

Proposal:

Make a change in the Fall 2022 FSW College Catalog that allows the RN to BSN Program to admit licensed Registered Nurses eligible to work in Florida.

Proposed Fall 2022 Catalog Language

Admission Requirements

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2. Apply online as a bachelor's degree seeking student and pay the \$25.00 application evaluation fee. Students who are new students at FSW will need to also pay a \$30.00 FSW application fee. Note that a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all college level coursework is required for admission: The application is located at the following link:
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2. Thirty-six (36) college credits of General Education coursework corresponding with the General Education Program Guide 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>
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Rationale:

- 1) Currently students who hold the RN license and hold AA degrees and still need Program Specific Prerequisite Courses cannot use Federal Financial Aid to assist with paying for these courses since they do not have the declared BSN Major.
- 2) These same students are not assigned a Student Success Advisor since they do not have a major declared at FSW. Assigning a BSN Major will allow these students to be followed by the School of Health Professions Student Success Advisor (assigned to RN-to-BSN Program) and RN-to-BSN Program Director to advise and follow these students as they complete the RN-to-BSN Program Specific Prerequisite Courses and NUR 3000-4000 level courses needed to be awarded the BSN degree.
- 3) Greater than thirty-three percent (33%) of all qualified RN-to-BSN applicants are denied because they do not have the General Education Prerequisite Courses Completed as required by current admission requirements. Once denied admission, many of these students do not complete the Program Specific Prerequisite Courses at FSW nor reapply to FSW RN-to-BSN for admission. Students either get frustrated taking the Program Specific Prerequisite Courses and feel like they are not progressing towards a BSN degree so they choose another college program that allows the students to complete the Program Specific Prerequisite Courses at the same time as taking the NUR 300-4000 level Nursing courses.

	# of applications	# of qualified applications	# admitted	# number of denied applicants due to not meeting all gen eds completed criteria
Fall 2020	196	142	100	42 (30%)
Summer 2020	112	81	59	22 (27%)
Spring 2020	127	94	54	40 (24%)
Fall 2019	183	119	90	29 (32%)
Summer 2019	91	52	28	24 (44%)
Spring 2019	163	86	51	35 (41%)
Total	872	574	382	192 (33%)

- 4) This should increase the RN-to-BSN Admission by 33% each year, compared to admission in 2019 & 2020.