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| |  | | --- | | **Nursing, BS** | |  |   Return to {$returnto_text} Return to: [Programs of Study](http://catalog.fsw.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=1327)  **Purpose**  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.  The RN-to-BSN Program provides a career ladder from the AS Nursing degree to the BS Nursing degree for RNs who have earned an associate in nursing degree or a diploma in a nursing program that allows graduates to qualify for a RN license. 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 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. 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](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291141.htm" \t "_blank)  **Accreditation**  Logo  Description automatically generated  The Florida SouthWestern State College RN-to-BSN Program is accredited by the:  Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)  3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400  Atlanta, Georgia 30326  Telephone: 404-975-5000  <http://acenursing.org/>  **Program Structure**  This program is a planned sequence of instruction consisting of 120 credit hours in the following areas: 36 credit hours of General Education Requirements; 9 credit hours of Lower Division Program Requirements; 30 credit hours of Upper-Division RN-to-BSN Program Requirements, and 45 credit hours of Electives.  The RN-to-BSN Program includes courses in professional issues, informatics, pathophysiology, pharmacology, research, advanced health assessment, multicultural nursing, community health, and leadership. Courses are taken online to accommodate various schedules. Students must complete all General Education courses prior to enrolling in NUR 4827C Leadership in Nursing Practice in the last semester of the RN-to-BSN Program.  **Admission Requirements**   1. Registered Nurse License - Must have a valid, active, unrestricted, and unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) license, permitting work in Florida. **Note: the license must remain current throughout enrollment in the RN-to-BSN** **Program.** 2. Apply online as a bachelor's degree seeking student and pay the $25.00 application evaluation fee. Students new to FSW will also need to pay a $30.00 FSW application fee. The application is located at: [https://www.fsw.edu/admissions/bachelor](https://www.fsw.edu/admissions/bachelor" \t "_blank) 3. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all college level coursework is required for admission.   **Academic Standards**  The academic standards in the RN-to-BSN Program are very rigorous and require full commitment.   1. Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in each required general education course, RN-to-BSN upper division courses, and electives. 2. 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. 3. An 'attempt' is defined as a course registration in effect at the end of the add/drop period. 4. Attempting with failure or withdrawal in any second nursing course may result in dismissal from the program. 5. A student who is removed from the program due to failures or withdrawals must petition to the Program Director and faculty for consideration of readmission. |
| **Graduation Requirements**   * Students must fulfill all requirements of their program to be eligible for graduation. * Complete 120 credit hours as outlined in the RN-to-BSN Program of Study. * A minimum of 15 credit hours in baccalaureate (3000 or 4000 level) Program Requirements must be earned at Florida SouthWestern State College to satisfy residency requirements. * Earn a cumulative grade point average in the program of 2.0 or higher. * Students must indicate their intention to attend commencement ceremony by completing the Commencement Form by the published deadline.   **Course Prerequisites**  **Many courses require prerequisites**. Check the description of each course in the list below for prerequisites, minimum grade requirements, and other restrictions. Students must complete all prerequisites for a course prior to registering for it. RN-to-BSN Program of Study **General Education Requirements: 36 Credit Hours**   * [ENC 1101 Composition I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327" \l "tt4724" \t "_blank)  **3 credits** * [ENC 1102 Composition II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327" \l "tt9890" \t "_blank) **3 credits** * General Education Core Humanities **3 credits** * General Education Humanities **3 credits**      * PSY 2012 Introduction to Psychology **3 credits**   **OR**  SYG 1000 Introduction to Sociology **3 credits**   * General Education Social Sciences (Students required by F.A.C. 6A-10.102413 to demonstrate Civic Literacy should take AMH 2020 or POS 2041) **3 credits** * [STA 2023 - Statistical Methods I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327" \l "tt8516" \t "_blank)  **3 credits** * General Education Mathematics **3 credits** * MCB 2010C Microbiology **4 credits** * 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**  **Lower Division Program Requirements: 9 Credit Hours**   * [SPC 1017 Fundamentals of Speech Communication](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327" \l "tt599" \t "_blank) **3 credits**   **OR**  [SPC 2608 Introduction to Public Speaking](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327" \l "tt4718" \t "_blank) **3 credits**   * DEP 2004 Lifespan Development **3 credits** * HUN 1201 Human Nutrition **3 credits**   **Upper Division RN-to-BSN Program Requirements: 30 Credit Hours**   * [NUR 3805 - Professional Roles and Dimensions](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327)  **3 credits** * [NUR 3870 - Informatics for the Health Professional](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327)  **3 credits** * [NUR 3125 - Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327)  **3 credits** * [NUR 3145 - Pharmacology and Alternative Therapeutics](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327)  **3 credits** * [NUR 4165 - Nursing Research](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327)  **3 credits** * [NUR 3066C - Advanced Health Assessment](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327)  **3 credits** * [NUR 3655 - Multicultural Nursing](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327)  **3 credits** * [NUR 4636C - Community Health Nursing](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327)  **4 credits** * [NUR 4827C - Leadership in Nursing Practice](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1428&returnto=1327)  **5 credits**     **Electives: 45 Credit Hours\***   * Any 1000 - 4000 level courses **45 credits**   *\*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 45 hours) to accumulate the required 120 credits for program completion.*  **Total Degree Requirements: 120 Credit Hours**  , **Additional information on the RN-to-BSN Program is available online at: [www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/bsnursing](https://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/bsnursing)** |