

# COLLEGE OF NURSING

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA 2011-2012 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

## Undergraduate Nursing Program

### General Information

The program is accredited by 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 and Second Degree sequences are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) Registered Nurse qualifying exam. 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. Admissions are determined on the basis of availability of sufficient qualified faculty, laboratory and classroom facilities, and clinical teaching resources. Final admission to all nursing programs is conditional upon passing a Level 2 criminal background check. The background check must be completed at the applicant's expense in accordance with the College of Nursing policy and procedures on criminal background checks and drug screening.

The College of Nursing is a limited access program. Any student who applies to any undergraduate program at the College of Nursing is initially coded as "pre-nursing" prior to official acceptance to the College of Nursing. No undergraduate nursing courses will be transferred from any institution.

1. The **C.A.R.E. (Creating Access to RN Education)** program is a special program designed for the first time in college (FTIC) students. Minimum requirements for consideration are at least a 3.6 cumulative weighted high school grade point average and a combined score of at least 1200 on the SAT or a composite score of at least 28 on the ACT.
2. The **Upper Division** sequence is for students who have completed all nursing pre-requisite courses and have a minimum GPA of 3.20. This is a full-time, limited access program, as mandated by the state, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive.
3. The **Second Degree** sequence is for students who have a baccalaureate degree in another field and a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00. Students with an awarded bachelor's degree and who have completed all the nursing pre-requisite courses may be considered for admission into the Second Degree sequence. Upon completion, students will earn a second bachelor's degree. This is a full-time, limited access program, as mandated by the state, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive.
4. The **RN to BS** sequence is for students currently licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse by the Florida Board of Nursing. The RN to BS option allows an RN with a diploma or an associate's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited school to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing.
5. The **RN to MS** sequence is for students currently licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse by the Florida Board of Nursing. The RN to MS option allows an RN with an Associate's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited school to earn a Master of Science degree with select concentrations in nursing. Upon completion of the RN to MS program a student who has fulfilled the University Foreign Language requirement may also apply for the awarding of the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing. For more information regarding admission to the RN-MS program please see the Graduate School Catalog.

### Nursing Advising

The College of Nursing Undergraduate Office offers a comprehensive service for all College of Nursing students. These services include information sessions, registration, academic advising, graduation certification, and other services. However, the student must remember that he or she is ultimately responsible for meeting all graduation requirements. Additionally, information sessions and general information is available for prospective students.

The goals of the College of Nursing Undergraduate Office 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 and Phone Number:** The College of Nursing (MDN) building 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 Blvd, MDC 22,

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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's Office of Student Services at (813) 974-2191 or <http://health.usf.edu/nocms/nursing>.

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

## Prerequisite Coursework for Nursing Students

### Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites) for Students Transferring from a Florida College System Institution:

The University and the College of Nursing work closely with Florida College System institutions within the 10 county USF service area. The University's Foundations of Knowledge and Learning Core Curriculum (General Education) requirements and College of Nursing's prerequisite/support courses may be completed through the A.A. degree from a Florida College System institution. 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 Foundations of Knowledge and Learning Core Curriculum (General Education) requirement for the natural, social and behavioral sciences, and mathematics. Students must complete the prerequisite courses listed below prior to being admitted to the upper-division sequence except those students in the C.A.R.E. 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 College System institutions) 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, 4 semester hours  
BSC X086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II or any Human Anatomy & Physiology II course, 4 semester hours  
CHM, BSC, PHY, PCB, BCH XXXX Any Chemistry, Biology, Physics, or Biochemistry course, 3 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 **OR** NUR 1192, 3 semester hours  
MCB X010C Microbiology or Any Microbiology course, 4 semester hours  
PSY, SYG, or SOP XXXX Any Psychology, Sociology, or Social Psychology course, 3 semester hours  
STA X014 Statistics or any Statistics course, 3 semester hours

### Foundations of Knowledge and Learning (FKL) Requirements:

The College of Nursing requires certain courses within the University's FKL requirements for the natural, social and behavioral sciences, and mathematics. Students should contact their academic advisor for the list of FKL courses approved to meet the College of Nursing requirements. Courses that meet the state mandated common prerequisites may also meet the USF FKL requirements. Students with a Florida community college A.A. degree (other than in nursing) will be considered to have met all of the USF General Education requirements. A grade of 'C-' or better is required in the FKL courses.

- English Composition (6)
- Fine Arts (3)
- Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context (3)
- Humanities (6)
- Mathematics **OR** 3 Mathematics **AND** 3 Quantitative Reasoning (6)
- Natural Sciences (Life Science) (3)
- Natural Sciences (Physical Science) (3)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (6)

## Nursing Program

### • Upper Division Sequence

#### Admission Requirements

- Admission to the University of South Florida
- Application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry
- Completion of all nursing pre-requisites course by published application deadline for the intended term of entry

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- Minimum 3.20 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work. Required pre-requisite course grades may be weighed
- Completion of the University's foreign language entrance requirement
- May be requested to submit a personal statement and description of work or volunteer experiences (See College of Nursing website for details.)

## Prerequisite Requirements

The state-mandated nursing common pre-requisites are required to be completed before the published deadline for the intended term of entry. A grade of 'C' or better is required.

BSC X085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I or any Human Anatomy & Physiology I course, 4 semester hours  
BSC X086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II or any Human Anatomy & Physiology II course, 4 semester hours  
CHM, BSC, PHY, PCB, BCH XXXX Any Chemistry, Biology, Physics, or Biochemistry course, 3 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 **OR** NUR 1192, 3 semester hours  
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STA X014 Statistics or any Statistics course, 3 semester hours

## Additional Requirements

The Foundations of Knowledge and Learning (FKL) requirements must be completed prior to admission into the Upper Division sequence and must be completed with a 'C-' or better.

## Upper Division Course of Study

NUR 3125	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	(4)
NUR 3145	Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	(3)
NUR 3026	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice & Foundations for Clinical Judgment	(4)
NUR 3026L	Nursing Fundamentals Clinical	(4)
NUR 3066	Physical Examination & Assessment	(2)
NUR 3826	Ethical/Legal Aspects of Nursing and Health Care	(3)
NUR 3535	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 3535L	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical	(3)
NUR 3215	Medical Surgical Nursing I	(3)
NUR 3215	Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical I	(4)
NUR 4216	Medical Surgical Nursing II	(4)
NUR 4216L	Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical II	(5)
NUR 4165	Nursing Inquiry	(3)
NUR 4827C	Leadership & Management in Professional Nursing Practice	(3)
NUR 4636	Community/Public Health: Population – Focused Nursing	(3)
NUR 4636L	Community/Public Health Nursing Clinical	(3)
NUR 4355	Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 4455	Women's Health Nursing	(2)
NUR 4467L	Maternal & Pediatric Clinical	(4)
NUR 4948L	Preceptorship	(6)
	Total:	69

## • Second Bachelors Sequence

### Admission Requirements

- Admission to the University of South Florida
- Application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry
- Completion of all nursing pre-requisite courses by the published deadline for the intended term of entry
- Completion of first bachelor's degree, from an accredited institution, by the published application deadline for the intended term of entry
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work

Admission may be based on GPA, grades in certain courses, work experience, volunteerism, and writing sample. (See College of Nursing website for details.)

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## Prerequisite Requirements

The state-mandated nursing common pre-requisites are required to be completed before the published deadline for the intended term of entry. A grade of 'C' or better is required.

BSC X085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I or any Human Anatomy & Physiology I course, 4 semester hours  
BSC X086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II or any Human Anatomy & Physiology II course, 4 semester hours  
CHM, BSC, PHY, PCB, BCH XXXX Any Chemistry, Biology, Physics, or Biochemistry course, 3 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 **OR** NUR 1192, 3 semester hours  
MCB X010C Microbiology or Any Microbiology course, 4 semester hours  
PSY, SYG, or SOP XXXX Any Psychology, Sociology, or Social Psychology course, 3 semester hours  
STA X014 Statistics or any Statistics course, 3 semester hours

Foundations of Knowledge requirements are met with the previous Bachelor's degree.

## Second Bachelor's Degree Course of Study

NUR 3125	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	(4)
NUR 3145	Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	(3)
NUR 3026	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice & Foundation	(4)
NUR 3026L	Nursing Fundamentals Clinical	(4)
NUR 3066	Physical Exam & Assessment	(2)
NUR 3826	Ethical Legal Aspects of Nursing & Health Care	(3)
NUR 4165	Nursing Inquiry	(3)
NUR 3535	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 3535L	Psych Clinical	(3)
NUR 4636	Community/Public Health: Population - Focused Nursing	(3)
NUR 4636L	Community Clinical	(3)
NUR 3215	Medical Surgical Nursing I	(3)
NUR 3215L	Medical Surgical I Clinical	(4)
NUR 4216	Medical Surgical Nursing II	(4)
NUR 4216L	Medical Surgical II Clinical	(5)
NUR 4355	Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 4455	Women's Health Nursing	(2)
NUR 4467L	Maternal & Pediatric Clinical	(4)
NUR 4948L	Preceptorship	(6)
NUR 4827C	Leadership & Management in Prof Nursing Practice	(3)

Total: 69

Note: Undergraduate second degree pre-licensure students who receive a grade below a "C" or "S", in any required nursing course will not be permitted to continue on the accelerated track. The student will be allowed to remain in the nursing program as a traditional upper division student, space and appropriate clinical placement permitting.

## • RN to Bachelors Sequence

### Admissions Requirements

- Admission to the University of South Florida
- Application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry
- Current Florida RN licensure and an Associate of Science in Nursing degree from a regionally accredited institution or diploma in Nursing
- Minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate coursework

### Prerequisite Requirements

The state-mandated nursing common pre-requisites are required to be completed. These courses can be completed while in the RN to BS program. A grade of 'C' or better is required.

BSC X085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I or any Human Anatomy & Physiology I course, 4 semester hours  
BSC X086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II or any Human Anatomy & Physiology II course, 4 semester hours  
CHM, BSC, PHY, PCB, BCH XXXX Any Chemistry, Biology, Physics, or Biochemistry course 3 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 **OR** NUR 1192, 3 semester hours  
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PSY, SYG, or SOP XXXX Any Psychology, Sociology, or Social Psychology course, 3 semester hours  
STA X014 Statistics or any Statistics course, 3 semester hours

## Additional Requirements

The Foundations of Knowledge and Learning (FKL) requirements must be completed. A grade of 'C-' or better is required:

- English Composition (6)
  - Mathematics\* **OR** 3 Mathematics **AND** 3 Quantitative Reasoning (6)  
\*College Algebra or Finite Math preferred and STA X014 Statistics recommended courses
  - Natural Sciences (Life Science) (3)
  - Natural Sciences (Physical Science) (3)
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences (6)
  - Fine Arts (3)
  - Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context (3)
  - Humanities (6)
  - Foreign Language Entrance Requirement (8)
- Completion of all other University Baccalaureate degree requirements
  - Additional coursework may be required to meet the USF graduation credit hour requirement.

## RN to BS Course of Study:

A letter grade of "C" or better is required in all Nursing (NUR) courses.

NUR 3805 Educational Transitions for Registered Nurses	(3)
NUR 3066 Physical Exam & Assessment	(2)
NUR 3066L Clinical Experience in Health Assessment for RNs	(1)
NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	(3)
NUR 3125 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	(4)
NUR 3826 Ethical Legal Aspects of Nursing & Health Care	(3)
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry	(3)
NUR 4636 Community/Public Health: Population-focused Nursing	(3)
NUR 4636L Community/Health Nursing Clinical for the RN	(3)
NUR 4827C Leadership & Management in Prof Nursing Practice	(3)
Elective - Any USF course	(3)

Total: 31