



COLLEGE of
CENTRAL
FLORIDA

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

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) 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. While that number hasn't been met, steady progress is being made through programs like CF's RN-BSN. 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 completely online. While the program does not fully require simultaneous participation of students and instructors, there are some virtual synchronous days in some courses.

Students are expected to enter the program with sound computer knowledge and skills, including understanding the operating system Microsoft Windows, word processing, PowerPoint, use of a spreadsheet, internet browsers, literature search, sending and receiving email with attachments.

Program Accreditation

The RN-BSN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 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

- It is recommended that potential applicants attend an 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. If a student has attempted a required general education course previously, earning a W, D, or F, the course must be retaken and passed before that student can begin or continue taking BSN 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.)

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3
STA 2023	Statistics	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
HUN 1201	Human Nutrition	3
BSC 2085	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BSC 2085L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BSC 2086	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BSC 2086L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
DEP 2004	Human Growth and Development	3
ENC 1102	Freshman Composition II	3
CHM 1032 <u>or</u> higher	Chemistry for Health-Related Fields <u>or</u> a higher chemistry	3
AMH 2020 <u>or</u> POS 2041	American History Since 1877 <u>or</u> American National Government (<i>plus civics exam</i>)	3
MCB 2010	Microbiology	3
MCB 2010L	Microbiology Lab	1
MAC 1105 <u>or</u> MGF 1106	College Algebra <u>or</u> Liberal Arts Math I	3
	Humanities	3
Foreign Language	Two years of High School foreign language <u>or</u> Two semesters of same foreign language	

- 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 beginning a clinical rotation.
- Applicants must have an American Heart Association BLS or higher CPR certification.

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 15.

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](https://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 in person to Building 19 or online at <https://cffoundation.wufoo.com/forms/bsn-application>.*
 - a. RN-BSN Application.
 - b. Advising documentation:
If you have attended a previous BSN program, please attach a letter from the nursing program director stating you are in good standing and eligible to return/re-enter.
 - 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

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

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) \$112.92 per credit hour*	Varies
Non-Resident: \$438.20 per credit hour	Varies
BSN Upper Division Courses: (39 credit hours)	
Florida Resident: (minimum of one year residency in Florida) \$129.27 per credit hour*	5,041.53
Non-Resident: \$591.39 per credit hour	23,064.21

*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.

Admission Expenses

College Application Fee	30.00
Criminal Background Check	55.00

Program Expenses

Lab Coat	50.00
Nursing Textbooks	1,121.80
Lab Fees	75.00
Professional Liability/Accident Insurance	15.91
Distance Learning Fee (\$10 per credit)	390.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expenses	30.00

Graduation Expenses

CF Graduation Cap and Gown	40.00
Graduation Photo (optional)	30.00
Nursing Pin (optional)	39.00-120.00

Estimated Total: \$1,849.71-\$1,930.71

	<u>Florida Resident</u>	<u>Non Resident</u>
Tuition (upper division course)	\$5,041.53	\$23,064.21
Estimated Expenses	<u>1,930.71</u>	<u>1,930.71</u>
Estimated Cost (upper division course)	\$6,972.24	\$24,994.92