BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM (RN-BSN)

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the College of Central Florida is a limited-access program designed to allow associate degree registered nurses (RNs) to advance their education and facilitate entry into graduate nursing programs while supporting the Institute of Medicine’s call to increase the proportion of nurses with baccalaureate degrees to 80 percent by 2020. Gaining a BSN facilitates RNs achieving advanced clinical positions and nursing faculty positions, helping to meet additional needs for nurses in primary care as well as nursing education.

CF’s RN-BSN program coursework is completed mainly online; it does not require simultaneous participation of students and instructors. There is some required on-campus practice experiences in a few of the individual core BSN courses. Required on-campus dates will be provided to students upon program course registration.

Program Accreditation

The RN-BSN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326, 404-975-5000.

It is also approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-02, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399, 850-488-0595, fax 850-617-6547, www.floridasnursing.gov.

Getting Started

CF has an open door policy; however, the RN-BSN program is a limited-access program. Students must submit a separate application for this program. Applying to the College of Central Florida and to the RN-BSN program are two separate processes.

Financial Aid

The RN-BSN program qualifies for financial aid. Consult the CF Financial Aid office to assist with funding: CF.edu/FinancialAid.

Scholarships

For more information about scholarships, visit CF.edu/FinancialAid and click the Scholarships link in the right column.
Admission Criteria for RN-BSN Program

- All potential BSN applicants MUST attend a mandatory, on-campus information session prior to submitting an application to the program. Review this information packet periodically to keep abreast of any potential revisions.
- Applicants must have a minimum 2.50 GPA for courses in general education and lower-division courses specific to the nursing program. Applicants must also have an all-college level GPA of 2.0 or higher. Students must receive a “C” or higher on all BSN program-specific required courses.
- All general education and lower-division course requirements must be completed, or currently enrolled in, when applying to the RN-BSN program. Applicants may apply for the program with two outstanding lower-division courses.

**BSN Required General Education Courses**
(Courses listed below may have been completed during the Associate Degree Nursing program.)

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<td>DEP 2004</td>
<td>Human Growth and Development</td>
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<td>ENC 1102</td>
<td>Freshman Composition II</td>
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<td>CHM 1032 or higher</td>
<td>Chemistry for Health-Related Fields or a higher chemistry</td>
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<td>SYG 2000</td>
<td>Introduction to Sociology</td>
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<td>MCB 2010</td>
<td>Microbiology</td>
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<td>MAC 1105 or MGF 1106</td>
<td>College Algebra or Liberal Arts Math I</td>
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<td>Humanities</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
<td>Two years of High School foreign language or Two semesters of same foreign language</td>
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• Applicants must submit an active, unencumbered Florida RN license or have recently graduated from an accredited nursing program (ACEN or CCNE). Recent ADN graduates must attain an active, unencumbered Florida RN license prior to second semester of the BSN program.

**RN-BSN Program Application Process**

The RN-BSN Program is presently accepting students on a rolling basis. All applications submitted will be given equal consideration.

**Application deadlines:** Fall Semester, July 15; Spring Semester, Dec. 1; Summer Semester, April 1.

1. All applicants to the RN-BSN program must submit a College of Central Florida application and be accepted to CF as a student in good standing prior to applying to the program. This process is completed online; visit [CF.edu/apply](http://CF.edu/apply). Acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance into the program. The bachelor’s degree application fee is $30 for new CF applicants and previous CF students who have not applied to a bachelor’s degree program.

2. Submit an official copy of your high school transcript and official copies of transcripts from any previous colleges or universities you have attended.

3. Contact the Academic Advising office at (352) 854-2322, ext.1489, to schedule an appointment with the RN-BSN advisor. The academic advisor will provide students with a form that must be attached to the RN-BSN application.

4. Submit the BSN application and all supporting documentation to the Nursing office in Ocala Campus Building 19, Room 111.*
   a. **RN-BSN Application**
   b. Advising documentation
   c. Copy of current, unencumbered RN license or proof of nursing program completion.

*It is recommended that students make copies of the application and attachments for their records.

The selection process will be completed by an admission committee. Each application is reviewed to ensure that applicants meet minimum admission criteria and to calculate GPA. Once the RN-BSN application has been received the admission committee reviews the application, if the admission criteria are met, a letter of program acceptance will be sent.
Steps upon Acceptance into the BSN Program

- **Return the Acceptance Form** – Return the form indicating acceptance or refusal of admission to the program to the Nursing Office by the date specified in the acceptance letter.

- **Complete a Criminal Background Check** – Fingerprinting must be completed at CF, and instructions for initiating the background check will be included in the acceptance letter. The receipt given by CF after the background check is done must be submitted to Building 19, Room 111.

**Arrest/Conviction Notice:** Any applicant to the RN-BSN program who has been arrested or convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation should refer to Florida Statutes, Chapters 456 and 464, regarding licensure as a registered nurse. Individuals with a criminal history may not be eligible for admission to Health Sciences programs.

### BSN Upper Division Required Courses

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<td>Global Health Care Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing</td>
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<td>NUR 3066C</td>
<td>Advanced Nursing Health Assessment with Lab</td>
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<td>NUR 4837</td>
<td>Health Care Policies and Economics</td>
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<td>NUR 4776C</td>
<td>Evidence Based Clinical Judgment with Lab</td>
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<td>NUR 4950</td>
<td>Professional Role Development and Transition to Practice (Capstone Course)</td>
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**Total Hours:** 39
### Recommended Sequence for RN-BSN Students

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| **First Semester**      | NUR 3825  
Professional Socialization Seminar (Mini**)  
NUR 3846  
Nursing Theory and Philosophy (Mini**)  
BSN Course*       | First Semester  
NUR 3825  
Professional Socialization Seminar (Mini**)  
NUR 3846  
Nursing Theory and Philosophy (Mini**)       |
| **Second Semester**     | Second Semester  
BSN Course*  
BSN Course*       | Second, Third and Fourth Semesters  
Any Order:  
NUR 4667  
Global Health Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing  
NUR 3066C  
Advanced Nursing Health Assessment with Lab  
NUR 4636C  
Community Nursing with Lab       |
| **Third Semester**      | Third Semester  
NUR 4165  
Nursing Research  
NUR 4827  
Nursing Leadership and Management       | Fifth and Sixth Semesters  
Any Order:  
NUR 4165  
Nursing Research  
NUR 4827  
Nursing Leadership and Management       |
| **Fourth Semester**     | Fourth Semester  
NUR 4776C  
Evidence Based Clinical Judgement with Lab  
NUR 4837  
Health Care Policies and Economics (Mini**)  
NUR 4950  
Professional Role Development and Transition to Practice (Mini**)       | Seventh Semester  
NUR 4776C  
Evidence Based Clinical Judgement with Lab  
NUR 4950  
Professional Role Development and Transition to Practice (Mini**)       |

*BSN Course Choices: NUR 4667, Global Health Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing; NUR 3066C, Advanced Nursing Health Assessment with Lab; NUR 4636C, Community Nursing with Lab

**Mini semesters are eight weeks, and are condensed to six weeks during the summer semester.
Estimated Cost of the RN-BSN Program

Approximate costs including both required and optional materials, books, and equipment are provided below. Costs may or may not be covered by financial aid.

**TUITION**

**General Education and Lower Level Courses:**
- **Florida Resident:** (minimum of one year residency in Florida)
  - $122.89 per credit hour*
- **Non-Resident:**
  - $421.88 per credit hour

**BSN Upper Division Courses: (39 credit hours)**
- **Florida Resident:** (minimum of one year residency in Florida)
  - 4,800.00
- **Non-Resident:**
  - 22,260.03
  - $570.77 per credit hour

*There are 81 credit hours of general education and lower level courses required. However, most if not all courses, may have been completed prior to application to the RN to BSN program. Student transcripts will be reviewed by a Health Sciences advisor to determine if general education or lower level courses are needed.

**First Semester Expenses**
- College Application Fee: 30.00
- Lab Coat: 50.00
- Nursing Textbooks: 650.00
- Criminal Background Check: 55.00
- Lab Fee: 75.00
- Professional Liability/Accident Insurance: 15.91

**SUBTOTAL** $875.91

**Ongoing Semester Expenses**
- Distance Learning Fee ($10 per credit)

**SUBTOTAL** $390.00

**Final Semester Expenses:**
- CF Graduation Cap and Gown: 40.00
- Graduation Photo (optional): 30.00
- Nursing Pin (optional): 39.00-120.00
- Miscellaneous Supplies/Expenses: 30.00

**Estimated Total:** $1,405 - $1,486

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