

Associate of Science in Nursing Program Code 2127 (Generic-RN)

Program Description: The Associate of Science Degree in Nursing is designed to prepare the student for a career as a registered nurse. The mission of the Broward College Nursing Program is to prepare competent, compassionate, and culturally sensitive entry-level nursing graduates whose professional practice encompasses legal and ethical decision making. The Department of Nursing is committed to providing a nursing program that is accessible to a diverse community of learners. Delivered by a dedicated Faculty, the program provides a collaborative teaching-learning environment to promote critical thinking, lifelong learning, and positive role in a changing and global society across the lifespan. The program is committed to accomplishing this mission through the use of effective and diverse instructional methods that encompass both traditional as well as technology-based strategies.

The Nursing Program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), and holds membership in both the Associate Degree Council of the National League for Nursing and the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (N-OADN). The Florida Board of Nursing mailing address is 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257. www.doh.state.fl.us. ACEN is located at 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326. www.acen.org.

The student who has met all educational and institutional requirements for an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing from Broward College is eligible to have his/her name submitted to the Florida Board of Nursing to be considered as a candidate for the National Council Licensure Examination for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). The Florida Board of Nursing is the state agency authorized to determine if the applicant qualifies to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse in Florida. For licensure requirements, refer to sections 464.008 and 464.009, Florida Statutes (F. S.), Rules 64B9-3.002 and 3.008, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

Career Pathway: Health Sciences

Program Entrance Requirements: Admission to the college does not guarantee admission into the program. Students are required to complete a supplemental application and meet specific criteria. There are a limited number of students admitted to the program each year. Please refer to the Health Science Admissions information included in Appendix C of the catalog for specific admissions requirements. Students can also access admissions requirements online at www.broward.edu/healthsciences

Admission into the Generic-RN option begins every August, January and May. Sessions are 8 weeks in length except the Summer Term, which is 6 weeks. The Generic-RN Nursing Program length is 18 months.

After acceptance into the Nursing Program, students are required to complete a Medical History and Physical Examination. Acceptance is provisional based upon the approved health evaluation documents. Students are also required to provide a satisfactory criminal background check and HHS/OIG clearance and drug screening.

Ability to meet the Performance Standards for the Nursing Program to insure the safety of both the student and the patient(s) under their care. Students must be able to meet Performance Standards to enter and remain in the program.

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Additional Program Information: The Nursing Program offers two program options for the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing: The Generic Option and the LPN-RN Transition Option. Both program options are offered in the traditional classroom setting and the generic program is also offered online.

The Generic Option is for applicants who have no previous nursing education. The LPN-RN Transition Option is for students who already hold a current Florida Practical Nursing License without restrictions. The LPN-RN Transition program recognizes the Florida Licensed Practical Nurses' knowledge and skill level, and provides experiential learning credits for Nursing Process I/II (Fundamentals of Nursing) and the specialty lab nursing courses.

The Generic Online Option offers the nursing program theory as a hybrid method of delivery for courses and requires on campus meetings for orientations, labs, instruction, and proctored exams. Students enrolled in the online nursing courses must be able to attend clinical experiences in Broward County and come to campus for exams and lab activities.

The nursing program combines studies in general education and nursing education at the college with selected clinical experiences in hospitals and other community facilities. The program consists of 72 credits. There are 56 hours of clinical practicum for each credit and 16 hours of theory for each credit. Generic students attend 1008 hours of clinical. LPN-RN Transition students attend 728 hours of clinical.

Clinical hours are a combination of nursing experiences in acute care settings and high fidelity patient simulation experiences. Students are also provided the opportunity to develop their nursing knowledge and skills in the nursing skills lab to prepare them for nursing practice. All clinical hours are mandatory and it is expected that students will have made arrangements to meet the total required hours. All nursing students must have internet access and the capability to perform basic computer skills.

After admission, students are required to complete certificate courses; CAE0216 (HIV/AIDS), CAE0660 (TB/OSHA/Hepatitis), CAE0062 (CPR Basic Life Support American Heart Association approved), CAE0441 (Domestic Violence), CAE0528 (Prevention of Medical Errors), and CAE0644 (Florida Laws & Rules for Nursing and Respiratory Care). All Certificates are to have Florida Board of Nursing (FBN) approval shown by FBN number. The due dates for the forms/certificates are given in the mandatory, general orientation meeting that is discussed in the acceptance letter provided to students.

Related Industry Certifications: Upon completing this program, graduates will be eligible to have their name submitted to the Florida Board of Nursing to be considered as a candidate for the National Council Licensure Examination for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN).

Location(s): General Education courses can be taken at any college location. The Nursing Program is offered on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, the Judson A. Samuels South Campus and the North Campus. On initial registration for the first nursing courses, the student may select the campus site they want to attend for the duration of the program. Once a campus is selected, all courses are taken on selected campus. Any requests for transfer of campus must be approved by the associate dean.

Contact information: Program contact information can be found at www.broward.edu/academics/programs/nursing/Pages/default.aspx

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General Education Credit Hours	16
ENC1101 English Composition I	3
BSC2085 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BSC2085L Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1
Mathematics*	3
Humanities	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3
 Core Requirements Credit Hours	 11
BSC2086 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BSC2086L Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
MCB2010 Microbiology*	3
MCB2010L Microbiology Lab	1
HSC1149 Pharmacology	2
MTB1370 Math Topics for Health Related Professions	1
 Program Specific Credit Hours	 45
<i>Session 1</i>	
NUR1020 Nursing Process I	3
NUR1020L Nursing Process Clinical Lab	2
<i>Session 2</i>	
NUR1210 Nursing Process II	3
NUR1210L Nursing Process II Clinical Lab	2
<i>Session 3</i>	
NUR1220 Health Alterations I	3
NUR1220L Health Alterations I Clinical Lab	2
<i>Session 4</i>	
NUR1421 Health Care of Women	3
NUR1421L Health Care of Women Clinical Lab	2
<i>Session 5</i>	
NUR1520 Nursing Care of the Psychiatric Patient	3
NUR1520L Nursing Care of the Psychiatric Patient Clinical Lab	2
<i>Session 6</i>	
NUR1310 Pediatric Nursing	3
NUR1310L Pediatric Nursing Clinical Lab	2
<i>Session 7</i>	
NUR2221 Health Alterations II	3
NUR2221L Health Alterations II Clinical Lab	2
<i>Session 8</i>	
NUR2222 Health Alterations III	3
NUR2222L Health Alterations III Clinical Lab	2
<i>Session 9</i>	
NUR2811 Trends, Practices and Roles	3
NUR2811L Trends, Practices and Roles Clinical Lab	2
 Total Program Credit Hours	 72

Note: Many courses have specific pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements that must be followed. Students are encouraged to consult the Course Information Table for a detailed list of all requisite requirements.

***The General Education Mathematics course may have a required prerequisite of MAT1033/STA1001. MCB2010 also has a required prerequisite of CHM1032. The Math prerequisite of MAT1033/STA1001 and the CHM1032 are not included in the overall program credit hours and therefore students may not be eligible for Federal Financial Aid for this specific pre-requisite courses.**