College of Nursing

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Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 974-2191
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/

Physical Location: College of Nursing is located 12912 USF Health Drive in the north-west corner of the USF campus. From Bruce B. Downs Blvd., turn on USF Holly Drive. The College of Nursing is on USF Health Drive.

About the College
The College of Nursing is a world-class nursing program shaping the nursing profession and is an integral part of USF Health and the University of South Florida. We strive to live by our mission – Preparing 21st-Century Nurses to Promote Health and Wellness in Our Community and Around the World. We lead as a result of our dedicated faculty and staff committed to student success and as demonstrated by our exceptional rankings.

At the College of Nursing, the faculty and staff strive to assist students in excelling in a high-impact, innovative research and entrepreneurial environment. Students can choose from a professional Baccalaureate, a Master’s, a Doctorate in Nursing Practice and PhD nursing degrees. We offer the V-CARE Major, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing major created for service members and veterans who have completed training as Army or Air Force medics and Navy corpsmen.

Mission, Vision, Values
Mission: USF College of Nursing provides innovation and leadership in preparing 21st-century nurses to demonstrate excellence in research, education, and clinical care while promoting health and wellness in our community and around the world.

Vision: By educating students from diverse demographics, we ensure that our USF Bull nurses mirror the populations they serve.

Accreditation
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
655 K Street, NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 887-6791
http://www.ccneaccreditation.org/

Florida Board of Nursing
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3257
(850) 488-0595
http://floridasnursing.gov/

Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
1886 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033
(404) 679-4500
http://www.sacs.org/

College-Level Requirements
The College of Nursing is a limited access college and uses selective criteria for the admission of students. Any student who applies to the undergraduate program in the College of Nursing is initially coded as "pre-nursing" prior to official acceptance to the College of Nursing. Final admission to all Nursing programs is conditional upon passing a Level 2 background check.

Admission Requirements
In addition to University admission requirements, the College of Nursing has additional admission requirements for each major. Please review admission requirements for the specific major to which you are applying.
Background Checks, Fingerprinting, Drug Testing and Immunizations

All students who are admitted to the College of Nursing are required to complete a Background Check, Immunization Verification, and Drug Screening for the College of Nursing via https://www.castlebranch.com/.

- The requirements are as follows: MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Documentation of a Tdap booster, TB skin test, CPR certification from the American Heart Association, and a flu shot.
- All requirements must be completed by the first week of class.
- The Castle Branch account must be created with a USF Health email address, which is only available to students who have been admitted to the College of Nursing.
- Final admission to all Nursing majors is conditional upon passing a Level 2 background check. Students who do not pass the level 2 background check will not be refunded the cost by either the college or Castle Branch.

For Castlebranch.com questions regarding requirements, documents, or status, please contact Castle Branch at (888) 914-7279.

Program-Specific Requirements

Students must be admitted by the USF Tampa Undergraduate Admissions Office before they can submit their application to the College of Nursing (Students must have USF Tampa Campus as their home campus).

Student Computer Requirement

http://health.usf.edu/~/media/Files/Nursing/Current%20Students/CON_Computer_Requirements_Approved_Spring_2017-Revisedv2.ashx

All USF College of Nursing students are required to have a laptop/notebook computer with wireless internet connection. Students are also required to have a compatible webcam and microphone; the webcam and microphone should either be built into your notebook or be a portable model. Specific information on requirements can be found below.

Students in all nursing courses are expected to meet these requirements to successfully participate in their courses. Failure to meet these technology standards may result in inability to complete course or program requirements. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure all requirements are met prior to the start of the semester.

Nursing: RN to Bachelor’s

http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/rnbs/admissions

The RN to Bachelor's major (NRN) is for students currently licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse. The RN to B.S. 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.

Applicants must meet the following requirements before applying for this program:

- Admission to the University of South Florida.
- Completed application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry.
- Minimum 3.00 GPA on all undergraduate work. Required prerequisite course grades may be weighted.
- Submission of a specified essay to be weighed along with cumulative GPA and experience for possible admission.
- Lower and Upper Level applicants must submit all official transcripts from each college or university attended, including the military American Council on Education transcript.
- To be considered for admission, all transfer applicants are required to have successfully completed 67 percent of all transfer credit hours attempted at any institution attended.
- Completion of the University’s foreign language entrance requirement.

Nursing: Accelerated Second Degree

http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/second-degree/admissions

The Accelerated Second Bachelor's Degree major (SBN) is for students who have a Baccalaureate degree in another field and a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00. Students with a Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field and who have completed all the nursing pre-requisite courses may be considered for admission into the Accelerated Second Bachelor's Degree major; 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.

Criteria for Accelerated Second Bachelor’s Degree

- Admission to the University of South Florida.
• Completed of the first Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution by the published application deadline for the intended term of entry.
• Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work.
• Completion of at least seven of the eight Nursing prerequisite courses by the published deadline for the intended term of entry (Note: Any outstanding Nursing prerequisites must be completed by the program state date, with a minimum grade of C or better, while maintaining a cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 3.0).
• If selected, an interview with College of Nursing faculty.

If a student receives a grade of less than C in any two prerequisite courses while declared as pre-Nursing, the student will be required to select another major at the University of South Florida. Grade forgiveness will not apply to the mandated requirement of changing the major. In addition, if a student does not meet the minimum GPA to be eligible to apply for admission following 60 completed hours and all prerequisite courses attempted, the student will be required to select another major at the University of South Florida.

Nursing: Upper Division
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/upper-division/admissions
The Upper Division major (NUR) is our traditional Baccalaureate nursing major for students who have completed nursing prerequisite courses and university general education requirements. This is a full-time limited access program, as mandated by the state, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive.

Criteria for Upper Division
• Admission to the University of South Florida.
• Completed application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry.
• Minimum 3.20 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work.
• Completion of at least seven of the eight nursing pre-requisites course by published application deadline for the intended term of entry (Note: Any outstanding Nursing prerequisites must be completed by the program start date, with a C or better, while maintaining a cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 3.0).
• Completion of English Composition I, English Composition II, and Mathematics Requirement (formerly known as Gordon Rule Math) by published application deadline.
• Completion of the University's foreign language entrance requirement (FLENT) and University General Education requirement by the intended term of entry.

If a student receives a grade of less than C in any two prerequisite courses while declared as pre-Nursing, the student will be required to select another major at the University of South Florida. Grade forgiveness will not apply to the mandated requirement of changing the major. In addition, if a student does not meet the minimum GPA to be eligible to apply for admission following 60 completed hours and all prerequisite courses attempted, the student will be required to select another major at the University of South Florida.

Nursing: V-CARE
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/vcare/admissions
The Veteran to Bachelor’s (V-CARE) program allows service members and veterans with medical training experience as medics or corpsmen the opportunity to receive a Bachelor’s of science degree with a major in nursing. The V-CARE program is typically completed in four consecutive semesters (after prerequisites, Foreign Language, and FKL requirements). Graduates may then take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to earn their RN license. Prerequisites can be completed at any regionally accredited college/university with completion of nursing coursework at the Tampa campus.

The V-CARE program is a full-time limited access program, as mandated by the state, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive.

Criteria for Veteran to Bachelor’s (V-CARE):
• Admission to the University of South Florida.
• Completed application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry.
• Applicants must have U.S. Army Medic, U.S. Air Force Medic, or U.S. Navy Corpsman training and experience to be a candidate for the V-CARE major.
• Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate coursework.
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• Completion of the Nursing prerequisite courses by the published application deadline for the intended term of entry.
  o Students who do not have all prerequisite courses completed by the Fall admission cycle may be eligible for conditional admission.
  o Note: Any outstanding Nursing prerequisite courses must be completed by the program start date, with a C or better, while maintaining a cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 3.0.
• Completion of English Composition I, English Composition II and Mathematics Requirement (formerly known as Gordon Rule Math) by the published application deadline.
• If selected, an interview with College of Nursing faculty.
• Completion of the University's foreign language entrance requirement (FLENT) and University General Education requirements.

Graduation Requirements

Grading & Progression Policy
In addition to the University's policies on progression, The College of Nursing holds a progression policy for all students within the nursing undergraduate program. Students admitted to all nursing majors at The College of Nursing are required to earn a minimum grade of C in didactic courses and an S in lab/clinical courses. Progression in the majors is based on GPA, course content and overall performance in lab/clinical. Failure to meet the grade minimum may result in dismissal from the College.

For further information on progression and grading policies, please visit the College of Nursing Handbook: http://health.usf.edu/~media/Files/Nursing/Baccalaureate%20Handbook%207-01-17.ashx?la=e

NCLEX-RN Examination
Upon successful completion of the program requirements and upon recommendation by the Dean, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) leading to the registered nurse (RN) license to practice nursing.

The College of Nursing (CON) cannot guarantee that the Board of Nursing will authorize students with criminal or substance abuse histories to complete NCLEX-RN licensure examination. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance (1) to address such situations with the CON and the Board of Nursing as early as possible and (2) to notify the College of Nursing Compliance Officer within 72 hours on any changes in conduct records, including arrests, convictions, changes to RN license status, or other activities that impact the background investigation or the ability to practice that occur at any time during their program of study.

Other Nursing Programs

Suncoast Nursing Accelerated Pathway
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/accelerated-pathway/admission-requirements

The Suncoast Nursing Accelerated Pathway (SNAP) is a student-centered program creating access for registered nurse education in the USF System through a science accelerated degree pathway. The SNAP partnership between USF College of Nursing, USF St. Petersburg (USFSP), and USF Sarasota-Manatee (USFSM) provides a seamless transition for students to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. This is a full-time limited access program, as mandated by the state, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive.

Information sessions are conducted at USFSP and USFSM throughout the year, with the application process taking place in Fall of the sophomore year.

Admission Requirements:
• Full-time, matriculated student with a major in Biology at USF St. Petersburg or USF Sarasota-Manatee.
• Minimum 3.20 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate coursework.
• Completed application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry.
• If selected, participation in an interview with respective faculty from USF College of Nursing and USFSP or USFSM Department of Biology.

Please note: Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission, as admission is competitive for limited access programs.
USF/HCC Concurrent
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/asn-to-bs/admissions
The University of South Florida (USF) & Hillsborough Community College (HCC) Concurrent Program allows students to enroll in select RN to B.S. courses at USF as a non-degree student (beginning in Spring of Year 1) while completing the ASN degree at HCC. Students will remain in non-degree status at USF until awarded the ASN. After graduating from HCC’S ASN program, students will be eligible to sit for the national licensure exam for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Criteria for Admissions:
- Students must complete the steps for admission as a degree seeking student at HCC before they may be considered for the Concurrent Program.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0.
- Students must meet the definition of residency at each institution to qualify for in-state tuition.
- Student must be admitted into HCC’s nursing program.
- Students must be admitted as non-degree seeking students into USF and be eligible for admission as a degree seeking student into USF’s College of Nursing upon completion of the ASN portion of the Concurrent Program.

As a condition of membership in the USF/HCC Concurrent program, students must meet the following requirements:
- Maintain active enrollment status at both institutions.
- Comply with your designated plan of study.*
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 for admissions into the concurrent program.
- Comply with each institution's policy regarding progression & compliance.
- Acquire a valid RN license within 3 months of completion of the ASN.**

* If students are not successful in following the plan of study, they can no longer remain in the concurrent program.

** If you are not able to obtain a valid RN license within 3 months of completing the ASN, you will be unable to take the remaining RN to B.S. courses at USF until you have successfully passed. Students who are off plan for the USF/HCC Concurrent program will no longer be able to remain in the Concurrent Program but can apply for the RN to B.S. program at USF through Undergraduate Admissions and the College of Nursing.

Nursing Honors Program B.S. to PhD Accelerated Pathway
The Honors College has partnered with the USF College of Nursing to provide first-time in college freshmen with an accelerated pathway into the USF PhD program. This program allows Honors College students the opportunity to received admission to the College of Nursing and complete a PhD degree in seven years, provided that the student continues to meet all the benchmarks of the program, including a successful interview with the College of Nursing. This is a full-time limited access program, as mandated by the state, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive.

Criteria for Admission:
- Admission to the University of South Florida's (Tampa Campus) Honors College as a pre-nursing student.
- Minimum SAT score of 1360 or a combined ACT of 29.
- Minimum 3.8+ weighted high school GPA, as calculated by USF Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
- U.S. Citizenship or permanent residency (this program does not admit international applicants).

As a condition of membership in the Nursing Honors Program B.S. to PhD Accelerated Pathway program, students must meet the following requirements:
- Maintenance of a 3.6 GPA with grades of B or better in all state-mandated nursing prerequisites.
- Adherence to approved program plan of study.
- Completion of B.S. degree and successful Florida RN licensure by the start of the PhD program.
Global Pathways
http://www.usf.edu/gcp/students/index.aspx
A Global Pathway is an undergraduate major or degree program that has significant global content. Global Pathways provide students with the opportunity to practice and apply global competencies through the major or degree program. The following programs are designated as Global Pathway Programs:

Nursing – B.S. Upper Division Major
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/

Bachelor of Science

Accelerated Second Bachelor’s Degree
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/second-degree/admissions
The Accelerated Second Bachelor’s Degree Major (SBN) is for students who have a Baccalaureate degree in another field and a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00. Students with a Bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field and who have completed all the nursing pre-requisite courses may be considered for admission into the Accelerated Second Bachelor’s Degree major; 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.

RN to Bachelor’s (Online)
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/rnbs
The program is fully web-based with options of completion in five part-time semesters or three full-time semesters with program director approval. USF nursing students partake in Service Learning Practicum Projects, which allow students to apply the knowledge and skills to clinical practice. Nursing students in this program will also be prepared for selected national certifications.

Suncoast Nursing Accelerated Pathway
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/accelerated-pathway
The Suncoast Nursing Accelerated Pathway provides students pursuing a B.S. in Biology, from either USF St. Petersburg or USF Sarasota-Manatee, a seamless transition into USF College of Nursing’s accelerated Bachelor of Science (B.S.N) program. This joint effort by the USF System institutions will enable students to have the unique combination of a science-focused background in the STEM discipline of biology and the academic and clinical rigor of the Baccalaureate nursing degree.

Upper Division
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/upper-division/admissions
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USF/HCC Concurrent
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/asn-to-bs/admissions
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Veteran to Bachelor’s (V-CARE)
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/vcare
The USF College of Nursing offers the Veteran to Bachelor’s (V-CARE) Program, created for service members and veterans who have completed training as Army, Air Force medics and Navy corpsmen. V-CARE is a student-centered program tailored to each veteran, acknowledging and recognizing the training and experience that each student brings. V-CARE shortens the time to degree completion while maintaining the academic rigor, clinical quality, and high NCLEX pass rates for which USF College of Nursing is known.
Nursing Honors Program B.S. to PhD Accelerated Pathway

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Undergraduate Advising Information

College of Nursing Advising
MDA 1002 in The WELL (see map http://health.usf.edu/~/media/Images/Nursing/Advising/USF%20Health%20The%20WELL.ashx?la=en)
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(813) 974-2191
nurstudent@health.usf.edu

You may schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor by scheduling online via http://usfweb3.usf.edu/appointments/StudentSignon.aspx or by contacting the Student Affairs Office at (813) 974-2191. During peak registration times walk-in advising may be offered, check with your advisor for availability of walk-in advising.

Prospective Student Advising: For more information, see http://health.usf.edu/nursing/advising/prospective

Undergraduate Students can schedule an appointment with an adviser by using the eScheduler for current USF Students (see http://usfweb.usf.edu/eScheduler/student.aspx Login in required).

Interested prospective students or Non USF students who do not have a USF ID number: Schedule appointments using the Non Student eScheduler at http://usfweb.usf.edu/eScheduler/NonStudentlogin.aspx.
B.S. - NURSING: V-CARE (VCA)
(CIP = 51.3801)
TOTAL DEGREE HOURS: 120

http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/vcare/

The V-CARE major is for students who have U.S. Army Medic, U.S. Air Force Medic, or U.S. Navy Corpsman training and experience and minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.

LIMITED ACCESS - THIS MAJOR HAS ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AS LISTED IN THIS SECTION.

This is a full-time limited access program, as mandated by the state, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive.

Admission Requirements

- Admission to the University of South Florida.
- Completed application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry.
- Applicants must have U.S. Army Medic, U.S. Air Force Medic, or U.S. Navy Corpsman training and experience to be a candidate for the V-CARE major.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate coursework.
- Completion of the Nursing prerequisite courses by the published application deadline for the intended term of entry.
  - Students who do not have all prerequisite courses completed by the Fall admission cycle may be eligible for conditional admission.
  - Note: Any outstanding Nursing prerequisite courses must be completed by the program start date, with a C or better, while maintaining a cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 3.0.
- Completion of English Composition I, English Composition II and Mathematics Requirement (formerly known as Gordon Rule Math) by the published application deadline.
- If selected, an interview with College of Nursing faculty.
- Completion of the University's foreign language entrance requirement (FLENT) and University General Education requirements.

STATE MANDATED COMMON COURSE PREREQUISITES

The state-mandated nursing common pre-requisites are required to be completed before the published application deadline for the intended term of entry. A grade of 'C' or better is required while maintaining a cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 3.0.

The University's 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 V-CARE major. 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

For Course Information, see: https://www.systemacademics.usf.edu/course-inventory/
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR IN NURSING: V-CARE
TOTAL MAJOR HOURS: 68*  

* Up to 12 hours will be awarded for military medic or corpsman experience.

Major requirements for the B.S. Degree:

Major Core (56 hours)
- NUR 3066L Health Assessment, Wellness, and Prevention Across the Life Span Lab
- NUR 3081 Bridge to Professional Nursing
- NUR 3081L Bridge to Professional Nursing Practice
- NUR 3125 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice
- NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice
- NUR 3225 Complex Health Nursing I
- NUR 3225L Complex Health Nursing I Clinical
- NUR 4165 Evidence-Based Practice
- NUR 4227 Complex Health Nursing II
- NUR 4227L Complex Health Nursing II Clinical
- NUR 4285 Healthy Aging: Nursing Care of Older Adults
- NUR 4467 Nursing Care of Women, Children, and Families
- NUR 4467L Nursing Care of Women, Children, and Families Clinical
- NUR 4535 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing
- NUR 4535L Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical
- NUR 4635 Public Health Nursing
- NUR 4635L Public Health Nursing Clinical
- NUR 4827 Role Transition and Leadership in Nursing
- NUR 4888 Coordination of Care in Nursing
- NUR 4948L Preceptorship

Course Grade Requirement
All Nursing courses must be passed with a C or better in didactic and an S in clinical.

Grading Requirement
Please refer to the USF College of Nursing Student Handbook for grade and progression requirements.

Research Opportunities
All undergraduate students in any degree program can participate in undergraduate research. There are a number of options to receive academic credit for a mentored research experience and to have the experience show on the official transcript. Students who wish to enroll in an undergraduate research course should consult with their academic advisor to understand how the credit will apply towards the degree requirements. If no credit is needed, students may be eligible to enroll in the 0-credit IDS 2912, IDS 4914 or IDH 4910 courses. These courses will not impact degree credits or GPA but will show on an official transcript and document the experience. The Office for Undergraduate Research will assist students in understanding the various course options [http://www.usf.edu/undergrad/undergraduate-research/].

NURSING: V-CARE FACULTY
Dean: V. Rich; Vice Dean, Research: M. Groer; Vice Dean, Clinical Scholarship & Integration: S. Perry; Vice Dean, Academic Programs: M. Michael; Associate Dean, Finance, Administration & HR: A. Phillips; Associate Dean, Undergraduate Program: E. Jordan; Associate Dean, PhD Program: T. Beckie; Associate Dean, DNP & Masters/CRNA Programs: C. Gaines-Ling; Associate Dean, Organizational Integration: O. Baliram Singh; Assistant Dean, Center for Experiential Learning: T. Gore; Assistant Dean, Research Enterprise: L. Redwine; Professors: C. Burns, J. Clochesy, N. Hall, M. Ji, C. Lengacher, J. Maye, B. Redding, M. Rowe; Associate Professors: P. Athillingam, A. Berarducci, H. Buck, I. Hernandez, H. Wang, D. Maguire, C. Rodriguez, C. Toftthagen, C. Visovsky, C. Zambroski; Assistant
B.S. - NURSING: ACCELERATED SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE (SBN)  
(CIP = 51.3801)  
TOTAL DEGREE HOURS: 120  
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/second-degree/admissions.html

The Accelerated Second Bachelor's Degree (SBN) major 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 prerequisite courses may be considered for admission into the Accelerated Second Bachelor's Degree major; upon completion, students will earn a second bachelor's degree.

Notice: This curriculum is for all students admitted into the Accelerated Second Bachelor's Degree major starting in Spring 2018. Students admitted prior to Spring 2018 will follow the appropriate admission year plan.

LIMITED ACCESS - THIS MAJOR HAS ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AS LISTED IN THIS SECTION.

This is a full-time, limited access program, as mandated by the State, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive. Any student who applies to the undergraduate program in the College of Nursing is initially coded as "Pre-Nursing" prior to official acceptance to the College of Nursing.

Admissions Requirements:

- Admission to the University of South Florida.
- Completed of the first Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution by the published application deadline for the intended term of entry.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work.
- Completion of at least seven of the eight Nursing prerequisite courses by the published deadline for the intended term of entry (Note: Any outstanding Nursing prerequisites must be completed by the program state date, with a minimum grade of C or better, while maintaining a cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 3.0).
- If selected, an interview with College of Nursing faculty.

If a student receives a grade of less than C in any two prerequisite courses while declared as pre-Nursing, the student will be required to select another major at the University of South Florida. Grade forgiveness will not apply to the mandated requirement of changing the major. In addition, if a student does not meet the minimum GPA to be eligible to apply for admission following 60 completed hours and all prerequisite courses attempted, the student will be required to select another major at the University of South Florida.

STATE MANDATED COMMON COURSE PREREQUISITES

The University's 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 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 Accelerated Second Bachelor's Degree major. 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.

For Course Information, see: https://www.systemacademics.usf.edu/course-inventory/
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

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR IN NURSING: ACCELERATED SECOND BACHELOR’S DEGREE
TOTAL MAJOR HOURS: 62

Major requirements for the B.S. Degree:

Major Core (62 hours)
- NUR 3026 Patient Centered Care: Essentials of the Nursing Practice
- NUR 3026L Patient Centered Care: Essentials of the Nursing Practice Clinical
- NUR 3066 Health Assessment, Wellness, and Prevention Across the Life Span
- NUR 3066L Health Assessment, Wellness, and Prevention Across the Life Span Lab
- NUR 3125 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice
- NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice
- NUR 3225 Complex Health Nursing I
- NUR 3225L Complex Health Nursing Clinical I
- NUR 3825 Introduction to the Profession of Nursing
- NUR 4165 Evidence-Based Practice
- NUR 4227 Complex Health Nursing II
- NUR 4227L Complex Health Nursing II Clinical
- NUR 4467 Nursing Care of Women, Children, and Families
- NUR 4467L Nursing Care of Women, Children, and Families Clinical
- NUR 4535 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing
- NUR 4535L Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical
- NUR 4635 Public Health Nursing
- NUR 4635L Public Health Nursing Clinical
- NUR 4827 Role Transition and Leadership in Nursing
- NUR 4888 Coordination of Care in Nursing
- NUR 4948L Preceptorship

NOTE: Students have the option to take NUR 3125 Pathophysiology in either the Summer or Spring semester prior to admission. Students must have all prerequisite courses completed prior to taking NUR 3125.

GPA Requirements
Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work.

Course Grade Requirement
All Nursing courses must be passed with a C or better in didactic and an S in clinical.

Grading Requirement
All Nursing courses must be passed with a C or better in didactic and an S in clinical.

Please refer to the USF College of Nursing Student Handbook for grade and progression requirements.

Accelerated Second Bachelor’s Degree major students who receive a grade below a C in didactic or an S in clinical of any required nursing course will not be permitted to continue in the accelerated major. If allowed to continue in the program, the student must progress through the Upper Division major, providing space and appropriate clinical placement is available.
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
All undergraduate students in any degree program can participate in undergraduate research. There are a number of options to receive academic credit for a mentored research experience and to have the experience show on the official transcript. Students who wish to enroll in an undergraduate research course should consult with their academic advisor to understand how the credit will apply towards the degree requirements. If no credit is needed, students may be eligible to enroll in the 0-credit IDS 2912, IDS 4914 or IDH 4910 courses. These courses will not impact degree credits or GPA but will show on an official transcript and document the experience. The Office for Undergraduate Research will assist students in understanding the various course options (http://www.usf.edu/undergrad/undergraduate-research/).

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B.S. - NURSING: RN TO BACHELOR'S (NRN)
(CIP = 51.3801)
TOTAL DEGREE HOURS: 120
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/rns/
The RN to BS (NRN) major is for students currently licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse. 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.

LIMITED ACCESS - THIS MAJOR HAS ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AS LISTED IN THIS SECTION.
The College of Nursing is a limited access program. Any student who applies to the undergraduate program in the College of Nursing is initially coded as "pre-nursing" prior to official acceptance to the College of Nursing.

Admissions Requirements:
- Admission to the University of South Florida.
- Completed application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry.
- Minimum 3.00 GPA on all undergraduate work. Required prerequisite course grades may be weighted.
- Submission of a specified essay to be weighed along with cumulative GPA and experience for possible admission.
- Lower and Upper Level applicants must submit all official transcripts from each college or university attended, including the military American Council on Education transcript.
- To be considered for admission, all transfer applicants are required to have successfully completed 67 percent of all transfer credit hours attempted at any institution attended.
- Completion of the University's foreign language entrance requirement.

STATE MANDATED COMMON COURSE PREREQUISITES
The University's 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 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 RN to Bachelor's major. 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

**Requirements for the Major in Nursing: RN to Bachelor's**

**Total Major Hours: 30**

**Major Requirements for the B.S. Degree:**

**Major Core (15 hours)**

- NUR 3805 Nursing as a Profession
- NUR 3078 Information Technology Skills for Nurses
- NUR 4895 Educational Role of the Nurse in Healthcare
- NUR 4828C Foundations of Nursing Healthcare Leadership & Management
- NUR 4169C Evidence-Based Practice for Baccalaureate Prepared Nurse
- NUR 4634C Population Health

**Major Electives (15 hours)**

Students select one of three clusters during the second semester. The three clusters are Clinical Practice, Education, and Leadership. Students must complete at least two courses from the selected cluster. Remaining credits may be selected from any cluster. Please contact an academic advisor in Nursing for required cluster courses.

Cluster/Elective course availability will vary semester to semester and may include, and are not limited to:

- NSP 3147 Web-Based Education for Staff Development
- NSP 3640 Introduction to Military & Veteran Healthcare
- NSP 4880 Foundations of Healthcare QI & Patient Safety
- NSP 4148 Simulation for Nursing Practice
- NSP 4545 Substance Abuse Across the Lifespan
- NSP 4614 Preventative Cardiology for Healthcare Professionals
- NSP 4855 Skills for Nursing Staff Development Educator
- NUR 3678 Nursing Healthcare for Vulnerable Populations
- NUR 3826 Ethical/Legal Aspects of Nursing & Health Care
- NUR 4069 Health Assessment for Registered Nurses
- NUR 4128 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology
- NUR 4795 Cancer Symptom Management
- NUR 4850 Fundamentals of Healthcare Finance for Nurses and Nurse Leaders
- NUR 4935 Selected Topics in Nursing
- NUR 4895 Educational Role of the Nurse in Healthcare
- NUR 3678 Nursing Healthcare for Vulnerable Population
- NUR 4285 Healthy Aging: Nursing Care of Older Adults
- NSP 4614 Preventative Cardiology for Healthcare Professionals

**GPA Requirements**

Minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate coursework.

**Grading Requirement**
All Nursing courses must be passed with a C or better in didactic/lecture and an S in clinical.

Other Requirements
All students must meet USF's residency and degree requirements.

Research Opportunities
All undergraduate students in any degree program can participate in undergraduate research. There are a number of options to receive academic credit for a mentored research experience and to have the experience show on the official transcript. Students who wish to enroll in an undergraduate research course should consult with their academic advisor to understand how the credit will apply towards the degree requirements. If no credit is needed, students may be eligible to enroll in the 0-credit IDS 2912, IDS 4914 or IDH 4910 courses. These courses will not impact degree credits or GPA but will show on an official transcript and document the experience. The Office for Undergraduate Research will assist students in understanding the various course options (http://www.usf.edu/undergrad/undergraduate-research/).

NURSING: RN TO BACHELOR'S FACULTY

B.S. - NURSING: UPPER DIVISION (NUR) (CIP = 51.3801)
TOTAL DEGREE HOURS: 120
http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/upper-division/admissions.html

Certified Global Pathway Program
The Upper Division (NUR) major is for students who have completed all nursing prerequisite courses and have a minimum GPA of 3.20.

Notice: This curriculum is for all students admitted into the Upper Division Sequence starting in Fall 2017. Students admitted prior to Fall 2017 will follow the appropriate admission year plan.

This program has been certified as a Global Pathway. Global Pathway programs have significant global content and align with the goals of USF’s Quality Enhancement Plan, the Global Citizens Project. Students in Global Pathway programs are well positioned to earn the Global Citizen Award and become eligible to apply for a study abroad scholarship offered by the Global Citizens Project.

LIMITED ACCESS - THIS MAJOR HAS ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AS LISTED IN THIS SECTION.
This is a full-time limited access program, as mandated by the state, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive. Any student who applies to the undergraduate program at the College of Nursing is initially coded as "Pre-Nursing" prior to official acceptance to the College of Nursing.

C.A.R.E. (Creating Access to RN Education) Pathway sequence is a special pathway developed for the first time in college (FTIC) students. Requirements for consideration are a minimum 3.8 cumulative weighted high school grade point average and a combined score of at least 1360 on the SAT or a composite score of at least a 29 on the ACT. To maintain C.A.R.E. status pre-nursing students must maintain a 3.60 GPA and a minimum grade of C (3.0 GPA) in all state mandated prerequisite courses.

For Course Information, see: https://www.systemacademics.usf.edu/course-inventory/
Admissions Requirements:

- Admission to the University of South Florida.
- Completed application to the College of Nursing prior to the published deadline for the intended term of entry.
- Minimum 3.20 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work.
- Completion of at least seven of the eight nursing pre-requisites course by published application deadline for the intended term of entry (Note: Note: Any outstanding Nursing prerequisites must be completed by the program start date, with a C or better, while maintaining a cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 3.0).
- Completion of English Composition I, English Composition II, and Mathematics Requirement (formerly known as Gordon Rule Math) by published application deadline.
- Completion of the University’s foreign language entrance requirement (FLENT) and University General Education requirement by the intended term of entry.

If a student receives a grade less than a C in any two prerequisite courses while declared as Pre-Nursing, the student will be required to select another major at the University of South Florida. Grade forgiveness will not apply to the mandated requirement of changing the major. In addition, if a student does not meet the minimum GPA requirement to be eligible to apply for admission following 60 completed hours and all prerequisite courses attempted, the student will be required to select another major at the University of South Florida.

STATE MANDATED COMMON COURSE PREREQUISITES

The state-mandated nursing common pre-requisites are required to be completed before the published application deadline for the intended term of entry. A grade of ‘C’ or better is required while maintaining a cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 3.0.

The University’s 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 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 major. 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
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- 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

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR IN NURSING: UPPER DIVISION

TOTAL MAJOR HOURS: 68

Major requirements for the B.S. Degree:

Major Core (68 hours)

- NUR 3026 Patient Centered Care: Essentials of the Nursing Practice
- NUR 3026L Patient Centered Care: Essentials of the Nursing Practice Clinical
- NUR 3027L Patient Centered Care: Essentials of the Nursing Practice Lab
- NUR 3066 Health Assessment, Wellness, and Prevention Across the Life Span
- NUR 3066L Health Assessment, Wellness, and Prevention Across the Life Span Lab
• NUR 3125 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice
• NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice
• NUR 3225 Complex Health Nursing I
• NUR 3225L Complex Health Nursing I Clinical
• NUR 3825 Introduction to the Profession of Nursing
• NUR 4165 Evidence-Based Practice
• NUR 4227 Complex Health Nursing II
• NUR 4227L Complex Health Nursing Clinical II
• NUR 4285 Healthy Aging: Nursing Care of Older Adults
• NUR 4467 Nursing Care of Women, Children, and Families
• NUR 4467L Nursing Care of Women, Children, and Families Clinical
• NUR 4535 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing
• NUR 4535L Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical
• NUR 4635 Public Health Nursing
• NUR 4635L Public Health Nursing Clinical
• NUR 4827 Role Transition and Leadership in Nursing
• NUR 4888 Coordination of Care in Nursing
• NUR 4937 Nursing Seminar
• NUR 4948L Preceptorship

GPA Requirements
Minimum 3.20 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work. Required prerequisite course grades may be weighted.

Course Grade Requirement
All Nursing courses must be passed with a C or better in didactic and an S in clinical.

Grading Requirement
Please refer to the USF College of Nursing Student Handbook for grade and progression requirements.

Research Opportunities
All undergraduate students in any degree program can participate in undergraduate research. There are a number of options to receive academic credit for a mentored research experience and to have the experience show on the official transcript. Students who wish to enroll in an undergraduate research course should consult with their academic advisor to understand how the credit will apply towards the degree requirements. If no credit is needed, students may be eligible to enroll in the 0-credit IDS 2912, IDS 4914 or IDH 4910 courses. These courses will not impact degree credits or GPA but will show on an official transcript and document the experience. The Office for Undergraduate Research will assist students in understanding the various course options (http://www.usf.edu/undergrad/undergraduate-research/).

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