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Accreditation Commission on Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)
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Nursing Core Courses, are completed in a four (4) semester cohort/group sequence. Students who begin the program in the Fall semester can successfully complete the program in 20 months. Students who begin the program in the Spring semester can successfully complete the program in 24 months.

The Traditional and ANEW schedules for the ASN Program will both require discipline and commitment. Nursing education is rigorous and must be top priority from the first semester through graduation to be successful on the NCLEX-RN licensing exam and to become a professional nurse.

Florida Department of Education Gold Standard and Statewide Articulation Agreements:

The Gold Standard Career Pathways Statewide Articulation Agreement guarantees the minimum award of course credits or a block of credit toward the AS Nursing program is 10 credit hours. The Licensed Practical Nurse certification, or National Licensed Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN) certification represents industry acknowledgment of technical skill attainment of competencies in the Nursing (Associate Degree) R.N. program. The student must show evidence of their current Licensed Practical Nurse certification, or National Licensed Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN) certification and it must have been issued **within three (3) years prior to their enrollment in the program.**

Per the statewide articulation agreement, if the Practical Nursing program was completed in Florida and the student holds current Florida licensure as a Practical Nurse, then the 10 credit hours may be articulated **within five (5) years of their LPN program completion date.**

Application:

The application deadlines are located at <https://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asnursing>

**Finalists will be notified within four weeks after application deadlines.*

The ASN Program has limited enrollment due to the rigorous clinical education requirements for the program. Acceptance to Florida SouthWestern State College does not imply acceptance into the program. Each applicant must meet specific criteria which are listed in the admission policies. The Criteria for Admission Policies are available through the School of Health Professions Nursing office on each campus. Admission information and applications are located at:

<http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asnursing>.

All applicants should consult the Florida Board of Nursing website if they have any criminal offenses limiting RN licensure before applying. Refer to <http://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/licensed-practical-nurse-registered-nurse-by-examination/>

Phase I: Initial review of applications is based on a calculation of admission points using completed pre-nursing course GPA, TEAS test score, and the total number of general education/program specific courses completed. Pre-admission standardized examination includes the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).

Phase II: At the applicant's expense, a college-approved criminal records check and drug testing must be completed. Note that applicants should consult Florida Board of Nursing if they have any criminal offenses, beyond minor traffic violations, which may limit obtaining Registered Nurse (RN) licensure.

Phase III: In this phase, all applicant packets will be reviewed.

Phase IV: Selected applicants will receive a letter of acceptance. The letter will include information for accessing the Nursing Program Policy & Procedures Manual and Virtual Orientation. The student must submit an affidavit of acknowledgment, acceptance and compliance of the Nursing Program Policy & Procedure Manual by the first day of classes.

The following items must be completed before the first day of class.

- Student Attestation Health Form
- Immunizations
- Screening for tuberculosis (TB)
- Certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
- Proof of personal health insurance throughout enrollment in the program, naming the student and dates of coverage.

Academic Policy and Progression Criteria:

The academic standards in the Nursing program are very rigorous and require full-time commitment.

- A grade of "C" or better must be earned in General Education (16 credits) and Program Specific (14 credits) courses.
- The ASN Program uses the following grading system: (90 - 100 = A, 80 - 89.99 = B, 77 - 79.99 = C, 60 - 76.99 = D, Below 60 = F).

A grade of "C" or better must be earned in each Nursing/NUR course (42 credits) in order to progress in the program.

A grade less than "C" in a Nursing/NUR course will require a reattempt.

A Nursing/NUR course may be repeated or reattempted only once. If a grade of "C" or better is not achieved when the course is repeated or reattempted, dismissal from the program will result.

If a grade of "C" or better is not achieved or Withdrawal/W grade occurs in two or more Nursing/NUR courses, dismissal from the program will result.

- Dismissal from the Nursing Program will occur if a student is deemed unsafe or unprofessional in clinical practice/patient care.
- The Academic Review Committee (ARC) will evaluate each student who is unsuccessful in a course or has an interruption in their program sequence. An Alternate program plan will be developed by the committee in collaboration with the student

- Attendance and punctuality is mandatory for all classroom, laboratory, and clinical activities. The third and each subsequent classroom absence and/or partial absence will result in a 5-point deduction from the final course grade. Attendance (100%) is required for all simulation and clinical activities.

End of Program Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the ASN Program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Advocate holistically for diverse patient populations and their families in ways that promote health, self-determination, integrity, and ongoing growth as human beings
2. Integrate clinical reasoning, substantiated with evidence, to provide and promote safe and compassionate quality care for patients and families in a community context.
3. Distinguish one's professional identity in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, legal and ethical practices, and professional growth and development as a nurse.
4. Communicate respectfully and effectively with diverse populations and the interdisciplinary healthcare team through collaborative decision making to produce optimal patient outcomes.
5. Manage patient care effectively related to time, personnel, informatics and cost to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care systems.

ASN Program of Study (72 credits)

General Education Requirements: 16 credits required

- ENC 1101 - Composition I **3 credits** - writing intensive - must complete with a "C" or better
- Core General Education Humanities **3 credits** - writing intensive - must complete with a "C" or better
- PSY 2012 - Introduction to Psychology **3 credits**
- or
- SYG 1000 - Principles of Sociology **3 credits**
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- STA 2023 - Statistical Methods I **3 credits**
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- BSC 1085C - Anatomy and Physiology I **4 credits**

- or
- BSC 1093C - Anatomy and Physiology I 4 credits

Program Specific Coursework for Entry Level Nurse: 14 credits required

- BSC 1086C - Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits
- or
- BSC 1094C - Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits
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- MCB 2010C - Microbiology 4 credits
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- HUN 1201 - Human Nutrition 3 credits
- DEP 2004 - Human Growth and Development 3 credits

Program Specific Coursework for Florida Licensed Practical Nurse: 14 credits required

- BSC 1086C - Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits
- or
- BSC 1094C - Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits
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- ASE 1000 - LPN Statewide Articulation Credit 10 credits

Nursing Core Courses: 42 credits required

- NUR 1020 - Nursing Concepts: Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan 5 credits
- NUR 1020L - Nursing Concepts: Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan Clinical 3 credits
- NUR 1025L - Nursing Concepts: Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan Practicum 1 credit
- NUR 1034 - Nursing Concepts: Health to Illness Across the Lifespan 5 credits
- NUR 1034L - Nursing Concepts: Health to Illness Across the Lifespan Clinical 3 credits
- NUR 1214L - Nursing Concepts: Health to Illness Practicum 1 credit

- NUR 2033 - Nursing Concepts: Health Alterations Across the Lifespan **4 credits**
- NUR 2033L - Nursing Concepts: Health Alterations Across the Lifespan Clinical **3 credits**
- NUR 2140 - Pharmacology for Nurses - AS **2 credits**
- NUR 2440 - Nursing Concepts Children and Women's Health **3 credits**
- NUR 2440L - Nursing Concepts: Children and Women's Health Clinical **2 credits**
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- NUR 2244 - Nursing Concepts: Families in Crisis-Complex Health Problems 5 credits
- NUR 2244L - Nursing Concepts: Families in Crisis-Complex Health Problems Clinical 3 credits
- NUR 2941L - Clinical Preceptorship 2 credits

Total Degree Requirements: 72 Credit Hours

Information is available online at: www.fsw.edu/academics/ and on the School of Health Professions Home page at: www.fsw.edu/sohp

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