

# 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, religious, ethnic, and age groups. The College of Nursing uses selective criteria for the admission of students. Admissions are determined on the basis of availability of sufficient qualified faculty, laboratory and classroom facilities, and clinical teaching resources. Final admission to all nursing programs is conditional upon passing a Level 2 criminal background check. The background check must be completed at the applicant's expense in accordance with the College of Nursing policy and procedures on criminal background checks.

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.
5. 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

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**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 General Education 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 General Education 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 **OR** NUR 1192, 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

#### General Education Requirements:

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

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

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 General Education requirements and may be satisfied by the completion of the following courses with the corresponding credit:

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### • 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

Required pre-requisite course grades may be weighed

- Completion of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent
- Completion of the University's foreign language entrance requirement
- May be requested to submit a personal statement and description of work or volunteer experiences.

#### Prerequisite Requirements:

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

BSC X085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I or any Human Anatomy & Physiology I course, 3-4 semester hours  
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 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

**Additional Requirements:** The following General Education requirements must be completed while in the Lower Division program and must be completed with a 'C' or better:

- 6 English Composition
- 6 Mathematics\* **OR** 3Mathematics **AND** 3 Quantitative Reasoning
- 3 Natural Sciences (Life Science)
- 3 Natural Sciences (Physical Science)
- 6 Social and Behavioral Sciences
- \*College Algebra or Finite Math preferred and STA X014 Statistics - recommended courses

- The following General Education requirements may be completed while in the Upper Division program:
  - 3 Fine Arts
  - 3 Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context
  - 6 Humanities
- 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 3026 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice & Foundations for Clinical Judgment (4)
- NUR 3026L Nursing Fundamentals Clinical (4)
- NUR 3066 Physical Examination & Assessment (2)
- NUR 3826 Ethical/Legal Aspects of Nursing and Health Care (3)
- NURXXXX Nursing Elective (3)
- NUR 3535 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (3)
- NUR 3535L Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical (3)
- NUR 3215 Medical Surgical Nursing I (3)
- NUR 3215L Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical I (4)
- NUR 4216 Medical Surgical Nursing II (4)

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NUR 4216L Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical II (5)	
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry (3)	
NUR 4838 Leadership & Management in Professional Nursing Practice (3)	
NUR 4636 Community/Public Health: Population – Focused Nursing (3)	
NUR 4636L Community/Public Health Nursing Clinical (3)	
NUR 4355 Child & Adolescent Health Nursing (3)	
NUR 4455 Women's Health Nursing (2)	
NUR 4635L Integrated Nursing Clinical: Comm/Public Health – Peds/OB (4)	
NUR 4948L Preceptorship (General Education Capstone) (6)	

Total: 72

### Nursing (NUR), BS, 121 – TAPS Plan

*The curricula and courses presented below are a guide for remaining on track towards the bachelor's degree. Please note that alternative courses exist for many of the courses and that this is not an official degree plan. It is an advising tool and students should consult with an advisor in their major to ensure that all degree requirements are met.*

#### Fall Semester - Year 1

BSC 2085 Anatomy and Physiology I for Nursing and other Healthcare Professionals	3
BSC 2085L Anatomy and Physiology Lab I for Nursing and other Healthcare Professionals	1
ENC 1101 Composition I	3
MAC 1105 College Algebra (or MGF 1106 Finite Mathematics)	3
PSY 2012 Introduction to Psychological Science	3
Total	13

#### Spring Semester - Year 1

BSC 2086 Anatomy and Physiology II for Nursing and other Healthcare Professionals	3
BSC 2086L Anatomy and Physiology Lab II for Nursing and other Healthcare Professionals	1
ENC 1102 Composition II	3
MCB 2000 Microbiology for Nursing and other Healthcare Professionals	3
MCB 2000L Microbiology Lab for Nursing and other Healthcare Professionals	1
STA 2122 Social Science Statistics	3
Total	14

#### Fall Semester - Year 2

CHM 2032 Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry I	4
DEP 2004 The Life Cycle	3
HUN 2201 Nutrition	3
SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology	3
Total	13

#### Spring Semester - Year 2

NUR 3125 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	4
XXX XXXX General Education Course	3
XXX XXXX General Education Course	3
XXX XXXX General Education Course	3
Total	13

#### Summer Term - Year 2

NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	3
NUR 3826 Ethical Legal Aspects in Nursing and Health Care	3

XXX XXXX General Education Course	3
Total	9

**Fall Semester - Year 3**

NUR 3026 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice and Foundations for Clinical Judgment	4
NUR 3026L Nursing Fundamentals Clinical	4
NUR 3066 Physical Examination and Assessment	2
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry	3
Total	13

**Spring Semester - Year 3**

NUR 3215 Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
NUR 3215L Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical I	4
NUR 3525 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 3525L Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical	3
Total	13

**Summer Term - Year 3**

NUR 4636 Community/Public Health: Population -Focused Nursing	3
NUR 4636L Community Clinical	3
NUR XXXX Department Upper Level Elective (Optional)	
Total	6

**Fall Semester - Year 4**

NUR 4216 Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
NUR 4216L Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical II	5
NUR 4838 Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing Practice	3
Total	12

**Spring Semester - Year 4**

NUR 4355 Child and Adolescent Health Nursing	3
NUR 4455 Women's Health Nursing	2
NUR 4635L Integrated Nursing Clinical: Children and Adolescent Health, and Women's Health	4
NUR 4948L Preceptorship (Capstone)	6
Total	15

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS TO DEGREE 121**

**• Second Bachelors 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
- Completion of first bachelor's degree, from an accredited institution, by the published application deadline for the intended term of entry
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work

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

- Completion of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent
- Completion of the University's foreign language entrance requirement

**Prerequisite Requirements:**

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

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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

General Education Requirements are met with the previous bachelor's degree.

### Second Bachelor's Degree Course of Study

NUR 3125 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	(4)
NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	(3)
NUR 3026 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice & Foundation(4)	
NUR 3026L Nursing Fundamentals Clinical	(4)
NUR 3066 Physical Exam & Assessment	(2)
NUR 3826 Eth Legl Asp Nur & Health Care	(3)
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry	(3)
NUR 3535 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 3535L Psych Clinical	(3)
NUR 4636 Community/Public Health: Population - Focused Nursing	(3)
NUR 4636L Community Clinical	(3)
NUR 3215 Medical Surgical Nursing I	(3)
NUR 3215L Medical Surgical I Clinical	(4)
NUR 4216 Medical Surgical Nursing II	(4)
NUR 4216L Medical Surgical II Clinical	(5)
NUR 4355 Child & Adolescent Health Nursing	(3)
NUR 4455 Women's Health Nursing	(2)
NUR 4635L Community Clinical – Peds/OB	(4)
NUR 4948L Preceptorship (Capstone)	(6)
NUR 4838 Leadership& Management in Prof Nursing Practice	(3)
Total:	69

Note: Accelerated undergraduate second degree pre-licensure students who receive a D or F in any nursing course will not be permitted to continue in that sequence. The student will be allowed to remain in the nursing program as a traditional upper division student, space and appropriate clinical placement permitting.

### • RN to Bachelors 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
- Completion of the University Foreign Language entrance requirement

#### Prerequisite Requirements:

The state-mandated nursing common pre-requisites are required to be completed. These courses can be completed while in the RN to BS program. 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  
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 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

**Additional Requirements:**

- The following General Education requirements must be completed while in the Lower Division program:
- Completion of the following courses prior to the application deadline for the intended term of entry; a grade of 'C' or better is required:
    - 6 English Composition
    - 6 Mathematics\* **OR** 3Mathematics **AND** 3 Quantitative Reasoning
    - 3 Natural Sciences (Life Science)
    - 3 Natural Sciences (Physical Science)
    - 6 Social and Behavioral Sciences
 \*College Algebra or Finite Math preferred andSTA X014 Statistics recommended courses
  - The following General Education requirements may be completed while in the Upper Division program:
    - 3 Fine Arts
    - 3 Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context
    - 6 Humanities
  - 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**

**Associate Degree in Nursing to Master's Degree**

(AS to MS) (NAS)

Registered nurses who have earned an Associate of Science Degree in nursing are also eligible for Admission to the MS program. Students complete 15 credit hours of coursework in the baccalaureate program before applying to the Graduate Program.

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### 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 with an Associate's degree or diploma in nursing may be admitted conditionally 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 courses and Nursing G.P.A. of 3.0\* in the required transition coursework as of the semester entering into Master's courses.
- Completion of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or equivalent

### Prerequisite Requirements:

The state-mandated nursing common pre-requisites are required to be completed. These courses can be completed while in the RN to MS program but must be completed during the last term before transitioning to Master's program. Additionally, 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:

**General Education Requirements:** The following General Education requirements must be completed while in the Lower Division program and must be completed with a 'C' or better:

- 6 English Composition
- 6 Mathematics\* **OR** 3Mathematics **AND** 3 Quantitative Reasoning
- 3 Natural Sciences (Life Science)
- 3 Natural Sciences (Physical Science)
- 6 Social and Behavioral Sciences
- \*College Algebra or Finite Math preferred and STA X014 Statistics - recommended courses

- The following General Education requirements may be completed while in the Upper Division program:
  - 3 Fine Arts
  - 3 Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context
  - 6 Humanities
- Completion of all other University Baccalaureate degree requirements
- Additional coursework may be required to meet the USF graduation credit hour requirement.

Note: If the student intends to receive a bachelor's degree in addition to a master's degree, the University's foreign language entrance requirement must be successfully completed.

### 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 3066 Physical Examination and Assessment	(2)
NUR 3066L Clinical Experience in Health Assessment	(1)
NUR 3805 Educational Transitions for RNs (required first class)	(3)
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry	(3)
NUR 4636 Community/Public Health: Population-focused Nursing	(3)
NUR 4636L Community/Health Nursing: Clinical	(3)
Total	15

\*Note: The primary care and selected other concentrations in the Master's program are highly competitive. Additional admission requirements and a higher GPA may be required for these concentrations.

During the semester that 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, a copy of resume or curriculum vita, and other materials as required. Students may also be required to have an interview with a faculty member within their master's concentration. Students will choose a Master's concentration and will complete additional courses based on that concentration. See the graduate catalog for a list of Master's concentrations and associated graduate course requirements