

Nursing, BSN

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is a rigorous online RN to BSN degree completion program for Registered Nurses (RNs). Applicants should carefully consider if an online Program best meets their learning style. Enrollment is limited based on the number of available seats each semester. Applicants must complete all General Education courses, RN to BSN Program Specific courses, and the foreign language competency before applying. Due to the current regulations governing online learning, the RN to BSN Program is not able to admit out-of-state students.

The Program provides a career ladder from the AS degree to the BS degree for RNs who have earned a diploma or Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. Coursework will 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 BSN Program prepares RNs 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. Current occupational employment and wage data for Registered Nurses is published by the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics at www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291141.htm

Accreditation:

The Florida SouthWestern State College BSN Program is accredited by the:



Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)

3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850

Atlanta, Georgia 30326

Telephone: 404-975-5000

<http://acenursing.org/>

Program Highlights:

The RN to BSN Program includes courses in professional issues, informatics, research, advanced health assessment, pathophysiology, pharmacology, multicultural nursing, leadership, community health, and a portfolio capstone. Courses are taken online to accommodate various schedules. ~~Applicants should consider if an online Program best meets their learning style.~~ Students may choose from these three schedule options:

- Two Semesters (Full-Time, 15 credits per semester)

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- Four Semesters (Part-Time)
- Six Semesters (Very Part-Time)

In the community health and leadership courses, students will have practicum experiences that will prepare them to apply theoretical knowledge in professional nursing practice.

Special Notices:

2. Prior to enrolling in the Leadership in Nursing Practice, students must satisfactorily complete a college approved criminal records check and drug test. This expense is the student's responsibility. Failure to complete this requirement will result in a hold on student registration. Students must comply with the Florida Board of Nursing requirements for reporting criminal violations to both the Board of Nursing and the RN to BSN program as specified in the Florida Code and Regulations.
3. Leadership in Nursing Practice students are responsible for collaborating with the RN to BSN Program Director to secure an appropriate clinical agency if they reside outside FSW service areas: Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.
4. Please note that it may be necessary to complete the practicum experience in the Southwest Florida area if a clinical agreement cannot be secured with the student's preferred host agency. Clinical agreements outside of Florida are not possible for Leadership in Nursing Practice experiences.
5. Applicants who are admitted to the BSN Program will have their application for admission canceled if they do not register for a course by the drop/add deadline within that same semester. Students will need to update their term of entry to the Program during the next application cycle. Updating a term of entry on an admissions application is not a guarantee of admission to the Program.

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Admission Requirements:

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1. Registered Nurse License - Must have a valid, active, unrestricted, and unencumbered Florida Registered Nurse (RN) license, permitted to work in the United States. Note that the license must remain current throughout enrollment in the RN to BSN program.
2. Thirty-six (36) college credits of General Education coursework that must include: corresponding with the FSW General Education Program Guide.
 - a. At least one (1) course from each of the General education subject areas: Communication, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Natural Sciences.
 - b. Six (6) semester hours of English coursework
 - c. Six (6) semester hours of Mathematics coursework
 - d. Six (6) additional semester hours of writing intensive coursework

3. Foreign Language Competency Requirement (described in the next section) according to FSW Foreign Language Baccalaureate Requirements

4. Nine (9) courses that are State Common Course Prerequisites for the AS to BSN Nursing degree:

- Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab,
- Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab,
- Additional Natural Science (CHM, BSC, PCB or PHY prefix)
- Human Growth and Development,
- Nutrition,
- Microbiology with Lab,
- Social Science (PSY, SOP, or SYG prefix), and
- Statistics

13.4. All Coursework above will be evaluated by the College to determine Transfer of Credit transfer of credits or applicability to the program <https://www.fsw.edu/registrar/registration/4>

14.5. Apply online as a bachelor's degree seeking student. Note that a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in all college level coursework is required for admission. <https://www.fsw.edu/admissions/bachelor>

Foreign Language Competency Requirement:

- Two years of the same High School Foreign Language, or
- Documented foreign language proficiency through testing, or
- Two semesters of the same College Level Foreign Language (Level II proficiency), or
- Level II proficiency – this criterion occurs when a student has completed the second course of a sequence of college foreign language without completing the first course. For example, if a student has successfully completed a college level Spanish II but not Spanish I, then the student has met the Foreign Language Competency requirement.

Applicants with Associate of Arts Degree, Baccalaureate Degree, or General Education Completed:

Students who transfer to Florida SouthWestern State College with a previous Associate of Arts degree from a Florida College System or a Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university are considered to have met the General Education curriculum and Elective coursework (60 Credit hours) of the RN to BSN degree.

Students who have satisfactorily completed the General Education curriculum at a state university or Florida College System institution, regardless of whether the associate in arts degree is conferred, are considered to have met the General Education curriculum of the RN to BSN degree. If a student does

not complete the General Education curriculum prior to transfer, the General Education requirement becomes the responsibility of Florida SouthWestern State College.

Transient Student Enrollment in Upper Division Coursework:

Transient students are currently enrolled college students who register for courses at another institution on a temporary basis (e.g. university students attending summer semester at a state college). Transient students must obtain prior approval to enroll in Upper Division Nursing Core coursework. Students initiate this process using Florida Shines at www.floridashines.org.

Priority Application Deadlines*:

Academic Standards:

Fall Semester Start—Application due by August 1

Spring Semester Start—Application due by December 1

Summer Semester Start—Application due by April 1

**deadlines may be extended if seats remain unfilled to capacity by application deadline*

The academic standards in the RN to BSN Nursing program are very rigorous and require full commitment.

1. Complete 120 credit hours as outlined in the RN to BSN Program of Study.
2. Earn a grade of "C" or better in each required General Education course, RN to BSN Upper Division courses, Program Specific courses, and electives.
 - a. An "attempt" is defined as a course registration in effect at the end of the drop/add period.
 - b. A student who fails a nursing course will be permitted to re-take that nursing course only once on a space-available basis.
 - c. Failure or withdrawal in any second nursing course may result in dismissal from the Program.

Graduation Requirements:

1. Complete 120 credit hours as outlined in the RN to BSN Program of Study.
2. To satisfy residency requirements by completing a minimum of 15 core baccalaureate (3000 or 4000 level) program credit hours must be earned Florida SouthWestern State College.
3. Earn a grade of "C" or better in each RN to BSN Upper Division and Program Specific course.
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4. Earn a cumulative grade point average in the Program of 2.0 or higher.
5. Students must indicate their intention to attend commencement ceremony, by completing the Commencement Form by the published deadline.

End of Program Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the RN to BSN Program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge from nursing and the physical, behavioral, psychological and social sciences, and the humanities in the practice of professional nursing.
2. Integrate global health and health care, its relevant issues and policies as they relate to professional nursing practice.
3. Evaluate research in the exploration of the spectrum of health within the framework of evidence-based practice.
4. Synthesize standards of professional practice and care.
5. Articulate the role of the professional nurse within inter-professional teams.
6. Analyze current and changing health care information technologies and systems.
7. Summarize the components of leadership and followership in professional nursing practice.
8. Interpret the social responsibility of the nursing profession in the development and implementation of health care policy.

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BSN Program of Study (120 Credits)

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The RN to BSN program of study includes:

FSW General Education Courses (36 credits), *RN to BSN Program Specific and Prerequisite Courses and any 1000-4000 Elective Courses (must meet 54 credits), Upper Division Courses RN to BSN (30 credits), 120 Total Credits

**If the RN to BSN Program Specific Coursework is met within the General Education Course program no additional credits are required.*

General Education Requirements: 36 Credits

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Refer to the FSW General Education Program Guide

COMMUNICATIONS CATEGORY: 9 Credits Required

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- ENC 1101 - Composition I 3 credits
 - ENC 1102 - Composition II 3 credits
 - Additional Communication General Education course 3 credits

HUMANITIES CATEGORY: 6 Credits Required

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- Core Humanities General Education course 3 credits
 - Writing intensive Humanities course, must pass with a "C" or better 3 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCES CATEGORY: 9 Credits Required

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- Core Social Sciences General Education course 3 credits
 - Writing intensive Social Sciences course, must pass with a "C" or better 3 credits
 - Any Social Sciences General Education course 3 credits

MATHEMATICS CATEGORY: 6 Credits Required

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- Core Mathematics General Education course 3 credits
 - Any Mathematics General Education course 3 credits

NATURAL SCIENCES CATEGORY: 6 Credits Required (One Corresponding lab, to either of the two selected Natural Sciences, is required)

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- Core Natural Sciences General Education course with Laboratory 3 credits
 - Any Natural Sciences General Education Course with Laboratory 3 credits

Program Specific Requirements: 27 Credits Required (If met in General Education Program above, no additional credits are required)

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- ~~BSC 1085C - Anatomy and Physiology I 4 credits or BSC 1093C - Anatomy and Physiology I 4 credits~~
 - ~~BSC 1086C - Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits or BSC 1094C - Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits~~
 - ~~Any Natural Sciences with BSC, BCH, CHM, PCB, or PHY Prefix 3 credits~~

- ~~DEP 2004 – Human Growth and Development 3 credits~~
- ~~HUN 1201 – Human Nutrition 3 credits~~
- ~~MCB 2010C – Microbiology 4 credits~~
- ~~Any Social Sciences with PSY, SOP, or SYG prefix 3 credits~~
- ~~STA 2023 – Statistical Methods I 3 credits~~

Elective Courses: 27 Credits Required

RN to BSN PROGRAM SPECIFIC and Prerequisite Courses: 54 Credits Required

These courses may be fulfilled within the FSW General Education Program Guide or with other college transfer eligible courses.

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- ~~Any 1000 – 4000 level courses: 27 credits *~~

~~*Students who complete an A.S. or A.A.S. degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution which holds ACEN accreditation and who hold a current Florida R.N. license will receive 27 credits in lower division nursing program credit.~~

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~~Electives: Any 1000-4000 course~~

UPPER DIVISION, RN to BSN Core Requirements: 30 Credits Required

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- ~~NUR 3805 - Professional Roles and Dimensions 3 credits~~
- ~~NUR 3870 - Informatics for the Health Professional 3 credits~~
- ~~NUR 3125 - Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice 3 credits~~
- ~~NUR 3145 - Pharmacology and Alternative Therapeutics 3 credits~~
- ~~NUR 4165 - Nursing Research *3 credits~~
- ~~NUR 3066C - Advanced Health Assessment 3 credits~~
- ~~NUR 3655 - Multicultural Nursing 3 credits~~
- ~~NUR 4636C - Community Health Nursing 4 credits~~

- NUR 4827C - Leadership in Nursing Practice 4 credits
- NUR 4955 - Portfolio Capstone 1 credit

*NUR3870 Informatics for Health Professionals is prerequisite to NUR4165 Nursing Research

Total Degree Requirements: 120 Credit Hours

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