Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Where would students find information about all the nursing program requirements?

- > By visiting the department websites and the links contained within the websites:
 - Health Sciences https://www.broward.edu/academics/health-sciences/index.html
 - ❖ Admissions: https://www.broward.edu/academics/health-sciences/nursing/index.html
 - Nursing Program: https://www.broward.edu/academics/health-sciences/nursing/index.html
- By scheduling an appointment to meet an academic advisor: http://www.broward.edu/studentresources/advising/Pages/default.aspx
 - North Campus: Bldg. 46; Rm. 242; phone 954-201-2305
 - Central Campus: Bldg. 19; Rm. 116; phone 954-201-6528
 - South Campus: Bldg. 68; Rm. 213; phone 954-201-8875
- By previewing the Nursing Program sheet located at: http://www.broward.edu/academics/programs/Program%20Sheet%20Library/2127.pdf
- > By contacting the Nursing Department office at:
 - ❖ North Campus 954-201-2350, Bldg 41
 - Central Campus 954-201-6851, Bldg 08
 - ❖ South Campus 954-201-8850, Bldg 72
- By contacting the admission department for Health Sciences:
 - North Campus, Building 46, Telephone 954-201-2892, spubien@broward.edu
 - Central Campus, Building 08, Telephone: 954-201-6056, nhowell@broward.edu or adean1@broward.edu

What are the ramifications of failing a drug screening of a background?

An unsatisfactory Level II FBI background check and/or drug screen may delay the admission process and lead to possible ineligibility for admission into the nursing program. Dependent upon the type and time of an incident, per Florida State Board of Nursing web site and clinical agencies, mandates may be subject to further scrutiny. Individuals who fail to meet the requirements of the screenings and are deemed ineligible for enrollment would be required to drop the courses and will be terminated from the program.

Before you apply FAQs

How and where do students submit the application for nursing admission consideration?

Students can submit their Limited Access Application by visiting:

https://www.broward.edu/admissions/health-science.html, and clicking on Step 3 to complete the Health Science Limited Access Application.

Applications are routed to advising for a signature and then to Health Science Admissions for processing.

What types of Program options are available in the Registered Nursing Program?

There are two entry-level programs into Nursing for a Registered Nurse.

- 1. Generic Nursing Program (Full-time and Part-time options)
- 2. LPN-RN Transition Nursing Program.

Each of these entry level paths establishes students eligible to apply with the State Board of Nursing for approval to sit for the State Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN).

Does Broward College offer a part-time Nursing program?

Yes. Classes are conveniently offered with theory courses one (1) evening per week and clinical lab courses offered on the weekend, either Saturday or Sunday.

What is the length of the program?

The Generic program is five (5) semesters in length. It is considered a two-year curriculum consisting of 22 academic months. The LPN-RN Transition Program is five (5) semesters in length, consisting of 17 academic months. **The** part-time generic program is 10 semesters in length.

What are the options of delivery methods for the Nursing Program?

Traditional classroom, blended, and during an emergency, classes are offered remotely.

Does Broward College offer an on-line nursing program?

Currently, Broward College does not offer an on-line nursing program

When can I apply to the Nursing Program?

The <u>Generic Program admission</u> is three (3) times a year for each term August, January, May. Dates in table below:

Application Dates for the Generic Program			
Term Application Submission Dates			
Term 1 Fall (August Admission)	March 28 to May 30		
Term 2 Spring (January Admission)	July 15 to September 17		
Term 3 Summer (May Admission)	November 1 to February 14		

The **LPN-RN Transitional Program admission** is one (1) time a year in Summer Term, May. Date is in table below.

The application period for the LPN-RN Transition Program is Open Ended. The May Open-Ended Application Period means that students are allowed to submit an application for consideration to the LPN-RN Transition Program until all available seats are filled.

Application Date for the LPN-RN Transition Program		
Term Application Submission Dates		
Term 3 Summer (May Admission)	March 18	

The <u>Generic Part Time Program admission</u> is one (1) time a year in Spring Term, January. Date is in table below:

Application Date for the Generic Part Time Program		
Term Application Submission Dates		
Term 2 Spring (January PT Admission)	July 15 to September 17	

What are the requirements to apply to the Generic RN (ADN) Program?

Admissions requirements for the Associate of Science in Nursing program can be found online at:

https://www.broward.edu/admissions/ docs/admissions-criteria-january-update-2019-to-2020.pdf

What are the requirements to apply to the LPN-RN Transition nursing program?

The LPN applying to the LPN-RN Transition nursing program option requires a current Florida Practical Nurse License (LPN), without restriction/obligations/public complaint. The requirements are the same admission requirements for the LPN-RN Transition program as it is for the generic ADN program. All applications are subject to current admission requirements.

If a student previously applied to the nursing program, will they be required to pay the \$20 application fee again if students re-submit the application for nursing admission consideration?

Students only pay a one-time application fee

Can students submit their application for admission to a health science program prior to completing the program's pre-requisites?

No. Students who submit their application prior to completing the pre-requisites, or before passing the HESI exam, will not be considered for admission.

Is there a required entrance test for the Nursing Program?

Yes. The required test is the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Test. Students are required to test on Reading, Grammar, Vocabulary, Math, and A&P. 80% or higher is required on all sections.

Testing can be scheduled by visiting: https://www.registerblast.com/browardcentral/Exam/List. You must have a Broward College Student ID number to register.

For further information call 954 201 6134 or email hesi-testing@broward.edu

HESI Testing Fees can be found here: https://www.broward.edu/admissions/testing-fees.html

Can students defer their seat for admission to the next available admission?

No. Students cannot defer their seat. If a student cannot attend the semester they were accepted for, they will have to reapply for a future semester. Reapplying to the program does not guarantee readmission.

How are students selected for the program?

Please visit the Nursing Admissions Criteria page for the specific selection information for nursing.

Is there a waiting list for the Nursing Program?

No. There is no wait-list. Students who are not selected for a specific class in the Nursing program must re-apply in order to be considered for the next incoming class.

Where is the Nursing Program Located?

The Full Time Nursing program is offered on the 3 major campus sites. The North Campus located in Coconut Creek (building 41), Central Campus located in Davie (building 8), and South Campus located in Pembroke Pines (building 72). The Part Time Nursing program is offered on our North Campus in Coconut Creek.

When does the Nursing Program Start?

The Generic RN program starts every term (August, January, and May). The LPN-RN program only begins in May (Summer term). The Part-time Generic program begins every January (Spring term). The official start dates for the terms are located on the Broward College Web Calendar with link to "Calendars"

Who could a student contact for further needed questions about nursing program?

Contact the Health Science Admissions representative at 954-201-6056 or email nhowell@broward.edu. You can also email healthscience@broward.edu.

After you've applied FAQs

How will I know the status of my application?

Application status can be monitored on the students <u>myBC</u> account. To login, please visit <u>www.broward.edu</u> and click on login in the upper right-hand corner with your student ID and password. Select myBC and then select "Limited Access Application Status."

Students selected for the program will be notified by the admissions department via their BC e-mail account within 30 business days after the application deadline date. Students selected will be required to respond to the e-mail notice to accept or decline the admission by deadline date provided in the email. Failure to reply with any response will forfeit the considered seat for admission and will require students to reapply for the next available admission.

What happens if I am not accepted?

Students who are not accepted in a particular term, can reapply by submitting another application during the designated application period to be considered for admission. The \$20 application fee will not be charged for students who have already paid the fee. All students who reapply are subject to the current admissions criteria.

What must I do if I am accepted?

Follow the instructions contained within the acceptance e-mail sent to you by the Admissions Department. The e-mail communication will inform students of a required, pre-admissions orientation session. At this <u>mandatory admission orientation</u>, the required information will be provided to all students to complete, such as the criminal background, drug screening which is done through American Databank; physical examination with immunization verification; certificates and registration for courses.

See the **Health Science Program & Policies** section of the College Catalog.

About Nursing Program FAQs

What is the curriculum schedule for Nursing Program like?

The table below is the layout of Nursing Program Curriculum

Associate of Science Degree in Nursing Generic Program

FIRST SEMESTER	CREDIT	FIRST SEMESTER	CREDIT
HSC 1149 Pharmacology NUR 1020 Nursing Process NUR 1020L Nursing Process I Clinical Lab MTB 1370 Math for Health Care Professionals	2 3 2 1	NUR 1210 Nursing Process II NUR 1210L Nursing Process II Clinical Lab	3 2
SECOND SEMESTER		SECOND SEMESTER	
NUR 1220 Health Alterations I NUR 1220L Health Alterations I Clinical Lab	3 2	NUR 1421 Health Care of Women NUR 1421L Health Care of Women Clinical	3 2
THIRD SEMESTER		THIRD SEMESTER	
NUR 1524 Nursing Care of the Psychiatric Patient NUR 1524L Nursing Care of the Psychiatric Patient Clinical Lab	3 2	No Courses	
FOURTH SEMESTER		FOURTH SEMESTER	
NUR 1310 Pediatric Nursing NUR 1310L Pediatric Nursing Clinical Lab	3 2	NUR 2221 Health Alterations II NUR 2221L Health Alterations II Clinical Lab	3 2
FIFTH SEMESTER		FIFTH SEMESTER	
NUR 2222 Health Alterations III NUR 2222L Health Alterations III Clinical Lab	3 2	NUR 2811 Trends, Practices and Roles NUR 2811L Trends, Practices and Roles Clinical Lab	3 2

Associate of Science Degree in Nursing, LPN-RN Transition

FIRST SEMESTER	CREDIT	FIRST SEMESTER	CREDIT
HSC 1149 Pharmacology MTB 1370 Math for Health Care Professionals	2	NUR 2000 Nursing Transition 1 NUR 2000L Nursing Process I Clinical Lab	2 2
SECOND SEMESTER		SECOND SEMESTER	
NUR 1220 Health Alterations I NUR 1220L Health Alterations I Clinical Lab	3 2	NUR 1421 Health Care of Women NUR 1400L Health Care of Women Clinical	3
THIRD SEMESTER		THIRD SEMESTER	
NUR 1524 Nursing Care of the Psychiatric Patient NUR 1500L Nursing Care of the Psychiatric Patient Clinical Lab	3 1	No Courses	
FOURTH SEMESTER		FOURTH SEMESTER	
NUR 1310 Pediatric Nursing NUR 1304L Pediatric Nursing Clinical Lab	3 1	NUR 2221 Health Alterations II NUR 2221L Health Alterations II Clinical Lab	3 2
FIFTH SEMESTER		FIFTH SEMESTER	
NUR 2222 Health Alterations III NUR 2222L Health Alterations III Clinical Lab	3 2	NUR 2801 Trends, Practices and Roles NUR 2801L Trends, Practices and Roles Clinical Lab	3 2

Will I be attending clinical rotations in local hospitals or other health care agencies as part of my course requirements?

Yes. As part of the clinical practicum curriculum, you will be required to attend several clinical rotations at various Broward County Health Care Agencies. The clinical agencies vary with the campus location you are registered for the nursing program.

Which hospitals partner with Broward College Nursing Program offer clinical experience?

Broward College Nursing Program partners with Broward County clinical agencies/hospitals for clinical experience. Clinical Courses are usually offered at hospitals in the campus location registered. North, Central and South campuses utilize HCA-East FL Division, Broward Health System, Memorial HealthCare System, TENET, Cleveland Clinic, Kindred Hospital, Wellpath Recovery Solution, Larkins Community Hospital, Plantation Nursing Rehabilitation and Holy Cross Hospital.

Can students work while completing the nursing program?

In the part-time program, students are able to maintain a full-time job while attending classes at night and on the weekends. For the full-time program, the decision should be made by the student based on the demands of the program.

Can a student start the Nursing program at one campus and take subsequent term courses at another campus?

No, Students will continue to enroll for nursing classes at the campus they attended during their first semester in the nursing program.

What is the approximate total cost of the program - including tuition, books, uniforms, supplies, special fees, etc.?

The total cost of the nursing program is estimated to be approximately \$12,506.02 for in-state residents and \$29,813.32 for out-of-state generic program applicants. The LPN-RN Transition program total cost of the program is estimated to be approximately \$11,003.95 for in-state residents and \$27,356.25 for out-of-state applicants.

What is the estimated cost of the nursing program?

Associate of Science Degree in Nursing

Estimation of Fees for Program

Costs are subject to change

Application Fees Broward College Health Programs - Limited Access Total	In-State Fees \$35.00 \$20.00 \$55.00	Out-of-State Fees \$35.00 \$20.00 \$55.00
Miscellaneous Fees Complio (American Databank) Total	In-State Fees \$166.00 \$166.00	Out-of-State Fees \$166.00 \$166.00
Continuing Education Required Courses CAE 0616 HIV/AIDS CAE 0663 TB/OSHA/Hep CAE 0062 CPR/ Basic Life Support CAE 0615 Domestic Violence CAE 0617 Prevention of Medical Errors CAE 0657 Florida Law & Rules Total	\$40.00 \$60.00 \$100.00 \$27.00 \$27.00 \$27.00 \$281.00	Out-of-State Fees \$40.00 \$60.00 \$100.00 \$27.00 \$27.00 \$27.00 \$281.00
Pre-Requisite Courses 14 Credit Hours	In-State Fees \$1,650.60	Out-of-State Fees \$5,222.00
General Education Courses Required 13 Credit Hours	In-State Fees \$1,532.70	Out-of-State Fees \$4,849.00
Nursing Credit Courses Tuition - Generic Program 45 Credit Hours plus lab fees Total	In-State Fees \$6,365.40 \$6,365.40	Out-of-State Fees \$16,785.00 \$16,785.00
Tuition - LPN Transition Program 36 Credit Hours Lab User Fees / Liability / Accident - LPN Transition Total	\$4,244.40 \$899.93 \$5,144.33	\$13,428.00 \$899.93 \$14,327.93

Books & Supplies In-State Fees Out-of-State Fees
Books \$1,972.00 \$1,972.00

 Supplies
 \$412.82
 \$412.82

 Total
 \$2,384.82
 \$2,384.82

Exam & Licensure In-State Fees Out-of-State Fees

Exam A2 Evolve Assessment by HESI \$70.50 \$70.50

Total ExpensesIn-State FeesOut-of-State FeesTotal Generic Program\$12,506.02\$29,813.32Total LPN - RN Transition Program\$11,003.95\$27,356.25

How many credits are in the program?

You must complete - with a grade of "C" or above - 72 credits to be awarded the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing.

What type of degree would I receive at the completion of the Broward College Nursing Program?

You will be awarded an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing.

Are scholarships available?

Yes. The <u>Student Financial Services office</u> located on each campus can offer financial counseling to you and may be able to provide needed funds.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available in which a local hospital will pay your tuition and costs in return for service after graduation a job is provided at the health care institution providing the scholarship/sponsorship.

Are uniforms required?

Yes. There is a required lab uniform for all clinical/laboratory sessions which is available for purchase at the bookstore. Prior to attending clinicals, you will be required to purchase uniforms through the College bookstores.

Do I need to take a licensing examination after I graduate?

Yes. To practice nursing in the State of Florida, you must have a Registered Nurse RN license.

What salary can I expect after I graduate?

High Earning Potential – average entry-level salary in Broward County \$52,250 (Source: EmployFlorida.com)

Can this curriculum be used to further my education towards a bachelors or master's degree in nursing?

Yes. The Associate of Science Degree curriculum provides some of the needed prerequisites required for admission with the Associate of Science degree in Nursing and your Registered Nurse (RN) License into a post-licensure baccalaureate nursing program. The Broward College RN-BSN program is cost-effective and offers multiple delivery options. Please check with the university of interest for specific admission requirements.

Is the program accredited?

Yes. The Associate of Science Degree in Nursing Program offered by Broward College located in Ft. Lauderdale, FL is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, or call (404) 975-5000 and approved by the Florida Board of Nursing (FBN). Broward College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Broward College

Does Broward College offer the continuing education courses required by the nursing program?

Yes. Information for the Health Science Continuing Education website click http://www.broward.edu/academics/ce/health/Pages/default.aspx

Does the program provide job placement services?

Yes, Broward College offers assistance with resume writing, interview preparation, soft skills certification and job placement through the <u>Career Centers</u>. Students and graduates can access career service professionals remotely or at one of our three main campuses and apply to current openings on the College's online <u>job board</u>. Additionally, Affiliation with local Health Care Systems offer sponsorship opportunities through the Broward Health Care System and the Memorial Health Care system that provide job placement for scholarship recipients in their clinical facilities.