

2007-08 Catalog: Programs of Study

Nursing R.N. (2149)

Associate in Science

Mission Statement

Creating competent, ethical, confident entry-level health care practitioners committed to professional development through life-long learning in a positive, non-discriminatory and supportive learning environment.

The Career

The nurse is the heart and soul of any medical team. You specialize in one-on-one patient relationships. You perform physical assessments and carry out treatments while dispensing education and encouragement in equal measure. You help patients and families cope and manage illness or injury. You also supervise other members of the team and teach in collaboration with other colleagues. Successful completion of this program allows the individual to apply to write the **National Council Licensure Examination** (NCLEX) to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse.

Nurses, like physicians, can choose from an A to Z list of specialties ranging from preventative medicine to emergency care. You can work in small or large medical groups, fly with trauma center helicopters, or travel with humanitarian or first-response teams. The Red Cross alone currently employs 30,000 full and part-time nurses and has a need for more.

The Program

The program is accredited by the **National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission** (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, New York, 10006 (212.363.5555). The associate in science degree Nursing program is a combination of general education and professional courses including lecture, laboratory and clinical education components. Graduates of the program are prepared to function as entry-level practitioners and are qualified to take the National Council for Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become licensed as registered nurses (RN).

Rotations

Clinical rotations scheduled in area hospitals and other medical centers are part of you so graduate with experience as well as education.

Articulations

This A.S. degree program articulates into a bachelor's degree program. For more information, please visit the **Transfer Services** Web site.

Prerequisites

The following five courses must be completed before submitting an application to this program.

One year of high school chemistry or any college CHM

BSC 2085C Human Anatomy and Physiology I

BSC 2086C Human Anatomy and Physiology II

MCB 2010C Microbiology (completion or current enrollment)

MAC 1105 College Algebra (or a higher level of mathematics)

All general education courses must be completed before the last term of the nursing program. A grade point average of at least 2.0 must be maintained.

Application Procedure

To meet the minimum requirements for consideration for acceptance to the Nursing program, students must:

1. Have completed the nursing application by the application deadline for the term for which they are applying for continuance.

2. Complete a college course in chemistry with a grade of "C" or better.
3. Have completed a minimum of 13 credit hours of prerequisites prior to the application deadline. A grade of "C" or better must be achieved in science courses. A GPA of 2.0 must be maintained.
4. Have submitted current Psychological Services Bureau Revised Nursing Aptitude Exam (PSB-NAT) scores by the application deadline.
5. Provide evidence of current CPR certification — adult, child and infant (achieved through an American Heart Association approved **Basic Life Support (BLS) Course for Health Care Providers**, that includes hands-on simulated experiences).

Application Deadlines

- Fall Term deadline — June 1
- Spring Term deadline — October 1
- Summer Term deadline — February 1

Cost

Estimated cost of tuition is \$4,781 (tuition rated for Florida residents, as of 7/07). Contact the program manager for additional costs (materials, fees, textbooks).

Need More Information? Contact:

Cheryl James, North Campus, 904.766.6584

Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education	
** BSC 2085C Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENC 1101 English Composition I	3
PSY 1012 General Psychology	3
*** MAC 1105 College Algebra	3
*Humanities	3
Credit Hours	16

Required Professional Courses

** BSC 2086C Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
** MCB 2010C Microbiology	4
SYG 2000 Introductory Sociology	3
DEP 2004 Human Growth and Development	3

Nursing Courses

Students may not enroll in the following courses unless selected for continuance based on the selection criteria and available seats.

NUR 1110 Nursing Concepts	3
NUR 1060C Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	2
NUR 1022C Nursing Techniques	4
NUR 1140 Pharmacology/Nutrition in Health and Illness	3
NUR 1823 Leadership in Nursing	1
NUR 1210C Adult Health Nursing I	6
NUR 1524C Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 2421C Nursing Care of Women and Infants	4
NUR 2310C Nursing Care of Children	5
NUR 2710C Adult Health Nursing II	8
NUR 2810C Role Transformation	3
Credit Hours	56

*Refer to **A.S. degree General Education Requirements**.

**A minimum grade of "C" required in science courses.

***Students who qualify may substitute a higher level mathematics course.

Record of Conviction of a Crime

The Florida State Board of Nursing, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Nurse Practice Act, will determine a nursing program graduate's eligibility for licensure when there is an arrest/conviction record. Convicted felons who have not had their civil rights restored are not eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination. Students should contact the nursing department for information regarding Florida State Board of Nursing regulations.

Note

Clinical agencies require students to undergo drug screen and criminal background checks prior to placement in the agencies for clinical experiences. Students whose drug screening and criminal background checks are deemed unsatisfactory may be denied access to clinical experiences by the clinical agencies. Failure to qualify for and meet clinical requirements at clinical sites may prevent completion of the program. Withdrawal from the program may be necessary if students cannot be placed for clinical experiences.

The cost of the background check and drug screen is borne by the student. Additionally, it is the student's responsibility to have all paperwork completed by the program's published deadline.

Students who are unable to complete the clinical requirements after acceptance into selective access programs are not eligible for refunds of tuition.

A physical examination will be required upon acceptance to the program.

General Information

This associate in science degree program allows students to complete an associate's degree and become employed or pursue a bachelor's degree. See your advisor for details on **university transfer requirements**.

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To request information, contact the Learner Support Center at info@fccj.edu or 904.646.2300.

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