

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.

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.

The College of Nursing offers four Undergraduate programs:

IMPORTANT! Pre-nursing majors (PNR) (PNN) are covered by general University policies and advised through the Center for Academic Advising.

1. **The FTIC (first time in college) Program** is for students who have not taken courses as a college student previously and who have a high school GPA of 3.6 and composite SAT of 1200 (based on reading and math sections only) or ACT of 28. Once admitted to the College of Nursing FTIC students must complete

- state mandated prerequisite courses with a grade of B or higher and achieve an overall GPA of 3.5.
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Students who meet all requirements are guaranteed a seat in the next Upper Division admission cycle.

2. **Upper Division Program** is for students who have completed all the prerequisite courses and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. This is a limited access program with competitive admission, 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 be considered for admission into the accelerated program. Students will complete 50 credits in nursing, earning a second bachelor's degree. This is a limited access program with competitive admission and students with higher GPAs are given preference.

4. **The RN Completion Program** is for qualified registered nurses who are graduates of associate degree or diploma programs in nursing. Students must complete the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent and the writing and computation course requirements of 6A-10.30 (Gordon Rule). The student must be currently licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse by the Florida Board of Nursing.

Registered nurses with an ASN degree have the option of selecting the ASN to MS degree option. Support/prerequisite courses are the same as for the ASN to BS option and admis-

sion is through the undergraduate program. Student may receive both the BS and MS degrees at graduation upon completion of their MS degree providing all University criteria (including the foreign language requirement) are met. Planning with a RN advisor will determine the nursing course requirements and progress through the program.

Admission Process

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

- Submit an application to USF by the appropriate deadline.
- Submit an on-line College of Nursing application by the appropriate deadline at http://hscf.hsc.usf.edu/con_online_app/index.cfm.
- Complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better.
- Complete, prior to registration, the College of Nursing Health Form.

Prerequisite Coursework for Nursing Students

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.

All courses not approved by the Florida State Course Numbering System (includes all Florida public colleges, universities, and community colleges) used to satisfy these prerequisite requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

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

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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:

English	6
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.	
4. Students must meet the University requirement for foreign language.	

Nursing Advising

The College of Nursing Office of Student Services 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, Information Sessions, 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

- Facilitate the application and acceptance process for students
- Assist students as they develop their educational plans
- Guide students to select appropriate courses
- Help students interpret institutional requirements
- Advise students to facilitate progression in their course of study
- Facilitate graduation process for students

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 mailing address is 12901 Bruce B. Downs, MDC22, Tampa, FL 33612-4766. The College telephone number is (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.

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

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• FTIC - COURSE OF STUDY

Freshman English I	3
College Algebra/Finite Math	3
General Psychology*	3
Historical Perspective	3
Chemistry*	4
Freshman English II	3
Social Science Statistics*	3
Anatomy & Physiology I*	3
Microbiology*	4
Introduction to Sociology*	3
Life Cycle*	3
Nutrition*	3
Anatomy & Physiology II*	3
Non-Western Perspectives	3
Fine Art	3
Historical Perspective	3
NUR XXXX Elective	3
NUR 3125 Pathophysiology	4
NUR 3826 Ethical/Legal Aspects of Nursing	3
NUR 3026 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice	4
NUR 3066 Physical Exam	2
NUR 3026L Fundamentals Clinical	4
NUR 3145 Pharmacology	3
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
NUR 4216 Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
NUR 4216L Medical Surgical Nursing II	5
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
NUR 4838 Leadership/Management	3
NUR 4948L Preceptorship	6

Total Hours 124

*State Mandated Prerequisites

• UPPER DIVISION ADMISSION - COURSE OF STUDY

(After Completion of ALL Pre-requisite Courses)

NUR 3125 Pathophysiology	4
NUR 3826 Ethical/Legal Aspects of Nursing	3
NUR 3026 Fund. of Nursing Practice	4
NUR 3066 Physical Exam	2
NUR 3026L Fundamentals Clinical	4
NUR 3145 Pharmacology	3
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
NUR 4216 Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
NUR 4216L Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical II	5
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry	3
NUR XXXX Nursing Elective	3
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
NUR 4838 Leadership/Management	3
NUR 4948L Preceptorship	6

Total Hours 72

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

Students have the option to register for up to 3 graduate-level requiring a B or better to transfer into a masters program.

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	3
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*	1-4
NUR 3215	Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
NUR 3525	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 4216	Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
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*	1-4
NUR 4355	Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	3
NUR 4455	Women's Health Nursing	2
NUR 4636	Community/Public Health	3
NUR 4838	Leadership Management	3

NUR 4635L	Integrated Clinical	7
NUR 4948L	Preceptorship	6
or		
NGR 6931	Selected Topics*	1-4

Total Hours 49-64

*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 XXXX	Nursing Elective	3

Total Hours 72

College of Nursing courses include predominately live classroom courses with some web-based courses and some blended coursed. Not all courses are available as on-line courses and blended courses require some campus classroom meetings.