**Nursing, BSN**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is a RN to BSN Program designed for registered nurses who want to advance their education. The program will provide registered nurses with a well-rounded general education in the arts and sciences and continue to build upon the registered nursing curriculum foundation. The program offers a diverse population of students with innovative educational experiences and opportunities to meet the health care needs of the community they serve. Through the educational process, the student will be able to internalize the values, traditions, and obligations of the professional nurse and gain a greater professional perspective and increased critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The program provides a career and educational pathway for registered nurses who have earned a diploma or Associate of Science Degree in Nursing.

**Program Highlights:**

The RN to BS in Nursing Program includes courses in professional issues, informatics, research, legal and ethical aspects of health care, advanced health assessment, pathophysiology, pharmacology, clinical decision-making, leadership, and community health. Courses are delivered in an online or blend of online and traditional format, in accelerated five-week and eight-week modules to accommodate various schedules and learning preferences. Courses are offered for full-time and part-time students. During practicum experiences in community health and leadership, students will work with a nurse preceptor in the community to assist with applying theoretical knowledge in the workplace. For out-of-state practicum experiences, it is the responsibility of the student to collaborate with program faculty to secure an appropriate clinical agency.

**Accreditation:**

The Edison State College RN to BSN Program is accredited by the:

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC)

3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, Georgia 30326

Telephone: 404-975-5000

**Career Opportunities:**

The RN to BSN program prepares graduates for career promotions and advancement in nursing to include positions in academia, community health, management, and leadership. It also provides a foundation for advancement to graduate level education programs.

**Admission Requirements:**

1. Applicants must submit an application to the BSN Program and be accepted to Edison State College. Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges or universities must be sent directly to the Office of the Registrar.
2. Applicants must possess and submit a valid, unrestricted, unencumbered RN license from the state in which the applicant is practicing, to be kept current throughout the duration of the required course of study.
3. Applicants must complete a minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours of transferable General Education Core Coursework.
4. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in all college level coursework.
5. Applicants must have earned an:
6. Associate Degree in Nursing from any college or university accredited by a regionally accrediting association, as defined by State Board of Education rule, with a minimum of 60 credit hours. Current AS Nursing students are encouraged to apply for admission during the term in which they will complete their Associate degree program. Students must hold a valid, unrestricted, unencumbered Registered Nursing license from the state in which they are practicing.

**OR**

1. Diploma in Nursing. Registered Nurses who have completed a diploma will be evaluated on an individual basis.

**BSN Program Applicants with Associate or Baccalaureate Degrees:**

Students who transfer to Edison State College with a previous associate degree from a Florida College or baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university are considered to have met the General Education Core and Elective coursework (60 credit hours) of the degree.

**Professional Credit for Previous College-Level (1000-4000) Coursework:**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a degree completion program. A degree completion program is typically designed for a non-traditional undergraduate population such as working adults who have completed some college-level course work but have not achieved a baccalaureate degree. Students in such programs may transfer in credit from courses taken previously and may receive credit for experiential learning.

Applicants who hold a valid, active, unencumbered Registered Nursing License in the State of Florida, who completed a nursing program outside of Florida to include a nursing diploma program or international program, may be eligible to receive up to thirty (30) credit hours of lower division NUR credit toward completion of the BSN degree. Through the admissions process, official transcripts from the applicable programs must be furnished to the Office of Admissions. Program faculty will determine if appropriate nursing outcomes have been attained and if a student may qualify for the award of lower level credit.

**Requirements to Enroll in Upper Division Nursing Core Coursework (3000-4000 Level):**

1. Attend a mandatory orientation session.
2. Satisfactorily complete a college-approved criminal records check and drug testing at the student’s expense. **TO AVOID A REGISTRATION HOLD, THIS** **MUST BE COMPLETED**

**WITHIN THE FIRST SEMESTER OF ENROLLMENT IN UPPER DIVISION COURSEWORK.**

1. Show current certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (CPR and AED).
2. Complete and earn a “C” or better in ENC 1101 Composition I, ENC 1102 Composition II, STA 2023 Statistical Methods I, HUN 1201 Nutrition, BSC 1093C Anatomy & Physiology I and BSC 1094C Anatomy & Physiology II, MCB 2010C Microbiology, and a Natural Science

course.

1. Satisfactorily complete all remaining General Education Core, Electives, Lower Division Program-Specific, and Upper Division Nursing Core coursework prior to enrolling in NUR 4827

and NUR 4827L **or** NUR 4636 andNUR 4636L.

**Transient Student Enrollment in Upper Division Coursework:**

Transient students must obtain prior approval to enroll in Upper Division Nursing Core coursework.

Transient students are currently enrolled college students who register for courses at another institution on a temporary basis (e.g., university student attending summer semester at a state college). In order to take courses at another institution, students must receive approval from their home institution. The application will initiate your request and be routed to the appropriate personnel. Students initiate this process using Florida Virtual Campus at <http://www.flvc.org/>

**Priority Application Deadlines:**

Fall Semester Start – Application due by **August 1**

Spring Semester Start – Application due by **December 1**

Summer Semester Start – Application due by **April 1**

**Graduation Requirements:**

1. Students must satisfactorily complete 120 credit hours as outlined in the Nursing BSN Program of Study
2. To satisfy residency requirements, a minimum of 30 credit hours of Upper Division Nursing Core coursework must be completed at Edison State College.
3. Students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher
4. Students must earn a grade of “C” or better in all Upper Division Nursing Core coursework.
5. Students must complete the General Education Core and General Education Electives coursework, including assessment of General Education outcomes that are required by the College. Transfer courses will be reviewed for equivalency.
6. Students must complete an Application for Graduation through the Office of the Registrar and enroll for GRD 4000 the semester in which they intend to graduate. Students must apply for graduation by the published deadline to be assured of final clearance for graduation, timely receipt of diploma, and participation in the graduation ceremony.

**NURSING, BS DEGREE PROGRAM OF STUDY:**

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| **GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSEWORK**  *Courses must be selected from those listed in the General Education Program Guide. Some may meet Lower Division Program-Specific Coursework but the entire degree requirement of 120 hours must be met.* | | **36 CREDIT HOURS** |
| **COMMUNICATIONS – 9 credit hours** | | |
| ENC 1101 | Composition I | 3 |
| ENC 1102 | Composition II | 3 |
| SPC 1017  **OR**  SPC 2023 | Fundamentals of Speech Communication  **OR**  Introduction to Public Speaking | 3 |
| **HUMANITIES – 6 credit hours** | | |
| HUMANITIES, Part A | Any Listed Course in Humanities Section, Part A | 3 |
| HUMANITIES, Part A or B | Any Listed Course in Humanities, Part A or B | 3 |
| **SOCIAL SCIENCES – 9 credit hours** | | |
| SOCIAL SCIENCES, Part A | Any Listed Course in Social Sciences Section, Part A | 3 |
| SOCIAL SCIENCES, Part A or B | Any Listed Course in Social Sciences Section, Part A or B | 3 |
| SOCIAL SCIENCES, Part A or B | Any Listed Course in Social Sciences Section, Part A or B | 3 |
| **MATHEMATICS – 6 credit hours** | | |
| MATHEMATICS | Any Listed Course in Mathematics Section | 3 |
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| **NATURAL SCIENCES – 6 credit hours** | | |
| NATURAL SCIENCES | Course with Lab Component | 3 |
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| **ELECTIVE COURSEWORK**  *Credit hours in this section may be earned with any 1000-4000 level Elective coursework or 1000-4000 level Transfer credit from courses taken previously.* | **21 CREDIT HOURS** |

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| **FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCE**  *Edison State College may determine standards for review of non-traditional foreign language competence for languages not available through CLEP (in languages other than French, German, and Spanish).* | |  |
| FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN HIGH SCHOOL  **OR** | Successful completion of two years of a single foreign language while in high school; official high school transcripts must be submitted | HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT |
| COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)  **OR** | Successful results on CLEP exam | CLEP CREDIT |
| FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN COLLEGE | Successful completion of two semesters of a single foreign language in college | 8 CREDIT HOURS |

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| **LOWER DIVISION, NURSING PROGRAM-SPECIFIC COURSEWORK**  *If courses listed below were completed in General Education Core, then credit hours in this section may be earned with any 1000-4000 level Elective coursework or 1000-4000 level Transfer credit from courses taken previously.* | | **27 CREDIT HOURS** |
| BSC 1093C\* | Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| BSC 1094C | Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| NATURAL SCIENCES | Any Listed CHM, BSC, BCH, PCB, PHY Course in Natural Sciences Section | 3 |
| DEP 2004 | Human Growth and Development | 3 |
| HUN 1201 | Nutrition | 3 |
| MCB 2010C\* | Microbiology | 4 |
| PSYCHOLOGY  **OR**  SOCIOLOGY | Any Listed PSY Course  **OR**  Any Listed SYG Course | 3 |
| STA 2023 | Statistical Methods I | 3 |

\*BSC 1010/BSC 1010L are required prerequisites for BSC 1093C and MCB 2010C at most institutions.

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| **UPPER DIVISION, NURSING CORE COURSEWORK** | | **36 CREDIT HOURS** |
| NUR 3805 | Professional Roles and Dimensions | 3 |
| NUR 3870 | Informatics for the Health Professional | 3 |
| NUR 3826 | Legal Ethical Aspects in Nursing | 3 |
| NUR 3125 | Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice | 4 |
| NUR 3145 | Pharmacology and Alternative Therapeutics | 3 |
| NUR 4165 | Nursing Research | 3 |
| NUR 3066C | Advanced Health Assessment | 3 |
| NUR 4847 | Clinical Decision Making | 3 |
| **SELECT ONE:**  NUR 3655  NUR 3895  NUR 4169  NUR 4295 | Multicultural Nursing  Teaching and Learning for the Healthcare Professional  Evidence Based Nursing Practice  Critical Care Nursing | 3 |
| NUR 4636 | Community Health Nursing Theory | 3 |
| NUR 4636L | Community Health Nursing Practicum | 1 |
| NUR 4827 | Leadership in Nursing | 3 |
| NUR 4827L | Leadership in Nursing Practicum | 1 |
| **TOTAL DEGREE PROGRAM, NURSING, BS** | | **120 CREDIT HOURS** |