

COLLEGE OF NURSING

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Undergraduate Nursing Program General Information

The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, (212) 363-555 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 and Accelerated programs 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, religions, 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.

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. Please contact College of Nursing at (813) 974-9305 for detailed information.
2. The **Upper Division** program is for students who have completed all nursing pre-requisite courses and have a minimum GPA of 3.2. This is a full-time, limited access program, as mandated by the state, and is structured sequentially. Admission is competitive, and students with higher GPAs are given preference.
3. The **Accelerated** program is for students who have a baccalaureate degree in another field and a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0. Students with an awarded bachelor's degree and who have completed all the nursing pre-requisite courses may be considered for admission into the accelerated program. 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, and students with higher GPAs are given preference.
4. The **RN to BS** program 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 to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing.
4. The **RN to MS** program 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 a diploma or an Associate's degree in nursing 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.

Nursing Advising

The College of Nursing Office of Student Services offers a comprehensive service for all College of Nursing students as well as information sessions and general information for prospective students. These services include information sessions, registration, academic advising, scholarships, graduation certification, and other services. 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 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, Tampa, FL 33612-4766. The College telephone number is (813) 974-9305.

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 Services at (813) 974-9305 or toll-free at (888) 974-9488 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 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 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 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

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 Composition	6
Quantitative Methods	6
Algebra or Finite Math (preferred) (3)	
Statistics (3)	
Fine Arts	3
Natural Sciences	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 PROGRAM

• Upper Division Program

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.
- Minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work
- Completion of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent

Prerequisite Requirements:

The following nursing 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, 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**
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 MCB X010C Microbiology or Any Microbiology course, 4 semester hours
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 STA X014 Statistics or any Statistics course, 3 semester hours
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Additional Requirements:

- The following Liberal Arts requirements must be completed while in the Lower Division program:

ENC 1101 English Composition I	3
ENC 1102 English Composition II	3
Quantitative Methods	
College Algebra or Finite Math preferred	3
STA X014 Statistics	3
- The following Liberal Arts requirements may be completed while in the Upper Division program:

Fine Arts	3
Historical Perspectives	6
African, Latin America, Middle Eastern or Asian Perspective (ALAMEA)	3
- Completion of the University Foreign Language requirement for the awarding of the Bachelor of Science degree
- Completion of all other University Baccalaureate degree requirements
- Additional coursework may be required to meet the USF graduation credit hour requirement.

Upper Division Course of Study

NUR 3125 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	(4)
NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	(3)
NUR 3066 Physical Exam & Assessment	(2)
NUR 3026L Nursing Fundamentals Clinical	(4)
NUR 3026 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice & Foundations	(4)
NUR 3525 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 3525L Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical	(3)
NUR 3215 Medical Surgical Nursing I	(3)
NUR 3215L Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical I	(4)
NUR 3826 Ethical/Legal Aspects of Nursing	(3)
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry	(3)
NUR 4216 Medical Surgical Nursing II	(4)
NUR 4216L Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical II	(5)
NUR 4355 Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 4455 Women's Health Nursing	(2)
NUR 4636 Community/Public Health: Population - Focused Nursing	(3)
NUR 4635L Integrated Clinical	(7)
NUR XXXX Nursing Elective	(3)
NUR 4838 Leadership & Management in Prof Nursing Practice	(3)
NUR 4948L Preceptorship	(6)
Total:	72

• Accelerated Program

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

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- 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
- Completion of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent.

Prerequisite Requirements:

The following nursing 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, 3-4 semester hours
- BSC X086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II or any Human Anatomy & Physiology II course, 3-4 semester hours
- CHM XXXX Comprehensive General Chemistry (CHM 1032 or higher), 4-6 semester hours
- DEP X004 Human Growth & Development or any Human Growth & Development course, 3 semester hours
- HUN X201 Human Nutrition or any Human Nutrition course, 3 semester hours, **OR**
- NUR 1192
- MCB X010C Microbiology or Any Microbiology course, 4 semester hours
- PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology or any General Psychology course, 3 semester hours
- STA X014 Statistics or any Statistics course, 3 semester hours
- SYG X000 Introduction to Sociology or any Introduction to Sociology course, 3 semester hours

Liberal Arts General Education Requirements are met with the previous bachelors degree.

Accelerated Course of Study

NUR 3125	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	(4)
or		
NGR 6140	Pathophysiology for Adv Practice	(3)
NUR 3145	Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	(3)
or		
NGR 6199	Pharmacology for Adv Practice	(3)
NUR 3826	Eth Legl Asp Nur & Health Care	(3)
or		
NGR 6135	Ethical/Legal Policy Issues	(3)
NUR 3026	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice & Foundation	(4)
NUR 3026L	Nursing Fundamentals Clinical	(4)
NUR 3066	Physical Exam & Assessment	(2)
NUR 4165	Nursing Inquiry	(3)
NUR 3525	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 3215	Medical Surgical Nursing I	(3)
NUR 4216	Medical Surgical Nursing II	(4)
NGR 5580L	Integrated Clinical I & Lab	(4)
NUR 4355	Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 4455	Women's Health Nursing	(2)
NUR 4636	Community/Public Health: Population - Focused Nursing	(3)
NGR 5680L	Integrated Clinical II (Preceptorship)	(4)
NUR 4838	Leadership & Management in Prof Nursing Practice	(3)

Total: 51-52

• RN to Bachelors Program

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 Associate's degree or diploma in Nursing (Those individuals with an Associate's

degree in Nursing may apply contingent on passage of NCLEX exam during first semester of study in the College of Nursing)

- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work
- Completion of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent

Prerequisite Requirements:

Nursing Prerequisite courses - These courses can be completed while in the RN to BS program. However, if a letter grade of less than 'C' is received prior to application to the College of Nursing, the course(s) must be repeated prior to application:

- BSC X085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I or any Human Anatomy & Physiology I course, 3-4 semester hours
- BSC X086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II or any Human Anatomy & Physiology II course, 3-4 semester hours
- CHM XXXX Comprehensive General Chemistry (CHM 1032 or higher), 4-6 semester hours
- DEP X004 Human Growth & Development or any Human Growth & Development course, 3 semester hours
- HUN X201 Human Nutrition or any Human Nutrition course, 3 semester hours, **OR**
- NUR 1192
- MCB X010C Microbiology or Any Microbiology course, 4 semester hours
- PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology or any General Psychology course, 3 semester hours
- STA X014 Statistics or any Statistics course, 3 semester hours
- SYG X000 Introduction to Sociology or any Introduction to Sociology course, 3 semester hours

Liberal Arts Requirements:

- Completion of the following courses prior to the application deadline for the intended term of entry; a grade of 'C' or better is required:

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II	3
	Quantitative Methods	
	College Algebra or Finite Math preferred	3
	• Liberal Arts General Education Requirements - may be completed while in the RN to BS program:	
	Fine Arts	3
	Historical Perspectives	6
	African, Latin America, Middle Eastern or Asian Perspective (ALAMEA)	3
	• Completion of the University Foreign Language requirement for the awarding of the Bachelor of Science degree	
	• 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 4838	Leadership & Management in Prof Nursing Practice	(3)

NURXXXX	Nursing Elective	(3)
Total:		31

• RN to Masters Transitional Program

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 Associates degree or diploma in Nursing (Those individuals with an Associates degree or diploma in nursing may apply contingent on passage of NCLEX exam during 1st semester of study in the College of Nursing)
- Minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 prior to entrance into undergraduate transition courses and minimum USF Nursing G.P.A. of 3.0 as of the semester transitioning into Master's courses
- Completion of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent

Prerequisite Requirements:

Nursing Prerequisite courses - These courses can be completed while in the RN to MS program. However, if a letter grade of less than 'C' is received prior to application to the College of Nursing, the course(s) must be repeated prior to application:

- BSC X085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I or any Human Anatomy & Physiology I course, 3-4 semester hours
- BSC X086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II or any Human Anatomy & Physiology II course, 3-4 semester hours
- CHM XXXX Comprehensive General Chemistry (CHM 1032 or higher), 4-6 semester hours
- DEP X004 Human Growth & Development or any Human Growth & Development course, 3 semester hours
- HUN X201 Human Nutrition or any Human Nutrition course, 3 semester hours, **OR**
- NUR 1192
- MCB X010C Microbiology or Any Microbiology course, 4 semester hours
- PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology or any General Psychology course, 3 semester hours
- STA X014 Statistics or any Statistics course, 3 semester hours
- SYG X000 Introduction to Sociology or any Introduction to Sociology course, 3 semester hours

Liberal Arts Requirements:

- Completion of the following courses prior to the application deadline for the intended term of entry; a grade of 'C' or better is required:

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II	3
Quantitative Methods		
	College Algebra or Finite Math preferred	3
- Liberal Arts General Education Requirements - may be completed while in the RN to BS program:

Fine Arts	3
Historical Perspectives	6
African, Latin America, Middle Eastern or Asian Perspective (ALAMEA)	3
- Completion of the University Foreign Language requirement for the awarding of the Bachelor of Science degree. (optional)

RN to MS Transitional Courses:

A letter grade of 'C' or greater and 3.0 GPA or more is required in all Nursing (NUR) courses to be considered for application to the master portion of this program.

NUR 3805	Educational Transitions for RNs (required first class)	(3)
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NUR 4636	Community/Public Health: Population-focused Nursing	(3)
NUR 4636L	Community/Health Nursing: Clinical	(3)
NUR 4838	Leadership & Management in Prof Nursing Practice	(3)

Total: 12

During the semester the student is completing the undergraduate nursing transition courses, the student will meet with an advisor to review all requirements to complete the transition into the Masters program. Based on guidance by the advisor, students will be required to submit an additional application to the College of Nursing and provide three letters of recommendation and copy of resume or curriculum vita. Students may also be required to have an interview with a faculty member within their masters concentration.

Students will choose a masters concentration and will complete additional courses based on that concentration. See the graduate catalog for a list of RN to MS concentrations and associated graduate course requirements.