



ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE NURSING PARAMEDIC-ADN BRIDGE OPTION INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET

Spring 2024 Class

Application Window: Aug. 1, 2023, 8 a.m. – Sept. 8, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Application packets for the Spring 2024 class can be submitted online or in person to Building 19, Room 111. Please visit at www.CF.edu/paramedic-bridge-application to submit your application and supporting documents. Applications received outside the application window listed above will not be considered.

The information provided here pertains to the Paramedic to ADN Bridge class of January 2024. It is intended for paramedics interested in becoming associate degree nurses through the CF program. We hope you find this information clear and helpful. Please let us know how we can make improvements to make it more beneficial for our future students.

The [Ocala Campus](#) of College of Central Florida is located at 3001 S.W. College Road. The telephone number is 352-873-5800. CF maintains an open door admission policy (i.e., individuals who have a high school diploma or GED certificate will be admitted) and consistently strives to provide programs beneficial to all students. The college website at www.CF.edu includes information about the college, admission requirements, an application to the college, and information on [financial aid](#) opportunities. Students should explore financial aid options and apply for financial aid well before beginning the program. For general college admission questions, visit the Enrollment Services Center, Bryant Student Union, Room 102. The Bridge option is [limited access](#) and requires a *separate* application (more details below).

The Paramedic-ADN Bridge option is offered at the Ocala Campus. It begins in January and ends in December. It is a one calendar-year intense program leading to an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing. The bridge option has been designed to validate and build upon the paramedic's education. The Florida Board of Nursing has approved the Associate Degree Nursing program and it is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000. In order to progress in the program, graduate, and be eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse, including taking the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), you must attain a grade of "C" or better in all courses — nursing and non-nursing — that are a part of the program. (For NUR-prefix nursing courses a "C" is 75 percent). To learn more about the role of the registered nurse, please visit <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>.

The Associate in Science Degree Nursing Paramedic-ADN Bridge Option is a **limited-access program**, which is one in which both program admission and course registration are restricted to a certain number of students meeting predetermined criteria. Limited access status is justified when student demand exceeds available resources or accreditation requirements (i.e., student/faculty ratios, instructional facilities and equipment, clinical sites) or the nature of the program calls for specific admission requirements. Limited-access programs have admissions processes and criteria beyond general college admissions. While any student meeting the minimum criteria is encouraged to apply, not all applicants may be accepted.

Admission criteria for the Associate in Science Degree Nursing Paramedic-ADN Bridge Option follow and are explained in more detail inside this packet.

Criteria for Application

- Be admitted to CF in good standing.
- Attend information session within six months of the application period.
- At the time the bridge application is submitted, the student must have completed or be currently enrolled in the last of the prerequisite courses required for the program.
- Minimum 2.0 college GPA and minimum 2.50 GPA for nursing curriculum courses.
- TEAS test of Essential Academic Skills exam with a minimum score of 60%.
- Current Florida Paramedic License.
- Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Care Provider certification or higher level.

PARAMEDIC TO ADN CURRICULUM

The Paramedic to ADN Bridge option begins in January of each year at the Ocala Campus. The program runs one calendar year, January through December. In the spring semester students will complete the first nursing course in this option, Transition to Nursing Concepts. This is an intense course that builds on the paramedic's knowledge and skill and includes content from the first year of the generic nursing program.

Nursing education has three components.

1. Theory instruction; this may be in-class or online. Academic credit for this is one 50-minute hour per week per credit.
2. Skills laboratory where students learn psychomotor hands-on skills and the decision-making surrounding these skills.
3. Clinical experience in extended care, acute care, and community agencies where students learn the holistic practice of nursing.

Academic credits for lab and clinical are three hours per week per one credit.

Credit is based on a 16-week semester (fall and spring semesters). Since summer semester is 12 weeks, contact hours are multiplied by 15 and divided by 12. Thus, summer hours per credits are the same as the 16-week semester but hours per week are greater. Note that nursing courses require more hours per week than most academic courses due to the 3:1 clock hour to credit ratio for lab and clinical.

The Paramedic-ADN Bridge option is designed to build on the paramedic's expertise. Practice as a paramedic will be evaluated at the beginning of the Paramedic to ADN Bridge option. Once the program begins, students will be expected to practice under the scope of a student nurse, not as a trained paramedic.

NOTE: Class and clinical hours may be between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Sunday. The 2024 program will be built around Marion County Fire Rescue's "A" shift schedule (first class day: Jan. 8 or Jan. 10). It is expected that all students attend all scheduled classes, clinical rotations and lab experiences. It is highly recommended that students switch to MCFR "A" shift, or if employed by another employer, make plans now to follow that shift schedule. All courses will be A-shift friendly with the exception of the final Capstone course that takes place during the final three weeks of the nursing program. This experience involves students working together with an RN and following that RN's work schedule. Paramedic Bridge students will need to make arrangements to ensure they are able to complete the Capstone precepting experience.

The Paramedic Bridge program utilizes online resources to enhance the learning experience. It is strongly recommended that if not computer literate, students acquire these skills before entering any Health Sciences program. Minimum skills include word processing, spreadsheet, PowerPoint, use of email with attachments, internet browser and use of the internet for literature research.

**JANUARY ADMISSION BRIDGE STUDENTS
(Associate in Science Degree) Course Sequencing**

The following courses must be successfully completed with a grade of C or better and a minimum 2.50 GPA prior to beginning classes in the bridge option.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Number	Course	Credits
BSC 2085	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BSC2085L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BSC 2086	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BSC 2086L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
MCB 2010	Microbiology	3
MCB 2010L	Microbiology Lab	1
HUN 1201	Human Nutrition	3
MAC 1105 or STA 2023	College Algebra or Statistics	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
ENC 1101	Freshman Composition Skills I	3
DEP 2004	Human Growth and Development	3
<u>BRIDGE COURSES</u>	<u>Semester I (Spring)</u>	
NUR 1006C	Transition to Nursing Concepts	7
NUR 2440C	Developmental Concepts	3
	<u>Semester II (Summer)</u>	
NUR 2243C	Clinical Concepts III	4
NUR 1520C	Behavioral Concepts in Nursing	2
NUR 2010	Professional Issues in Nursing	2
AMH 2020 or POS 2041	U.S. History Since 1877 or American National Government	3
	<u>Semester III (Fall)</u>	
NUR 2244C	Clinical Concepts IV	7
NUR 2811C	Capstone Clinical	2
HUM 1020 or *	Introduction to Humanities or	3
ARH 1000	Art Appreciation or	
LIT 1000	Introduction to Literature or	
MUL 1010	Music Appreciation or	
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy or	
THE 1000	Introduction to the Theatre	

* May be taken as a prerequisite

Students must also meet the CF requirement for computer competency. This competency is met by completing NUR2244C, Clinical Concepts IV.

MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR PARAMEDIC TO ADN BRIDGE APPLICATION

Although CF has an open door policy, the nursing program is limited access. This means you must apply separately to the nursing Bridge option. The college and nursing program applications are different.

1. College Application

All applicants to the bridge option must submit the College of Central Florida application and be accepted to CF as a student in good standing. This process is completely online: www.cf.edu/apply.

- Designate **program code 1491, with your transfer pathway code being 1130**. If an applicant already has an A.A. or higher degree, use code 9240 – College Graduate to A.S. Limited Access Health Sciences.
- CF students who have not been enrolled for more than one year must submit a college Readmission Application before enrollment in any courses can be completed. There is no fee for a Readmission Application.
- Acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance to the nursing program.

It is recommended that a student begin the CF admission process six weeks before the application window if transferring in for nursing admission.

Bridge Option Application Process

In addition to the college entry process, the following are required for admission to the Bridge option.

2. Information Session

All applicants to the bridge option must attend an on-campus or webinar-based information session. These sessions are specifically designed to provide in-depth information regarding the criteria and application process. **Nursing staff will validate each student's attendance at an information session. An information session is required within six months of the first day of the application window.**

3. Prerequisite Courses

(a) At the time the bridge application is submitted, student **must have completed or be currently enrolled in the last of the** prerequisite courses required for the program (see [Paramedic-ADN Bridge](#) in CF catalog. **Student must have an overall college GPA of 2.0 and a 2.50 GPA for nursing curriculum courses.** A grade of less than a C received in any pre- or co-requisite course must be corrected with a C or higher and posted on their transcript, and retain a 2.50 GPA, before a student will qualify to apply to the program. Those who meet all other criteria but who are currently enrolled in the last of the prerequisite courses at the time they apply will have their applications fully processed after they complete the courses. **We will validate your nursing related courses and grades through the CF Registrar.**

If available, an applicant may take any pre- or co-requisite course on the Ocala, Citrus, or Levy Campus. Once admitted to the program, nursing classes will be on the Ocala Campus. Applicants currently enrolled in a pre- or co-requisite course at an institution other than CF must submit a copy of the schedule and fee bill (attached to the application). Applicants are responsible for requesting that up-to-date transcripts be sent to CF as soon as the course is completed. Clinical experiences are in Citrus, Marion, and Levy counties.

(b) Course Limitations. The three sciences (Human Anatomy and Physiology I, Human Anatomy and Physiology II, and Microbiology) must be taken less than seven years before the beginning the first bridge nursing course. All other general educational courses have no time limitation.

For the science courses, if an applicant's course will be more than seven years old when beginning Bridge Nursing, the applicant has options:

- (1) retake the course(s) or
- (2) pass an appropriate exam administered by the CF Science Department. If the applicant chooses to take the exam, the applicant must make arrangements for the exam in the Science Department.

Note: The applicant must see a Health Sciences advisor for registration either course registration or exam referral.

4. Testing

College Placement Testing

Please visit <https://www.cf.edu/go/assistance/testing/placement-tests/> for information on college placement testing.

Nursing Admissions Test

Bridge Nursing program students are required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Minimum TEAS score of 60% is required to be eligible to apply to the program.

TEAS can only be taken twice in one calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31), and the exams are valid for one year from the date the test was taken. The exam must be current through the last day of the application period for which the student is submitting a nursing application packet. If an applicant takes the exam more than two times in the calendar year, the second attempt is used for admission purposes.

Students taking the TEAS, must register at www.atitesting.com/login. If you do not have an ATI account, you will need to create one. You have several options on how to register and take your ATI TEAS exam.

- TEAS – at your institution (Citrus, Levy Ocala campuses). This can either be on campus (in person) or online (at home) with a remote proctor overseeing your exam.
- TEAS at ATI – an online (at-home) remote proctored exam. ATI will remote proctor your exam using ATI proctors.
- TEAS at PSI in person, at a PSI Testing Center. PSI has testing centers across the United States that administer the TEAS exam. For a complete list of testing centers, visit the PSI.com webpage.
- **Cost:** If taken at CF the test will be \$107; if taken remotely with ATI the test will be \$115.
- One free transcript is included with your exam registration and can be obtain 24 hours after the exam on your ATI portal.
- ATI will forward you scheduled date and time to the institution of your choice.

5. Academic Advisement

- Students must be fully admitted to CF with all college transcripts on file in the Office of Admissions and Records before making an appointment with the advisor.
- **Applicants must meet with a Health Sciences academic advisor (by appointment only) prior to submitting program application. This step is required to submit your program application packet. The pre-application advising appointments are available beginning Jan. 8.**

At the time of the pre-application meeting with the advisor, the student will be given a copy of the ADN Advising Checklist signed by the advisor and a copy of the degree audit. A copy of each is TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION. This record assures the student's academic readiness to apply.

- To schedule an appointment:
 - Ocala: <https://calendly.com/gonzalge>
 - Citrus: <https://calendly.com/kariush>
 - **The pre-application advising appointments are available beginning July 10. Please note that in August academic advising is done on a walk-in basis in preparation for the fall semester.**

6. Current unencumbered Florida State Paramedic Certification or National Registry Paramedic Certification

7. Current CPR card

Two-person rescue; adult, infant/child. The program accepts only the American Heart Association Basic Life Support for the Health Care Provider card or higher (i.e. ACLS).

Previous Nursing Students

Students who have previously attended a nursing program elsewhere are welcome to apply to the CF's Associate Degree Nursing program. Along with official transcripts from the school where nursing courses were completed (CF admissions requirement), students will also need to provide a letter from the Dean or Director of Nursing. The letter must state that the student left in good standing (or is currently in good standing) and is eligible to return or reapply if the student chooses to do so. This letter must be submitted with the program application.

CRITERIA FOR POINTS TOWARD BRIDGE PROGRAM ADMISSION

<p>1. Science grades See table below for points for theory grades only in required sciences on first attempt. If the course is retaken due to the seven-year criteria, the new grade is taken into consideration.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #cccccc;"> <th rowspan="2">Course</th> <th colspan="2">Grade</th> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #cccccc;"> <th>A</th> <th>B</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Anatomy & Physiology I theory</td> <td>6</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anatomy & Physiology II theory</td> <td>6</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Microbiology theory</td> <td>6</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: Plus or minus with grade is dropped.</p>	Course	Grade		A	B	Anatomy & Physiology I theory	6	4	Anatomy & Physiology II theory	6	4	Microbiology theory	6	4	Total			Grand Total			<p>ADN staff will validate your grades</p>										
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<p>3. TEAS composite score (Minimum 60% required for application) 78% or higher - 5 points</p>	<p>Verify that scores have officially been submitted to the CF Testing Center</p>																														
<p>4. Earned master's/bachelor's degree or associate degree from a health care program. Points from <u>ONE</u> of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's or master's degree in any discipline - 10 points OR • Associate in Science degree in health care discipline - 8 points OR 	<p>Attach copy of degree</p>																														
<p>5. Is a legal resident of Marion, Citrus, Levy counties - 6 points</p>	<p>Attach copy of driver's license or voter's registration card</p>																														
<p>6. Military experience with honorable discharge – 6 points</p>	<p>Attach copy of DD214</p>																														
<p>7. Within the last two years, applied and was qualified, but space not available for admission to CF ADN program – 5 points</p>	<p>Attach copy of letter you received from CF ADN program stating “space not available”</p>																														

APPLICATION PACKET

- Required
 - Nursing Application
 - Degree Audit with Advisor Checklist
 - Driver's License (regardless of county of residence)
 - Paramedic license
 - CPR Card
- Optional for Additional Points
 - Degree (Master's, Bachelor's or A.S.)
 - DD214
 - CF Nursing Letter (qualified but not admitted)

BRIDGE APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications for the ADN Paramedic Bridge option will be accepted during the following periods for admission into the **Spring 2024 class: Aug. 1, 2023, 8 a.m.–Sept. 8, 2023, 4:30 p.m.**

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Selection of Candidates

The selection process will be completed by an admission committee. Each application will be reviewed to ensure that the applicant meets minimum admission criteria and to calculate points for admission. Applicants who meet minimum criteria will have points calculated and be placed in order by points (highest to lowest). Applicants with the most points will be selected for the class until the class is full. If there is a “tie” for the last place(s) in the class (two or more students with the same number of points) the student(s) will be selected based on the highest GPA for nursing. If applicants have the same GPA, the student with the higher TEAS score is chosen.

Notification of Applicants

Applicants will be notified by mail of acceptance status. Applicants should notify the Nursing Office, Building 19, Room 111, of any change of address. Applicants not admitted must reapply to be considered for the next admission. Those accepted will be required to attend a program orientation. Information about this and other program requirements will be communicated by mail.

WHEN ADMITTED TO THE BRIDGE OPTION

Once admitted to the Bridge option student will receive information about completing the following steps.

1. Return the Acceptance Form

Return the form indicating acceptance or decline of admission to the program to the Nursing Office **by the date specified** in the acceptance letter.

2. Complete a Criminal Background Check

CF Health Sciences Division requires background checks on its students. This check should be conducted after receiving a conditional acceptance letter. The fingerprinting must be completed at CF and instructions for initiating the check will be included in the applicant's acceptance letter. The receipt given by CF after the fingerprinting is completed must be submitted to the nursing office with the acceptance form.

Any person wishing to apply to the ADN program that has been arrested or convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation should refer to the Florida Statutes, Chapter 456 and Chapter 464 regarding licensure as a registered nurse. **Individuals with a criminal history may not be eligible for admission to Health Sciences programs.** If a negative indicator is shown, the student will receive written communication and will be given the opportunity to appeal the issues in the background check. The appeal will go before a committee that will determine eligibility for acceptance to the program, as well as be submitted to the clinical facility for approval to enter clinical rotations. However, even if the appeal is granted, there is no guarantee that the Florida Board of Nursing will approve a student to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination that allows an academically successful nursing student to be licensed as an RN.

3. Attend the Nursing Orientation

Students will receive information regarding the date, time, and exact location of the orientation.

4. Submit a Physical Examination Form, Current Immunization Form and Personal History Form

- Students must be physically and emotionally healthy to administer safe nursing care.
- Forms are available in Room 111, Building 19.
- Physical examination forms are valid for ONE YEAR from the date of the health care provider's signature.
- Physical examination forms may be completed by an advanced registered nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or licensed physician (MD or DO). Certificates may not be signed by a chiropractic physician.
- Students enrolled in the first semester of the bridge nursing program must submit all the forms by the designated time indicated in their letter (this includes immunizations and TB testing).
- A completed physical form and negative TB immunization or clear chest X-Ray is required for attendance in all agency clinical sessions. Other immunizations or declination form must be on file. Students are responsible for submitting their forms annually so that they do not miss clinical sessions. Any missed clinical session is considered a clinical absence.
- Substance screening is required for all nursing students. Details will be available after acceptance.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS

Health Sciences program applicants should possess sufficient physical, intellectual, emotional and interpersonal skills to provide for safe and effective patient care. Examples of performance requirements are listed on the next page.

Physical Abilities

Applicants must have sufficient, gross and fine motor skills to:

- Move from room to room and walk in hallways
- Maneuver in small spaces
- Lift patients as needed (a minimum of 125 lbs. for EMS programs and a minimum of 50 lbs. for all other health sciences programs)
- Grip, reach above shoulder level, bend at the knee, squat, stoop and crawl
- Sit or stand for prolonged periods of time
- Perform CPR
- Perform safe and effective care
- Provide healthcare intervention
- Manipulate small objects dexterously

Applicants must have sufficient tactile, auditory and visual abilities to:

- Perform physical assessment necessary in healthcare
- Auscultate blood pressure, heart and bowel sounds
- Hear alarms and call bells on units
- Converse with patients and staff on phone and in person

Intellectual Abilities

- Critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgment
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- Prioritize and make rapid decisions under pressure

Emotional Abilities

- Cope with a high level of stress
- Cope with anger, fear, hostility or confrontation in a calm manner
- Concentrate
- Be flexible and self-directed
- Demonstrate a high degree of patience
- Work with families/individuals stressed by the condition of patient
- Work with other healthcare providers in stressful situations in a professional manner

Interpersonal Abilities

- Communicate clearly and correctly in writing and verbally
- Abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds

5. Liability Insurance

All nursing students are required to carry professional liability insurance. The insurance carrier is retained by the college. A payment will be included in student's tuition and fees. This insurance is ONLY in effect for persons while in class or clinical as part of a CF Health Sciences program and does NOT cover any outside employment activities.

ESTIMATED COST OF THE PARAMEDIC-ADN BRIDGE OPTION

The following is a list of program costs including both required and optional materials, books, and equipment. Costs are estimated, and may or may not be covered by financial aid. Individual students may opt to purchase additional supplies and items such as rolling tote bags, ink cartridges, etc.

Tuition (2019-2020)			Total
Florida Resident (minimum of one year) \$112.92 per credit hour			\$ 6,775.20
Non-resident \$438.20 per credit hour			\$26,292.00
Expenses before Program Start (costs may not be covered by financial aid)			
College application fee			30.00
TEAS testing			107.00
Uniforms			150.00
Patch and rocker set (for two uniforms and one lab coat) at \$8 per set			24.00
Criminal background check (two checks)			95.00
Substance screening			29.00
Physical examination			50.00
Immunizations (if needed – estimated cost)			400.00
CPR card			55.00
Required equipment			155.00
Miscellaneous supplies and equipment (scissors, watch, DVD-R, etc.)			100.00
Clinical Compliance Database/Clinical Scheduling Databases			87.50
NSNA membership (one year) recommended			30.00
	Subtotal		\$1,312.50
Spring Semester Expenses			
Lab fee (includes: Skills Lab Kit, Professional Liability/Accident Insurance and Simulation center costs)			329.91
Nursing Texts			\$1,616.79
	Subtotal		\$ 1,946.70
Summer Semester Expenses			
Lab Fee (includes: Skills Lab Kit and Simulation Center costs)			329.91
Miscellaneous Supplies			30.00
Nursing Texts			340.38
	Subtotal		\$700.29
Fall Semester Expenses			
Nursing pin			120.00
Graduation photo			30.00
Licensing and NCLEX-RN application			400.00
NCLEX-RN review course (optional)			350.00
Lab Fee (includes: HESI-RN Exit Exam and Simulation Center costs)			209.00
	Subtotal		\$759.00
	TOTAL		\$4,718.49
	Resident	Non-Resident	
Tuition	\$ 6,775.20	\$26,292.00	
Expenses	\$4,718.49	\$4,718.49	
Approximate Total Program Cost	\$11,493.69	\$31,455.32	

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PARAMEDIC-ADN BRIDGE OPTION APPLICANT CHECKLIST

When ready to submit the application, be sure to have:

- Completed admission (or readmission if not enrolled at CF in past year) requirements for general admission to College of Central Florida. www.CF.edu/Apply
(Use code 1491 to designate program of study. If an applicant has an A.A. or higher, use code 9240.)
- Completed the mandatory in-person or webinar-based nursing information session.
- Completed the TEAS testing requirement with a minimum score of 60%.
- Completed or be currently enrolled in the prerequisite course required and have a minimum 2.50 GPA. All-college-level GPA must be 2.0 or higher.
- Met with a Health Sciences academic advisor to be sure you meet the academic requirements for bridge; attach to this application a copy of the Pre-application ADN Advising Record, signed by the advisor and a copy of your degree audit.**
- Ensured general education courses meet the course limitation (age of course) requirement.
- Attached to application all documentation for awarding of points for admission (see worksheet)
- Attached a copy of your current **Florida State Paramedic Certification or National Registry Paramedic Certification** and CPR card.
- Made copies of application and attachments for your personal records.

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TO BE COMPLETED AFTER YOU HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER OF CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

- Return to the Nursing Office the form indicating if you accept or decline your admission by the date specified in your acceptance letter.

TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE BEGINNING BRIDGE CLASSES

- Initiate two Criminal Background Checks as directed by the acceptance letter.
- Attend the mandatory in-person Nursing Orientation.
- Submit completed physical examination form, personal history form, TB test and immunization record by date stated in the acceptance letter.
- Complete a 10-panel drug screening.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Admission to a CF nursing program does not ensure eligibility for state licensure.

- Consideration for transfer of a student(s) with previous admission(s) at any school of nursing will be based on an evaluation of a written petition made by the applicant to the Dean of Health Sciences. Acceptance will be considered based on program compatibility, space availability, and priority ranking.
- It is necessary that students have reliable transportation to the assigned hospitals and clinical facilities throughout Marion, Citrus, and Levy counties. Clinical rotations will begin early in the program.
- To progress in the nursing program, students must earn at least a C (75 percent) in each nursing class. To graduate, students must complete all program classes with at least a C in each class.

QUICK REFERENCE

Ocala Campus

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Recruiter/Outreach Specialist.....Peggy Recanzone, Building 37, Room 101C, ext. 1655

Other Important Numbers

CF Admissions and Records Office, Bryant Student Union, ext. 5801

CF Financial Aid Office, Bryant Student Union, ext. 5801

CF Testing Center, Bryant Student Union, ext. 1564

CF Bookstore, Building 36, 352-861-4412

CF offers a variety of support services for registered students. Most of these are listed on the CF website www.CF.edu and in the catalog. If you need assistance and do not know what services are available, contact a Health Sciences advisor, a faculty member, or the dean of Health Sciences.

Services include, but are not limited to:

- Child Care
- Learning Resources
- Writing Center
- E-Learning
- Access Services
- Career Center
- Food Services
- Student Activities
- Student Assistance Program (counseling)
- Early Alert (academic assistance)
- Financial Aid
- Dreamkeepers

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Application packets for the Spring 2024 class can be submitted online or in person to Building 19, Room 111.

Please visit at www.CF.edu/paramedic-bridge-application to submit your application and supporting documents.

Applications submitted outside the published application window will not be considered.

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE/INFORMATION AFTER REVIEWING THIS INFORMATION PACKET, PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTH SCIENCES OFFICE:

- **Nursing: 352-854-2322, ext. 1549**
- **Health Sciences Recruiter: 352-854-2322, ext. 1655**

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