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.

There are two sequences in the undergraduate program, one for qualified students with no previous preparation in nursing (basic students), and one for registered nurses, who are graduates of diploma or associate degree nursing programs. The basic sequence is designed so that students who have completed the prerequisite/support courses can enroll in the nursing major and complete requirements for the degree in four semesters and a summer session of full-time study on the Tampa campus. 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.

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. Graduates of the undergraduate program 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. Limitations on enrollments are determined on the basis of availability of sufficient qualified faculty, laboratory and classroom facilities, and clinical teaching resources.

### 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 wellbeing 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 humanitarian profession that enhances the quality of life by promoting health, preventing illness, supporting rehabilitation following illness, and providing for persons at the end of life. All individuals are entitled to health care and the right to participate in making health care decisions.

Intelectual 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 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 fine and sciences 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.

### Undergraduate Education in Nursing

The undergraduate program in nursing is a limited access upper division major at the University of South Florida. The program has 2 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. Applicants for either sequence must submit applications to both the University and the College of Nursing by the appropriate deadline dates. Applications for admission to the University may be obtained by contacting the Office of Admissions, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 33620. Applications for the College of Nursing are available from USF College of Nursing, Office of Student Affairs, MDC Box 22, 12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33612.

Applicants must complete the University’s Liberal Arts requirements and College of Nursing prerequisites/support courses. These can be completed on the Tampa campus by enrolling in the lower division, or at any community college, university, or college that offers equivalent courses prior to transfer to USF.

Students who enroll at USF in the lower division must meet the requirements for admission to the University and are advised by Academic Support and Achievement. These students must also submit an application for admission to the College of Nursing for the upper division major.

Basic students are admitted once a year in the Fall semester. The deadline for application to the College is January 5 of the year in which the student plans to enroll. Priority will be given...
to individuals who have completed all prerequisites by the application deadline.

Registered nurse students are admitted to the College each semester. University admission deadlines are utilized for applications from registered nurses. Registered nurse students are admitted to the College contingent upon completion of admission requirements.

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 into the nursing major, applicants must meet University eligibility requirements.

For more specific information contact the College of Nursing, Office of Student Affairs for overall requirements (974-9305).

Overall Requirements
1. Completion of 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.

2. Completion of the University of South Florida Liberal Arts requirements as part of the above for all students. These requirements may be satisfied by the completion of the following courses with the corresponding credit:

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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.

4. Students are required to meet the University requirement for foreign language.

Admission Requirements
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 an application and all supporting materials, including official transcripts, to the College of Nursing by the appropriate deadline.
3. Complete prior to enrollment all state mandated common prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better (for basic baccalaureate students only, completion by application deadline is advised).
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 basic baccalaureate students only, completion by application deadline is advised).
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 current licensure in Florida if enrolling in the program as a registered nurse.

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 these requirements. Nursing courses for the RN Sequence are listed below in the preferred sequence for enrollment:

NUR 3113 Culture of Nursing
NUR 3114 Introduction to Clinical Judgement
NUR 3064C Health Assessment Across the Life Span
NUR 4766 Critical Care
NUR 4765C Rehabilitation Across the Life Span
NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice
NUR 3829 Ethical/Legal Aspects in Nursing and Health Care
NUR 4041 Culture in Nursing Practice
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry
NUR 4XXX Electives

Specific Course Requirements
The College of Nursing requires certain courses within the Liberal Arts requirements for the natural, social and behavioral sciences, and mathematics. These requirements are outlined below. Suggested courses are also included. 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.

Specific Course Requirements
1. Mathematics/Quantitative Methods: completion of at least one course in mathematics that meets the Gordon Rule requirement and one course in statistics.
   a. Mathematics - one course in college level algebra or finite math must be completed. CLEP subject exams are acceptable.
   b. Statistics - one course in statistics must be completed. STA 2122 or any STA course is acceptable.

2. Natural Sciences: minimum of 16 semester credits (including anatomy, physiology, and microbiology). Each course taken toward meeting this 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.
   a. 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.
   b. Microbiology - one course. MCB 3030C. The Regents examination in microbiology is acceptable for registered nurse students only.
Nursing Courses - Basic Baccalaureate Sequence
Basic Baccalaureate students meet the following courses in the five semester sequence.
Junior Year (2 semesters)
NUR 3113 Culture of Nursing (2)
NUR 3114 Introduction to Clinical Judgement (3)
NUR 3114L Introduction to Clinical Practice (2)
NUR 3064C Health Assessment Across the Life Span (3)
NUR 3829 Ethical Legal Aspects in Nursing & Health Care (3)
NUR 3145 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice (2)
NUR 3215 Adult Health I (3)
NUR 3215L Clinical Practice in Adult Health II (3)
NUR 3284C Gerontological Nursing (2)
Senior Year (3 semesters)
NUR 4216 Adult Health II (3)
NUR 4216L Clinical Practice in Adult Health II (3)
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry (2)
NUR 4041 Culture in Nursing Practice (2)
NUR 4616 Family Health (4)
NUR 4616L Clinical Practice in Family Health (3)
NUR 4636 Community Health (2)
NUR 4636L Clinical Practice in Community Health (2)
NUR 4765C Rehabilitation Across the Life Span (2)
NUR 4838 Leadership/Management (3)
NUR 4525 Psychiatric/Mental Health (2)
NUR 4525L Clinical Practice in Psychiatric/Mental Health (1)
NUR 4766 Critical Care (2)
NUR 4948L Preceptorship (3)

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 Courses - Registered Nurse Sequence
Registered nurse students will take selected courses within the basic baccalaureate sequence. For example:
NUR 4636 Community Health (2)
NUR 4636L Clinical Practice in Community Health (2)
NUR 4165 Nursing Inquiry (2)
NUR 4838 Leadership/Management (3)
A statewide AS to BS articulation agreement is under consideration. Registered nurse students should contact the Office of Student Affairs for advisement prior to enrollment.

Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)
The University and the College of Nursing work closely with the community colleges within the 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 “Specific Course Requirements.” Students must complete the prerequisite courses 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.
ADN/MS Program

An ADN to MS program is currently in the developmental stage. Implementation is planned for Fall 1999. The BS application process will be followed. Contact the Office of Student Affairs for further information (974-9305).

Nursing Faculty


Nursing Courses

HUN 2201 NUTRITION
PR: Course work in chemistry and biology or permission of faculty. Open to majors and non-majors. The study of fundamental principles of normal nutrition as they relate to human life and growth from conception through senescence, interpretation of current nutrition information, and application of nutrition knowledge in the establishment of good eating habits.

NUR 2935 SELECTED TOPICS IN NURSING
PR: CI. Freshman or sophomore standing. Open to non-majors. Content will depend upon student demand and faculty interest and may focus on any area relevant to health care. May involve class, seminar, and/or observational field experiences (non-clinical). May be repeated for credit for different topics.

NUR 3064C HEALTH ASSESSMENT ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN
PR: Admission to nursing major or CI. Focuses on history taking, physical appraisal skills basic to biopsychosocial assessment across the life span. Emphasizes assessment phase of the diagnostic reasoning process to identify alterations in functional health patterns.

NUR 3113 CULTURE OF NURSING
PR: Admission to nursing major or CI. Introduction to evolving role of the professional nurse. Examines historical context of nursing’s development, nursing’s theoretical progression, and wellness-focused practice as a culture.

NUR 3114 INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL JUDGMENT
PR: Admission to nursing major. Focuses on the basic concepts of health, functional health patterns and communication. Critical thinking is used to analyze the effects of changes in health status and nursing implications.

NUR 3114L INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PRACTICE
PR: Concurrent with NUR 3114. Admission to nursing major. Includes laboratory, clinical experiences, and selected psychomotor skills. Beginning application of clinical judgment in implementing therapeutic nursing interventions for adults.

NUR 3145 PHARMACOLOGY IN NURSING PRACTICE
PR: Admission to nursing major or CI. Examines pharmacotherapeutics; pharmacodynamics; pharmacokinetics; adverse reactions and contraindications; therapeutic indications according to functional health patterns; and nursing implications.

NUR 3215 ADULT HEALTH I
PR: NUR 3113, 3114, 3114L, 3064C. Concurrent with NUR 3215L. Nursing Majors. Examines adults with alternations in health maintenance, nutritional/metabolic, elimination, and sexuality/reproductive functional health care patterns. Critical thinking is used to analyze effects of changes in health status.

NUR 3215L CLINICAL PRACTICE IN ADULT HEALTH I

NUR 3284C GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING
PR: NUR 3113, 3114, 3114L, 3064C. Nursing Majors. Focuses on theories of aging and human development; assessment of functional health patterns; and planning health promotion and disease prevention activities with older adults. Critical thinking is used to analyze the effects of interventions on individuals and groups.

NUR 3829 ETHICAL LEGAL ASPECTS IN NURSING AND HEALTH CARE
PR: NUR 3113 or CI. Majors. Introduction to contemporary bioethical and legal issues confronting health care providers in a variety of settings. Focuses on identification of legal and ethical principles underlying the decision-making process in nursing and health care.

NUR 4041 CULTURE IN NURSING PRACTICE
PR: NUR 3113 or CI. Nursing Majors. Introduces knowledge and skills needed to give culturally congruent nursing care to people from diverse cultural groups. Compares and analyzes health-related practices, values, beliefs among major cultural groups.

NUR 4165 NURSING INQUIRY
PR: NUR 3113, Nursing Majors or CI. An exploration of the research process. Emphasis on identification of researchable nursing problems and evaluation of research that is applicable to nursing practice.

NUR 4194 AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE ON HIV DISEASE
Provides an interdisciplinary perspective on HIV disease. Topics include the etiology, spectrum, and treatment of HIV disease; international perspectives; issues of race, gender, and ethnicity; values, ethics, and their influences on responses to HIV; and how the media has shaped the epidemic.

NUR 4216 ADULT HEALTH II
PR: NUR 3829, 3145, 3215, 3215L, 3284C. Concurrent with NUR 4216L. Nursing Majors. Focuses on adults with health problems related to activity/exercise and cognitive/perceptual health patterns. Critical thinking is used to analyze the effects of changes in health status.

NUR 4216L CLINICAL PRACTICE IN ADULT HEALTH II

NUR 4245 WELLNESS: HEALTH PROMOTION AND MAINTENANCE IN NURSING
PR: Admission to nursing major. Introduction to concepts of wellness and health promotion. Concepts of wellness include nutrition, exercise, rest, activity, spiritual factors and their relationship to wellness and
health promotion and application to nursing practice. Open to non-nursing majors.

NUR 4395C SPECIALIZED TECHNIQUES IN CHILD HEALTH ASSESSMENT (3)
Designed to teach the reliable administration and interpretation of the NCAST II and the HOME instruments. Inter-observer reliability will be achieved through observation of parent-child interaction.

NUR 4525 PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH (2)

NUR 4525L CLINICAL PRACTICE IN PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH (1)
PR: NUR 4616, 4616L, 4636, 4636L. Concurrent with NUR 4525. Nursing Majors. Focuses on clinical intervention using critical thinking and communication skills with clients who require complex psychiatric rehabilitative care. Opportunities are offered to apply knowledge of psychopathology and psychopharmacologic therapies.

NUR 4616 FAMILY HEALTH (4)

NUR 4616L CLINICAL PRACTICE IN FAMILY HEALTH (3)
PR: NUR 4216, 4216L. Concurrent with 4616. Nursing Majors. Includes therapeutic interventions for childbearing and childrearing families within a variety of settings.

NUR 4636 COMMUNITY HEALTH (2)
PR: NUR 4216, 4216L. Concurrent with 4636L. Nursing Majors and admission to the major for RN or BS students. Focuses on theories/concepts essential to community health nursing, emphasizing illness prevention and health promotion of individuals, families, communities. Roles of community health nurses and environments that affect health are explored.

NUR 4636L CLINICAL PRACTICE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH (2)
PR: NUR 4216, 4216L. Concurrent with NUR 4636. Nursing Majors and admission to major for RN or BS students. Provides opportunities to engage in community health nursing practice to promote health and prevent illness with individuals, families, and communities.

NUR 4765C REHABILITATION ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN (2)
PR: NUR 4616, 4616L, 4636, 4636L. Nursing Major or CI. Basic concepts of rehabilitation related to human responses. Analysis of the changes in health status and nursing implications.

NUR 4766 CRITICAL CARE (2)
PR: NUR 4616, 4616L, 4636, 4636L. Nursing Majors or CI. Basic concepts of critical care nursing, focusing on selected health problems to analyze the affects of changes in health status.

NUR 4792 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND HIV INFECTION (2)
Open to students and caregivers in health related fields. Examines prevalent sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infection from a nursing perspective. Emphasis is on epidemiologic principles, immunology, treatment, prevention, and ethical/legal considerations.

NUR 4838 LEADERSHIP/MANAGEMENT (3)
PR: NUR 4616, 4616L, 4636, 4636L. Nursing Majors and admission to major for RN to BS students. Examines health care delivery systems and explores principles of leadership/management and ethical/legal issues within the systems. Skills of leaders and managers are implemented in nursing practice with individuals and groups.

NUR 4905C INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-5)
PR: Permission of faculty. Open to majors and non-majors. Individual or group investigation of problems relevant to the health of individuals or groups. Project requirements individually planned with faculty preceptor. May be repeated for a maximum of 5 credits.

NUR 4935 SELECTED TOPICS IN NURSING (2-8)
PR: Junior or senior standing or permission of faculty. Content will depend upon student demand and faculty interest and may focus on any area relevant to nursing practice. May involve class, seminar, and/or clinical laboratory and may be repeated for different topics.

NUR 4938 HONORS SEMINAR (4)
PR: Acceptance into the honors program in nursing and CI. The Honors Seminar is designed to provide selected students with an opportunity to explore major works of nursing in-depth and to present, discuss, and defend a proposal for a research project.

NUR 4948L PRECEPTORSHIP (3)
PR: NUR 4525, 4525L, 4616, 4616L, 4636, 4636L. Nursing Majors. Individually contracted practicum collaboratively planned by students, faculty and agency personnel.

NUR 4975 HONORS THESIS (2)
PR: Honors Seminar and CI. The student under the supervision of a faculty advisor will formalize, conduct, analyze and report in writing, and orally a research project in nursing. May be repeated for an additional 2 credit hours.