

RN TO BSN

Program Code: RNBS

Meta-Major: HSCI

Location(s): Online

Delivery Method(s): Online

Previous Degree Required: AS/AAS

Eligible for Financial Aid: Yes

Additional Limited Access Application Process Required: Yes

Program Testing Requirements:

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 51.3801

Florida Department of Education CIP Code: 1105138012

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

The goal of the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Nursing RN to BSN) program is to provide access to a baccalaureate degree that is both affordable and available within the local service area.

The RN to BSN baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Eastern Florida State College is accredited by the [Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education](#). The program's online coursework accommodates the varying needs of both traditional full-time students and working adults.

The RN to BSN Program at ESFC is designed for RNs who have already earned their Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing.

The curriculum and coursework build upon students' fundamental nursing knowledge and skills and allow them the opportunity to expand beyond the clinical aspect of nursing. See the Program of Study for course and specific admissions requirements.

The RN to BSN degree is a fully online program designed for current Registered Nurses who meet the admissions criteria and would like to continue their education to the Bachelor's level.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) Degree Program

The RN to BSN Program at ESFC is designed for RNs who have already earned their Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing.

Students pursuing the BSN program must have at a minimum:

- An Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing (ASN) from a regionally accredited institution.
- Active, clear, and unencumbered Florida Nursing license or an anticipated NCLEX-RN testing date.

Admission Requirements

Apply for Admission: Students must complete the online Application for Admission to the bachelor's program at Eastern Florida State College and pay applicable application fees. See the "Programs and Admission Requirements" listing for specific admission requirements. Students who are in their last semester of the Associate's degree may also apply. [Visit the program page for more details and how to apply.](#)

Request Admissions Credentials: Request the associate's degree transcripts and all previous college transcripts to be sent to:

Office of the Registrar
Eastern Florida State College

1519 Clearlake Rd
Cocoa, FL 32922

Course Requirements

Students will complete 120 credit hours of coursework, 60 of which are obtained from the student's associate degree. Students who are in need of technical electives will work with a bachelor's advisor to determine the courses best suited to their plan of study. See the specific program catalog page for more information.

General Education Requirement

BSN students should follow the general education requirements courses as listed in the program. These courses satisfy all five areas by the State.

In the fall 2021-2022 catalog, all baccalaureate degree seeking students are required to complete one core course in Communication, Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Science, and Social/Behavioral Science/Core-Civic Literacy to graduate. The Civic Literacy requirement also includes passing an assessment, to learn more about this visit this [link](#). Students are required to complete 36 hours of general education courses.

- In the 2022-2023 academic year, EFSC will begin awarding nationally recognized digital badges upon completion of general education core courses that demonstrate career readiness. These badges are recognized by every public postsecondary institution in the Florida College System (FCS) and State University System (SUS). The first available digital badge is the "Fundamentals of Written Communication." Students will earn this badge by one of the following:
 - Completing ENC 1101 with a grade of "C" or higher
 - Complete a course in which ENC 1101 is a prerequisite, with a grade of "C" or higher
 - Equivalent credit awarded through accelerated mechanisms

Technical Electives

Students entering the program with an Associate in Arts degree may need to complete additional technical electives. Technical electives are 1000 and 2000 level courses in a related area. Students entering the program with an AS degree may already have this requirement completed depending on the focus of their AS degree. Students will work with a bachelor's advisor to determine the courses best suited to their plan of study.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education Requirements		
BSCC 1010	General Biology 1 ²	4
BSCC 2093	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 ²	4
BSCC 2094	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 ²	4
ENC 1101	Composition 1	3
ENC 1102	Composition 2	3
MAC 1105	College Algebra ²	3
MCBC 2010	Microbiology for Health Sciences ²	4
PSY 2012	General Psychology 1 ²	3
SPC 2608	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
STA 2023	Statistics	3
Humanities Requirement		3

Humanities Core Requirement	3
Social/Behavioral Science/Core-Civic Literacy Requirement	3
Social/Behavioral Science Requirement	2
RN Major Courses	
Nursing Coursework ¹	41-42
BSN Major Courses	
NUR 3164 Introduction to Nursing Research and Informatics	3
NUR 3805 Dimensions of Professional Practice	3
NUR 4286 Gerontology and End of Life Care	3
NUR 4775 Applications in Evidence-based Practice for BSNs	3
NUR 4827 Leadership and Management in Healthcare	3
NUR 4837 Healthcare Policy, Advocacy, and the Political Process	3
NUR 4895 Education Principles for Nursing Professionals	3
NURC 3069 Advanced Health Assessment	2
NURC 3636 Community Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	3
NURC 4945 BSN Directed Study Capstone or NURC 4955 BSN Directed Study Capstone Study Abroad	3
Electives	
Select five credits from the following:	5
HSA 3111 US Healthcare Systems	
HSA 3191 Healthcare Automation and Technology	
HSA 3223 Management of Long-Term Care Facilities	
HSA 3502 Healthcare Risk Management	
HSA 3702 Healthcare Research	
HSA 4553 Ethics in Healthcare	
HSC 3661 Therapeutic Communication	
ISC 3523 Applied Scientific Thinking	
NURC 2650 Transcultural and Community Health Nursing Study Abroad	
Total Credit Hours	120-121

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Students must have completed their AS or AAS in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution and passed their NCLEX to be awarded the Nursing coursework.

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These courses are the program's common program prerequisites and are pending approval by the FLDOE (Oct. 2022). These courses must be completed before being admitted to the 3000 and 4000 level coursework. No substitutions can be made for common program prerequisites.

Note: Successfully complete the Florida foreign language requirement; see "Foreign Language Requirement" in the Associate of Arts section. Foreign Language taken at the college level does not satisfy the General Education credits.

Note: Pursuant to Section 1007.25, F.S., beginning with students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university in the 2018-2019 school year or thereafter, each student must demonstrate competency in civic literacy.

Learning Outcomes: Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- Correlate the professional nurse's ethical responsibility and accountability with improved patient outcomes.
 - Supports Core Ability: Model Ethical and Civic Responsibility
- Validate the importance of knowledge and skills in information management and patient care technology critical to patient care.
 - Supports Core Ability: Process Information
- Assess virtual patient(s) using a systematic head-to-toe assessment and mental status evaluation with modifications appropriate for client's age, developmental level, culture, and psychosocial status.
 - Supports Core Ability: Think Critically and Solve Problems
- Evaluate the financial impacts of policies, laws, and regulations imposed by government agencies, private sector insurers, and institutions in the current healthcare environment on nursing care (including cultural, social, and diversity impacts).
 - Supports Core Ability: Process Information
- Evaluate the importance of culturally competent teaching for health promotion, disease prevention, and population health.
 - Supports Core Ability: Communicate Effectively
- Integrate relationships between cultures and communities.
 - Supports Core Ability: Work Cooperatively
- Incorporate professional communication skills, attitudes, values, and expectations about physical and mental aging in the provision of interprofessional patient-centered care for older adults and their families.
 - Supports Core Ability: Model Ethical and Civic Responsibility
- Critique a current evidence-based practice for improving quality of care initiated within a hospital environment.
 - Supports Core Ability: Think Critically and Solve Problems
- Plan safe, quality, and culturally sensitive care for patients and families supported by scientific evidence.
 - Supports Core Ability: Think Critically and Solve Problems
- Conduct comprehensive and focused physical, behavioral, psychological, spiritual, socioeconomic, and environmental assessments of health and illness parameters.
 - Supports Core Ability: Think Critically and Solve Problems