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 that leads to a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing.

Mission

The mission of the College of Nursing is congruent with the mission of the University of South Florida. The College is dedicated to being the premier institution for those striving to achieve leadership in nursing. The mission is (1) to provide excellent nursing education, (2) to advance the profession through research, and (3) to contribute to society through practice and service.

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. The Doctoral Program prepares nurse scientists to advance the discipline of nursing through the development and dissemination of knowledge.

The College strives to provide opportunities for students and faculty to engage in common inquiry into the values of society and gives them an understanding of the need to accept and appreciate differences among people. Diverse and pluralistic learning communities foster culturally competent and sensitive practice. The College supports community, national and international partnerships in practice, education, and research to enhance the health of all people.

Education is a dynamic, interdependent and collaborative process that occurs through the interaction of faculty and students in a wide variety of learning environments. Faculty design learning environments and resources that employ diverse educational strategies and technologies. Various instructional methods, including distance education, provide educational access for a geographically dispersed student body. Learning is a life-long process. Students are active and engaged participants in the teaching/learning process that involves the continuous development and refinement of critical thinking.

Undergraduate Nursing Program

General Information

To fulfill its commitment to nursing education, the college offers an upper division 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 two sequences: one for qualified basic students with no previous preparation in nursing and one for qualified registered nurse students who are graduates of an associate degree or diploma program 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, and approved by the Florida State Board of Nursing. Graduates of the basic sequence 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 enrollment numbers are determined on the basis of availability of sufficient qualified faculty, laboratory and classroom facilities, and clinical teaching resources.

There are two sequences in the undergraduate program, one for qualified students with no previous preparation in nursing (non-licensed students), and one for registered nurses, who are graduates of diploma or associate degree nursing programs.

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. Submit a College of Nursing application and all supporting materials, including official transcripts, to the College by the appropriate deadline.
3. Complete, prior to enrollment, all state mandated common prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better (for non-licensed baccalaureate students only, completion by application deadline is advised). (See “Program of Study” below.)
4. Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
5. Complete, prior to enrollment, all those Liberal Arts courses required for admission to the major (for non-licensed baccalaureate students only, completion by application deadline is advised). (See "Liberal Arts Requirements.")
6. Complete all courses required for admission with not more than two (2) repeated courses and not more than one (1) repeat of any given course.
7. Complete the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent and the writing and computation course requirements of 6A.10.30 (Gordon Rule).
8. Complete an approved cardiopulmonary resuscitation (BCLS) course prior to enrollment.
9. Provide evidence of health insurance prior to enrollment.
10. Complete prior to enrollment the College of Nursing health form.
11. 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 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 1033, (813) 974-2191.

Advising Officers:
- **Tampa Campus:** College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs, (MDN) Room 1036, (813) 974-9305; (888) 974-9489 (in state only)
- **St. Petersburg Campus:** Bayboro Hall (BAY), Room 119.
- **Arlington Campus:** Student Services Office (LLC), Room 210, (800) USF-5536 (in state only), (863) 667-7000
- **Pasco Teaching Site:** (727) 847-2727 ext. 3262 or (813) 974-9305.

Office Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some advising offices on regional campuses are open before 9 a.m. or until 6, Mondays through Thursdays; call the offices listed above for exact hours and appointment times.

Program Application Requests: Applications for the Nursing program 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 prerequisites listed below prior to being admitted to the upper-division major. Students who do not complete these prerequisites can be admitted to the University, but not to the upper-division major. Unless stated otherwise, a grade of “C” is the minimum acceptable grade.

- **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.
- **DEF 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.
- **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 with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5. 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**
- **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 also meet the University requirement for foreign language.

**Preliminary Coursework for Nursing Students**
The student must: 1) earn a grade of “C” or better in each state mandated common prerequisite course, 2) repeat no course more than once, 3) repeat no more than two (2) courses. 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.

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

3. Statistics - one course in statistics must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. STA 2122 or any STA course.

4. 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.

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.

Microbiology - one course. MCB 3030C. The Regents examination in microbiology is acceptable for registered nurse students only.

Anatomy and Physiology - 6 semester hours. The Regents examination in anatomy and physiology is acceptable for registered nurse students only.
In addition to the requirements listed above, a minimum of 6 credits in upper division electives or exit requirements as determined by academic advisor and 4 credits in nursing electives will be required for graduation. Planning with an academic advisor prior to enrollment in upper-level electives is strongly recommended.

**NURSING PROGRAM (FOR REGISTERED NURSES)**

The registered nurse sequence is designed so that registered nurses can enroll in the nursing major on a full-time or on a part-time basis at Tampa and on specific university campuses. Registered nurses who enroll as full-time students may complete requirements for the bachelor's degree in three semesters. If they enroll as part-time students, the degree requirements can be completed in six semesters.

Registered nurse students are admitted to the College each semester and may apply according to University admission deadlines. Registered nurse students desiring to transfer from other nursing programs are eligible for admission to the College on a space available basis. To be considered for transfer to the nursing major, applicants must meet University eligibility requirements. Registered nurse students are admitted to the College contingent upon completion of transcript evaluation and completion of admission requirements. For more specific information contact the College of Nursing, Office of Student Affairs for overall requirements (974-9305) or visit the College of Nursing web site at http://www.hsc.usf.edu/nursing.

**NURSING COURSES - REGISTERED NURSE SEQUENCE**

Registered nurse students will take the following courses within the non-licensed baccalaureate sequence.

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**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 the following selected courses while completing the prerequisite requirements. Nursing courses for the RN Sequence for students seeking the BS degree are listed below in the preferred sequence for enrollment:

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NUR 4XXX Electives

The following courses are restricted to fully admitted students: NUR 4636, NUR 4636L, NUR 4838, and NUR 4948L. To take these courses, students must have completed the support/prerequisite 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, 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).

Regents and College of Nursing Examinations

Successful completion of the following examination(s) can be used to fulfill course requirements as designated below:

College of Nursing: The following examinations: a total of 3 semester credits can be earned by any undergraduate student to meet the course requirement in nutrition. Information about the College examination in nutrition may be obtained by contacting the College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs, University of South Florida.

Registered nurses who are graduates of diploma programs may receive up to 26 semester general elective lower level credits through successful completion of the Regents examinations in nursing. These credits do not apply toward meeting the University requirement of 40 upper level credits, or toward meeting the requirements of the upper level nursing major. The credits earned by passing the Regents examinations in nursing apply only to the B.S. degree with a major in nursing offered by the College of Nursing.

Registered nurses who are graduates of Florida associate degree programs will receive up to 26 semester lower level credits for their previous nursing education. A statewide AS to BS articulation agreement is under consideration. Registered nurse students should contact the Office of Student Affairs for advice 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 Regents examination in anatomy and physiology. Up to 3 credits in microbiology through successful completion of the Regents examination in microbiology. Regents examination information maybe 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).

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 progression through the program. The BS application process will be followed. Contact the Office of Student Affairs for further information (813-974-9305).

Nursing Faculty


Nursing Courses

HUN 2201 Nutrition (3)
NUR 2935 Selected Topics In Nursing (1-3)
NUR 3064C Health Assessment Across The Life Span (3)
NUR 3113 Culture of Nursing (2)
NUR 3113H Introduction to Critical Judgment (2)
NUR 3114L Introduction to Clinical Practice (2)
NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice (2)
NUR 3215 Adult Health I (3)
NUR 3215L Clinical Practice in Adult Health I (3)
NUR 3284C Gerontological Nursing (2)
NUR 3829 Ethical Legal Aspects in Nursing and Health Care -MW (3)
NUR 4040 Transcultural Nursing (3)
NUR 4041 Culture In Nursing Practice (2)
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry (2)
NUR 4194 An Interdisciplinary Perspective in HIV Disease -MW (3)
NUR 4216 Adult Health II (3)
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NUR 4245 Wellness: Health Promotion and Maintenance in Nursing (2)
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