

NURSING: RN TO BSN (8700)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

The nursing education program for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 975-5000, www.acenursing.org

The program is designed for Associate degree registered nurses who hold a current valid, unencumbered Florida license and seek advanced studies in nursing. The BSN program will provide traditional and nontraditional registered nurse students with access to a baccalaureate degree.

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING BSN PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The BSN degree curriculum fosters personal and professional growth through traditional and non-traditional learning experiences to facilitate the educational advancement of the Registered Nurse. The BSN program seeks to further amplify the student's safe and effective patient care practices and to prepare students for careers that positively affect health care within their communities. The BSN curriculum builds on the competencies, knowledge, and practices that the students bring from previous academic nursing programs and work experiences, and the curriculum expands on professional nursing values resulting in a broader scope of professional practice and professional role identity.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES / ROLE SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES

At the completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, the BSN student should be able to:

1. Expand the use of the nursing process to construct safe and effective care in the restoration of self-care agency of individuals, families, and communities. (Clinical Competency)
2. Make clinical or management decisions in a variety of situations using ethical and legal principles. (Ethics/Legal)
3. Relate human flourishing throughout the lifespan to the optimization of self-care agency for individuals, families, communities, and populations. (Health of Populations)
4. Integrate knowledge from nursing and other disciplines to provide culturally competent care to diverse global populations. (Culture)
5. Appraise evidence based research to improve nursing practice and healthcare outcomes. (Inquiry)
6. Create open communication, mutual respect, and shared decision making to achieve desired healthcare outcomes. (Collaboration)
7. Maximize the use of healthcare resources in the delivery of patient care in a variety of settings. (Resource Utilization)
8. Assimilate into professional clinical and managerial nursing practices the principles of information literacy, information management, and care technology systems. (Informatics)

For additional information, visit our website at SJRstate.edu or call the Palatka nursing office at 386-312-4176, the Orange Park nursing office at 904-276-6863 or the St. Augustine allied health office at 904-808-7465.

The program consists of 120 credit hours of general education and nursing-related core courses.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The BSN program is an open access program for students who meet the following admission requirements:

1. Admission to SJR State
2. Submission of a completed application to the baccalaureate program in nursing
3. Completion of an Associate in Science degree in Nursing with at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale prior to upper division acceptance
4. Submission of official transcript(s) indicating the coursework taken and the degree(s) awarded
5. Proof of an active, current, valid, and unencumbered licensure as a Registered Nurse in Florida

POST ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Following acceptance into the program, BSN students must complete the following requirements. *Failure to comply with these requirements may result in administrative withdrawal from the nursing program.*

1. To be eligible for practicum experiences, the semester prior to NUR 3655 (Community, Diversity, and Population-Based Care) and NUR 4949 (Capstone), students are asked to sign a consent and waiver to perform a criminal and professional background check and drug screen. Failure to provide consent will render the applicant ineligible for practicums in the program. Continued progression in the program is conditional upon the results of the criminal and professional background check and drug screen. Additional random and scheduled drug screening may be required at any time during the program. A student must report any changes in their criminal background record immediately to the Dean or Associate Dean of the department. Students who fail to submit criminal background record changes will jeopardize his/her access to clinical sites and completion of the program. A student may be required to provide an additional background check to the College at their own expense.

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2. Attend the 4-hour BSN Student Orientation
3. Prior to the first day of NUR 3655 and NUR 4949 classes, students must complete the American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers (CPR & AED) program – BLS for Health Care Providers certification is to be valid through the date of graduation from the SJR State BSN nursing program. ACLS may be substituted for BLS.
4. Have an annual physical examination verifying acceptable health status absent of communicable or infectious disease and completing all the health related requirements for the nursing program. Requirements for the physical are included on the form provided to each student after admission to the nursing program.
5. Have liability/malpractice insurance of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$3,000,000 per aggregate. (Payment included with lab fees during registration)
6. Have student accident (education/training) insurance. (Payment included with lab fees during registration)
7. Maintain an active, current, valid, and unencumbered licensure as a Registered Nurse in Florida

The Florida Department of Education requires common prerequisite courses. SJR State recommends the following courses or equivalents as listed in the FDOE Common Prerequisite Manual:

- BSC 2085/2085L Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab
- BSC 2086/2086L Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab
- Any CHM XXXX, BSC XXXX, BCH XXXX, PCB XXXX, PHY XXXX with a minimum of 4 credit hours**
- DÉP 2004 Human Growth and Development
- HUN 1201 Human Nutrition
- MCB 2010/2010L Microbiology and Lab
- PSY 2012 General Psychology
- STA 2023 Statistics **

These courses may be taken prior to admission.

**May be taken concurrently with upper level courses

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES 36
(Refer to Associate in Arts general education requirements)

LOWER LEVEL SPECIALIZED COURSES 54

UPPER LEVEL BSN COURSES:

+ NUR	3065	Health Assessment.....	3
+ NUR	3125	Pathophysiology	3
+ NUR	3164	Informatics & Evidenced-Based Practice	3
+ NUR	3169	Applied Evidence-Based Practice in Professional Nursing Practice	3
+ NUR	3655	Community, Diversity, and Population Based Care	3
NUR	3805	Professional Roles & Dimensions of Professional Nursing Practice	3
+ NUR	3826	Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing	3
+ NUR	3837	Introduction to Nursing Management Systems	3
+ NUR	4894	Teaching & Learning in Nursing Practice.....	3
+ NUR	4949	Nursing Capstone	3

REQUIRED TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 120

NOTE: In addition to the above course requirements, all Bachelor of Science students will be required to complete the foreign language requirement. Students who did not complete the foreign language requirement in high school or before acceptance into the program will need to complete an additional 8 credit hours of sequential foreign language before graduation.

+ Prerequisite course required. See course description in catalog.