



COLLEGE of
CENTRAL
FLORIDA

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.

College of Central Florida Application Process

- 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 nursing program. This process is completed online; visit [CF.edu/apply](http://cf.edu/apply). Acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program; a separate application must be submitted for that.
- Contact RN-BSN Advisor Keith Collins (collinsk@cf.edu) to schedule an appointment.

Admission Criteria for RN-BSN Program

- Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average in order to enter the program. The courses assessed for this GPA include general education and lower-division courses specific to nursing programs.
- College-level general GPA must be 2.0 or higher. Admission is based on the GPA of general education and lower-division courses specific to nursing programs.
- All general education and lower-division course requirements must be completed, or currently enrolled in, when applying to the RN-BSN program. Applications can be submitted during the application period if currently enrolled in general education or lower-division courses, but all must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher in order to be accepted into the program. Applicants may apply for the program with two outstanding lower-division courses (one must be a foreign language).
- Applicants must submit an active, unencumbered Florida RN license. Recent ADN graduates must attain an active, unencumbered Florida RN license prior to second semester of upper-division nursing courses.

RN-BSN Program Application Process

- The CF RN-BSN Program is presently accepting students on a rolling basis. Contact RN-BSN Advisor Keith Collins (collinsk@cf.edu) to begin the application process. Application deadlines: Fall Semester, July 15; Spring Semester, Dec. 1; Summer Semester, April 1. All applications submitted will be given equal consideration. The Health Sciences academic advisor will provide students with a form that must be attached to the RN-BSN application.
- 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.
- The application to the RN-BSN program must be completed and submitted with the required documentation. This application can be downloaded at [http://pr.cf.edu/files/AA-HS-BSN2 Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program Application.pdf](http://pr.cf.edu/files/AA-HS-BSN2_Bachelor_of_Science_in_Nursing_Degree_Program_Application.pdf).
- **Complete a Criminal Background Check.** This should be conducted after receiving an acceptance letter. 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 Carrie Thomas in Building 19, Room 111A.

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.

- 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. Applicants with the minimum criteria will have their GPAs calculated and be ranked in order (highest to lowest). Applicants with the highest GPA will be selected for the class until the class is full.
- Once the RN-BSN application has been received, a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to the applicant. Once the admission committee reviews the application, if the admission criteria are met, a letter of program acceptance will be sent. The enclosed Student Acceptance of RN-BSN Program Seat form needs to be mailed or returned to Building 19, Room 111A by the date specified on the form.

Note: A minimum 2.5 GPA must be achieved in order to enter the program. The courses assessed for this GPA include general education and lower-division courses specific to the nursing programs as well as the courses with the NUR prefix. Potential students must have graduated from an accredited Associate Degree in Nursing program, completed or currently be enrolled in general education courses, and completed the program prerequisite courses.

***Degree audit and course substitutions will be finalized through the academic advising process**

BSN Program Prerequisite Courses

| Course Number | Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| CHM 1032 | Chemistry for Health-Related Fields | 3 |
| SYG 2000 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| *Foreign Language Competency | Two years of High School Foreign Language OR Two Semesters of Same Foreign Language | * |
| | Total Hours: | 6 |

BSN Upper Division Required Courses

| Course Number | Course Title | Credit Hours |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| NUR 3825 | Professional Socialization Seminar | 3 |
| NUR 3846 | Nursing Theory and Philosophy | 3 |
| NUR 4667 | Global Health Care Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing | 5 |
| NUR 3066C | Advanced Nursing Health Assessment with Lab | 5 |
| NUR 4636C | Community Nursing with Lab | 5 |
| NUR 4165 | Nursing Research | 3 |
| NUR 4827 | Nursing Leadership and Management | 4 |
| NUR 4837 | Health Care Policies and Economics | 3 |
| NUR 4776C | Evidence Based Clinical Judgment with Lab | 4 |
| NUR 4950 | Professional Role Development and Transition to Practice (Capstone Course) | 4 |
| | Total Hours: | 39 |

RN-BSN Applicant Checklist

- Meet with the RN-BSN program advisor (Keith Collins, collinsk@cf.edu), and attach the Advising Record and the Degree Audit from this appointment to application.
- Complete CF general admission requirements using **major code B205** to designate the program of study (at CF.edu/apply).
- Complete the [RN-BSN application](#) (separate from the CF admission application).
- Attach a copy of the active, unencumbered Florida RN license — or the scheduled date of the NCLEX-RN — to the application. (An active, unencumbered Florida RN license must be attained prior to starting second semester of upper division nursing courses.)
- Complete a background check at CF's Criminal Justice Department (new graduates of CF's ADN program may use the required background check for NCLEX-RN).
- Make copies of application and attachments for your records.

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.

| <u>TUITION</u> | <u>COSTS</u> |
|--|---------------|
| General Education and Lower Level Courses: | |
| Florida Resident: (minimum of one year residency in Florida) \$122.89 per credit hour* | Varies |
| Non-Resident: \$421.88 per credit hour | Varies |
| BSN Upper Division Courses: (39 credit hours) | |
| Florida Resident: (minimum of one year residency in Florida) \$122.89 per credit hour* | 4,800.00 |
| Non-Resident: \$570.77 per credit hour | 22,260.03 |

*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

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| College Application Fee | 30.00 |
| Lab Coat | 50.00 |
| Nursing Textbooks | 650.00 |
| Criminal Background Check | 55.00 |
| Lab Fee | 75.00 |
| Professional Liability Insurance | 12.50 |
| Accident Insurance | 10.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$882.50 |

Ongoing Semester Expenses

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| Distance Learning Fee (\$10 per credit) | SUBTOTAL | \$390.00 |
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Final Semester Expenses:

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| CF Graduation Cap and Gown | 40.00 |
| Graduation Photo (optional) | 30.00 |
| Nursing Pin (optional) | 39.00-120.00 |
| Miscellaneous Supplies/Expenses | 30.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,411.50-1,492.50 |

| | <u>Florida Resident</u> | <u>Non Resident</u> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Tuition (upper division course) | \$4,800.00 | \$22,260.03 |
| Expenses | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Estimated Cost (upper division course) | \$6,300.00 | \$23,760.03 |