

## 2007-08 Catalog: Programs of Study

### Nursing R.N. (Bridge Option for Paramedics and Licensed Practical Nurses) (2261)

#### 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 registered nurse is a member of the health care team who offers direct patient care, supervision of other members of the team and teaching in collaboration with other members of the team. 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.

#### The Program

This program is accredited by the **National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission** (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, New York, 10006, (212.363.5555). The 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 NCLEX to become licensed as a registered nurse (RN). Admission to the program is limited and is based on academic performance and other criteria. This track is limited to employed paramedics and practical nurses with a current Florida license who have worked the equivalent of at least six months within the last 2,000 hours of work experience in the last three years as a Paramedic or LPN.

#### Rotations

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

#### Prerequisites

All required general education courses except sociology or humanities must be completed before submitting an application to this program.

One year of high school chemistry or any college **CHM**

<b>BSC 2085C</b>	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
<b>BSC 2086C</b>	Human Anatomy and Physiology II
<b>MCB 2010C</b>	Microbiology
<b>MAC 1105</b>	College Algebra (or a higher level of mathematics)
<b>ENC 1101</b>	English Composition I
<b>PSY 1012</b>	General Psychology
<b>DEP 2004</b>	Human Growth and Development
<b>SYG 2000</b>	Introductory Sociology

Humanities (any HUM course listed in **A.S. general education requirements**)

A grade point average of a least 2.0 must be maintained.

#### Career Opportunities, Rapid Placement

Registered nurses are highly sought after. By 2020, Florida projects a shortfall of 61,000 qualified nurses. Many employers are trying to attract candidates with signing bonuses, family-friendly flexible work schedules, child care and subsidized continuing educational benefits.

#### Annual Salaries

The national average yearly salary for Registered Nurses is \$49,000, plus overtime, nights and weekend shifts.

## Accreditation

This program is accredited by the **National League of Nursing** and the Florida State Board of Nursing.

## Articulation

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

## Cost

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

## Application Procedure

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

1. Have completed a nursing application by the application deadline.
2. Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0.
3. Have a current Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) license or be eligible for licensure in the State of Florida OR Associate in Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services and current certification as a Paramedic from the Council on Accreditation for Emergency Medical Services Program (CAEMSP)
4. Complete pre-admission testing (HESI A Preadmission Test)
5. Complete a college chemistry course with a grade of "C" or better.
6. Have completed all required general education courses except sociology or humanities prior to the application deadline.
7. 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).
8. Provide evidence of licensure in the state of Florida as a Paramedic or Licensed Practical Nurse who has the equivalent of 2,000 hours of work experience within the last three years as a paramedic or LPN.

## Application Deadlines

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

## Need More Information? Contact:

**Cheryl James**, North Campus, 904.766.6584

<b>Course Number and Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>General Education Courses</b>	
** <b>BSC 2085C</b> Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
<b>ENC 1101</b> English Composition I	3
<b>PSY 1012</b> General Psychology	3
*** <b>MAC 1105</b> College Algebra	3
*Humanities	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Required Professional Courses – Science Courses</b>	
** <b>BSC 2086C</b> Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
** <b>MCB 2010C</b> Microbiology	4
<b>DEP 2004</b> Human Growth and Development	3
<b>SYG 2000</b> Introductory Sociology	3

## Nursing Courses

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

	College Credit Earned by Examination	12
<b>NUR 1008C</b>	Transitional Nursing for Nursing Bridge Option	5
<b>NUR 1060C</b>	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	2
<b>NUR 2401C</b>	Nursing Care of Women and Infants for Nursing Bridge Option	3
<b>NUR 2304C</b>	Nursing Care of Children for Nursing Bridge Option	4
<b>NUR 1823</b>	Leadership in Nursing	1
<b>NUR 1524C</b>	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	4
<b>NUR 2710C</b>	Adult Health Nursing II	8
<b>NUR 2810C</b>	Role Transformation	3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>56</b>
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>72</b>

\*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

Most clinical agencies require students to undergo drug screen and criminal background checks prior to placement in the agencies for clinical experiences. Student's 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 students 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

It is recommended that students have a conference with a counselor or the nursing advisor prior to applying to the nursing program.

This associate in science degree program allows students to complete an associate 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](mailto:info@fccj.edu) or 904.646.2300.

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