NURSING - RN TO BSN (BSN)

Previous Degree Required: A.S./AAS Nursing
Eligible for Financial Aid: Yes
Delivery Method(s): Online
Location(s): Online
Additional Limited Access Application Process Required: Yes
Program Testing Requirements: Successful completion of the NCLEX-RN
Academic Community: HSCI
Program Code: RNBS
Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 51.3801
Florida Department of Education CIP Code: 1105138012

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. Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the Eastern Florida State College RN to BSN baccalaureate degree program's online coursework accommodates the varying needs of both traditional full-time students and working adults. The program is designed for RNs holding an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing.

Curriculum and coursework build upon students' fundamental nursing knowledge and skills and allow them the opportunity to expand beyond the clinical aspect of nursing. 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.

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.
- Clear and unencumbered Florida Nursing license.

Course Requirements: Students will complete 120 credit hours of coursework including transferable Associate degree in Nursing courses as follows:

- 41 credit hours of transferred Associate degree coursework
- 45 credit hours of transferred General Education Requirements
- 29 credit hours of BSN Major Courses
- 5 credit hours of Elective coursework

Click on the Program of Study tab for course requirements.

General Education Requirement: Students are required to complete 36 hours of general education courses. BSN students should follow the general education requirements courses as listed in the program. These courses satisfy all five areas required by the State. As of 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. Students should also be aware of the Foreign Language and Civic Literacy graduation requirements. .

Other courses: Students entering the program with an Applied Science degree may need to complete additional technical electives or general education courses. Technical electives are 1000 and 2000 level courses in a related area. Students entering the program with an A.S. degree may already have this requirement completed depending on the focus of their

A.S. degree. Students will work with a bachelor's advisor to determine the courses best suited to their plan of study.

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education Requirements		
BSCC 1010	General Biology 1 [1]	4
BSCC 2093	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 [1]	4
BSCC 2094	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 [1]	4
ENC 1101	Composition 1	3
ENC 1102	Composition 2	3
MAC 1105	College Algebra [1]	3
MCBC 2010	Microbiology for Health Sciences [1]	4
PSY 2012	General Psychology 1	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		
RN Major Courses [2]		41
BSN Major Courses		
NURC 3069	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURC 3079	System-based Practices	2
NURC 3164	Introduction to Nursing Research and Informatics	3
NURC 3636	Community Health Nursing Across the Lifespan	3
NURC 3805	Dimensions of Professional Practice	3
NURC 4775	Applications in Evidence-based Practice for BSNs	3
NURC 4827	Leadership and Management in Healthcare	3
NUR 4837	Healthcare Policy, Advocacy, and the Political Process	3
NURC 4895	Education Principles for Nursing Professionals	3
NURC 4945	BSN Directed Study Capstone	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	
Total Credit Hours		**120**

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In accordance with Florida Statute and Florida Administrative
 Code, students must
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  Satisfy the foreign language competency requirement
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- Satisfy the `Civic Literacy Graduation Requirement`.

1 These courses are the common program prerequisites. These courses must be completed before being admitted to the 3000 and 4000 level coursework. No substitutions can be made for common program pre-requisites.

2 Students must have completed their A.S. or AAS in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution and passed their NCLEX to be awarded the Nursing coursework. If the degree was not taken at EFSC, student will be awarded equivalent ADN credits with a grade of "S".

Course Sequence

This is the required sequence for taking courses in this degree. Using this guide and meeting with your assigned advisor each term is the key to successful program completion.

Please note that course prerequisites, including required developmental math, reading, or writing, need to be completed to continue on to the more advanced course. Click on the course number to see the requirements.

The RN to BSN program has start dates in the fall, spring, and summer terms. Click the links below to view the completion plans for the BSN Nursing Major Courses, both full time and part time attendance. Courses must be completed in the sequence shown.

Students must also complete the 45 credits of General Education and 41 credits for the ADN major courses. (See the Program of Study page.)

- Full Time RN to BSN Completion Plan Fall Start
- Full Time RN to BSN Completion Plan Spring Start
- Full Time RN to BSN Completion Plan Summer Start
- Part Time RN to BSN Completion Plan Fall Start
- Part Time RN to BSN Completion Plan Spring Start
- Part Time RN to BSN Completion Plan Summer Start

Learning Outcomes

1. Correlate the professional nurse's ethical responsibility and accountability with improved patient outcomes.
   - *Core Ability Supported: Model Ethical and Civic Responsibility*
2. Validate the importance of knowledge and skills in information management and patient care technology critical to patient care.
   - *Core Ability Supported: Process Information*
3. 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.
   - *Core Ability Supported: Think Critically and Solve Problems*
4. 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).
   - *Core Ability Supported: Process Information*
5. Evaluate the importance of culturally competent teaching for health promotion, disease prevention, and population health.
   - *Core Ability Supported: Communicate Effectively*
6. Integrate relationships between cultures and communities.
   - *Core Ability Supported: Work Cooperatively*
7. 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.
   - *Core Ability Supported: Model Ethical and Civic Responsibility*
8. Critique a current evidence-based practice for improving quality of care initiated within a hospital environment.
   - *Core Ability Supported: Think Critically and Solve Problems*
9. Plan safe, quality, and culturally sensitive care for patients and families supported by scientific evidence.
   - *Core Ability Supported: Think Critically and Solve Problems*
10. Conduct comprehensive and focused physical, behavioral, psychological, spiritual, socioeconomic, and environmental assessments of health and illness parameters.
    - *Core Ability Supported: Think Critically and Solve Problems*
11. Incorporate professional communication skills, attitudes, values, and expectations in the provision of interprofessional patient-centered care across the lifespan.
    - *Core Ability Supported: Model Ethical and Civic Responsibility*

Nursing RN-BSN Admission Requirements

1. Submit an application for admission to the bachelor's program at EFSC and pay applicable fees.
   a. For information about applying for admission to Eastern Florida State College, visit the Admissions website.
   b. Applying and paying fees does not guarantee admission to the program
2. Submit an additional application to the BSN program, as it is limited access
   - RN to BSN application deadlines
3. Student must hold an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing (ASN) from a regionally accredited institution.
   - EFSC nursing students may be in their graduating semester when applying provided they will have their Florida Registered Nursing license prior to taking any NUR or NURC, 3000 or 4000 level courses.
4. Student must have an active, clear, and unencumbered Florida Nursing license or an anticipated NCLEX-RN testing date.
   - Hard copy not required; applicants must enter the license number and expiration date into EFSC's online admissions application. If an EFSC nursing student is in the graduating semester of their ADN program they may enter the anticipated NCLEX testing date.
5. Student must submit all official, final transcripts from all prior colleges attended to be sent to:

   Office of the Registrar
   Eastern Florida State College
   1519 Clearlake Rd
   Cocoa, FL 32922

Specific admission requirements are listed on the Programs and Admission Requirements chart.

Visit the program page for more details and how to apply.

Nursing RN-BSN Graduation Requirements

Responsibility for meeting the requirements for graduation with the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree rests with the student. To be awarded the degree from Eastern Florida State College a student must do the following:

Visit the How to Apply to Graduate website for more information.

1. File a *graduation application* and pay the graduation fee.
    a. Applications submitted after the published deadline will incur a late fee.
2. Complete all admission requirements, including the submission of all necessary transcripts, testing, and other required documents.
3. Satisfactorily complete the prescribed course of study totaling at least 120 credit hours:
    a. Complete the 36 credits of General Education Requirements. Honors sections of general education courses will satisfy this program requirement.
    b. Complete all prescribed courses in the Curriculum list.
4. Complete at least 25% (30 credits) of the credit hours required for the degree through traditional instruction at EFSC.
    a. A maximum of 45 credits may be in any combination of articulated credits earned through mechanisms such as Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), credit-by-examination, credit for licensure or certification, etc.
5. Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
6. College developmental courses, audited courses, clock hour courses, and continuing education courses are not applicable toward credits for the BSN degree.
7. Complete all coursework with a final grade. Students with a grade of "I - Incomplete" will not be processed for graduation until a final grade is posted.
    a. For graduation in the term of application, the final grade must be posted within the first three weeks of the following term. If the final grade is not posted within the first three weeks of the following term, student must reapply and repay for graduation in the term they complete all requirements. Student may request through the instructor to have the "I" converted to a permanent "F" if the course is not required to graduate.
8. Satisfy the general education and Core course requirements.
9. Satisfy the foreign language competency requirement.
10. Satisfy the civic literacy competency requirement.
11. Remove all financial obligations to the college.

Student should be aware of their Governing Catalog