**Nursing, BSN**

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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.

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 with 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](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cmjenner%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CJ0JK1LMC%5Cwww.bls.gov%5Coes%5Ccurrent%5Coes291141.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.

**Admission Requirements:**

1. Registered Nurse License - Must have a valid, active, unrestricted, and unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) license, permitted to work in the United
2. States. Note that the license must remain current throughout enrollment in the RN to BSN program.
3. Complete thirty-six (36) college credits of General Education coursework corresponding with the FSW General Education Program Guide [FSE General Education Guide](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=682) and RN to BSN Program Specific Prerequisite Courses - All Coursework above will be evaluated by the College to determine transfer of credits or applicability to the program <https://www.fsw.edu/registrar/registration/4>
4. 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>

**Academic Standards:**

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.
3. A student who attempts and/or fails a nursing course will be permitted to re-take that nursing course only once on a space-available basis.
4. An 'attempt' is defined as a course registration in effect at the end of the add/drop period
5. Attempting with failure or withdrawal in any second nursing course may result in dismissal from the Program.

**Program of Study**

**The RN to BSN program of study includes:**

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**General Education and RN to BSN Specific Prerequisite Requirements: 42 Credits**

**COMMUNICATIONS CATEGORY: 9 Credits Required (6 Writing Intensive)**

ENC 1101 - Composition I, **Writing Intensive 3 credits**

ENC 1102 - Composition II, **Writing Intensive 3 credits**

SPC1017 or SPC2608 Speech **3 credits**

**HUMANITIES CATEGORY: 6 Credits Required (6 Writing Intensive from Humanities and/or Social Sciences)**

1 Core Humanities **3 credits**

1 Any other Humanities General Education Course **3 credits**

**SOCIAL SCIENCES CATEGORY: 9 Credits Required (6 Writing Intensive from Humanities and/or Social Sciences)**

PSYXXXX, or SYGXXXX (FL courses) or Introduction to Psychology OR Introduction to Sociology Core **3 credits**

DEPXXXX – (Human Growth & Development course) **3 credits**

Any other Social Science General Education Course **3 credits**

**MATHEMATICS CATEGORY: 6 Credits Required**

STA2023 Statistical Methods **3 credits**

Any Mathematics General Education Course, **3 credits**

**NATURAL SCIENCES CATEGORY: 12 Credits Required Including RN to BSN Specific Prerequisites**

BSC1085C or BSC1093C Anatomy and Physiology I **4 credits**

BSC1086C or BSC1094C Anatomy and Physiology II **4 credits**

MCB2010 Microbiology **4 credits**

*Refer to Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support – Common Prerequisites 2018-2019 Program Nursing AS to BS CIP: 51.3801*

**Foreign Language Competency Requirement**

• Two years of the same High School Foreign Language, or

• Documented foreign 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.

**Electives from Lower Division 48 Credits\***

Any 1000 - 4000 level courses

*\*Students who complete an AS or AAS degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution and who hold a current active, unencumbered RN license must complete the necessary number of credits (up to 48 hours) to accumulate the required 120 credits for program completion.*

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

[NUR 3805 - Professional Roles and Dimensions](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **3 credits**

[NUR 3870 - Informatics for the Health Professional](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **3 credits**

[NUR 3125 - Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **3 credits**

[NUR 3145 - Pharmacology and Alternative Therapeutics](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **3 credits**

[NUR 4165 - Nursing Research](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **3 credits** \*

[NUR 3066C - Advanced Health Assessment](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **3 credits**

[NUR 3655 - Multicultural Nursing](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **3 credits**

[NUR 4636C - Community Health Nursing](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **4 credits**

[NUR 4827C - Leadership in Nursing Practice](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **4 credits \*\***

[NUR 4955 – Nursing Capstone](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=705&returnto=633) **1 credit \*\***

*\*NUR 3870 Informatics for Health Professionals is a prerequisite to NUR 4165 Nursing Research and NUR 4827C Leadership in Nursing Practice /NUR4955 Nursing Capstone courses.*

*\*\*NUR 4955 Nursing Capstone is a co-requisite to be taken with NUR 4827C Leadership in Nursing Practice*

 **Total Degree Requirements: 120 Credit Hours**

**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 at Florida SouthWestern State College.
3. Earn a cumulative grade point average in the Program of 2.0 or higher.

**End of Program Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the RN to BSN Program, the graduate will 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.

**Information is available online at:** [**www.fsw.edu/academics/**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cmjenner%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CJ0JK1LMC%5Cwww.fsw.edu%5Cacademics%5C) **and on the School of Health Professions Home page at:**[**www.fsw.edu/sohp.**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cmjenner%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CJ0JK1LMC%5Cwww.fsw.edu%5Csohp)

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