

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Florida Atlantic University, a member of Florida's State University System, was established by legislative act in 1961 and went into operation in 1964. In addition to its original 850-acre campus in Boca Raton, FAU has campuses in Fort Lauderdale, Davie, Dania Beach, Jupiter, Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce. Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, FAU is currently serving 28,000 regularly enrolled, degree-seeking students through its 10 colleges. Florida Atlantic University provides affirmative action and equal opportunities in education and employment for all qualified persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability or veteran status.

CHRISTINE E. LYNN COLLEGE OF NURSING

The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing has a rich and impressive history that continues to be written today. In just over a quarter of a century, the college has grown to approximately 1,300 students enrolled in our BS, MS, DNP and PhD programs. The BS in Nursing program is endorsed by AHNCC. The new Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing building, located on FAU's Boca Raton campus, is a model facility that is in itself an expression of caring. The building design was guided by the college's caring philosophy and principles of the Chinese tradition of Feng Shui. In 2007, the building was the first College of Nursing building in the nation to achieve the prestigious LEED gold-level certification, meeting green building standards required for leadership in energy and environmental design. It features designated space where classes and practices in yoga, tai chi, mindfulness meditation, aromatherapy, healing touch, Reiki and other healing modalities are held. This unique building was created to help students understand and appreciate interconnectedness of health, healing and environment.

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Dean and Professor

Accredited by the Commission
on Collegiate Nursing Education

INFORMATION AND ADVISING

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Appointments are beneficial

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**BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE DEGREE**

**ACCELERATED
PROGRAM**

*“Committed to nurturing the wholeness of persons
and environment through caring”*

INTRODUCTION TO THE ACCELERATED BSN PROGRAM

The accelerated program is specifically designed for the student with a baccalaureate degree in another field who wants to become a registered nurse. This limited-access program is a fast-track to a professional nursing career. It is an intensive 12-month program of full-time academic study for motivated individuals looking for a challenging and stimulating career in nursing.

The program begins each May in the first summer session. Students complete 16 academic credits during the summer sessions 19 academic credits during the fall semester; and 20 academic credits during the spring semester. As a practice discipline, the professional nursing student's plan of study will include: approximately 20 nursing practice hours per week during the summer, approximately 26-30 nursing practice hours per week during the fall and spring semesters, in addition to classroom and online learning activities. Due to the intensity of the program, the College of Nursing strongly recommends that students refrain from working throughout the duration of the program.

Graduates of the accelerated BSN program are prepared to practice in a variety of settings, to continue the study of nursing at the graduate level and to advance a career in nursing through positions of increasing responsibility and leadership.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The **purpose** of the undergraduate program is to advance the study, understanding and professional practice of the discipline of nursing.

The **overall goal** of the undergraduate curriculum is to prepare graduates whose practice of nursing nurtures the wholeness of persons through caring in nursing situations in a variety of settings.

The **outcome objectives** of the program are that the graduate will be able to:

- Be a generalist in nursing practice.
- Use personal, empirical, ethical, aesthetic and other ways of knowing in responding critically and reflectively to calls within nursing situations.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the complexity of caring through social-cultural responsibility and accountability as a member.
- Create caring-healing environments through personal and professional leadership.
- Use systematic inquiry to make decisions about nursing practice, evaluate outcomes and contribute to nursing knowledge.

- Collaborate with persons, families, groups and colleagues in nursing and other disciplines to promote the well-being of the global community.
- Be prepared for pursuit of advanced study and life-long learning in nursing.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Must have a Bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA (this is the GPA calculated by awarding institution & does not include post-baccalaureate classes).

Background Check – a background check and drug screen are required after conditional acceptance to the program.

Completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better before the program starts. The prerequisites will be reviewed with program advisors for credit approval.

Prerequisite courses are:

- Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Lab*
- Microbiology with Lab*
- Nutrition
- Chemistry with Lab*
- College Algebra or equivalent*
- Statistics*
- Introduction Sociology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Human Growth & Development through Lifespan

All application material and procedures MUST be completed and turned in to the University and College by NOVEMBER 30.

NOTE: If there are more qualified applicants than available space, factors considered are:

- Pre-requisite science GPA (indicated by *)
- Current FAU undergraduate student status
- HESI test scores (80% or greater on all four exams)
- Other pertinent factors related to the professional role

For additional admission information and for application procedures, refer directly to the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing website, <http://nursing.fau.edu>. Refer to "Academic Programs" to access the "Undergraduate Accelerated" Program Page(s).

FINANCIAL AID FOR UNDERGRADUATES

In addition to Federal Student Aid available through the University, undergraduate students may also be eligible for additional nursing specific scholarships. Please refer to <http://nursing.fau.edu>, "Financial Aid and Scholarships" to identify what aid may be available each year and the application procedures.

ACCELERATED BSN CURRICULUM

Course	Credits
Year 1, Summer (16 credits)	
NUR 3115, Introduction to Nursing as a Discipline	3
NUR 3119, Nursing Situations: Health Assessment and Technological Caring	3
NUR 3119L, Nursing Situations in Practice: Health Assessment and Technological Caring	2
NUR 4125, General Pathophysiology	3
Or	
NGR 6141, Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR 3717, Nursing Situations in Professional Practice	3
NUR 3717L, Decision Making in Nursing Situations	2
Year 1, Fall Semester (19 credits)	
NUR 3145, Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NUR 3465, Nursing Situations with Women, Children and Families	4
NUR 3465L, Nursing Situations in Practice: Women, Children and Families	3
NUR 4525, Nursing Situations in Psychiatric & Mental Health Care	3
NUR 4535L, Nursing Situations in Practice: Psychiatric and Mental Health Care	1
NUR 4768, Nursing Situations in Aging, Chronic Illness Long-Term and End-of-Life Care	3
NUR 4768L, Nursing Situations in Practice: Older Adults and Persons in Long-Term and End-of-Life Care	2
Year 1, Spring Semester (20 credits)	
NUR 4638, Nursing Situations In Community	3
NUR 4638L, Nursing Situations In Practice: Community	2
NUR 4716, Nursing Situations: Caring for Adults Experiencing Acute Alterations in Health 2	3
NUR 4219L, Nursing Situations in Practice: Acute Care of Adults	3
NUR 4827, Introduction to Professional Nursing	3
NUR 4829L, Transition to Professional Practice Lab	3
NUR 4165, Nursing Research	3
Total	55 credits