

## 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 27,000 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

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE RN-BSN PROGRAM

"Committed to nurturing the wholeness of persons  
and environment through caring"



## INTRODUCTION TO THE RN-BSN PROGRAM

The RN to BSN program at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing is designed for the registered nurse who wants to pursue a baccalaureate degree.

This RN-BSN program is offered through multiple teaching methods (online, classroom, and/or a combination of both) and locations (Boca Raton, Treasure Coast and/or Davie) to accommodate students. Students decide which teaching methods fit their schedules. All RN-BSN courses are offered online so students can complete the entire curriculum by this method.

Graduates of the RN-BSN program are prepared to continue the study of nursing at the graduate level and to advance to nursing 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 undergraduate 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

A minimum GPA of 2.75.

**Background Check** – a background check is required for acceptance into the program. (Drug screens may also be required.)

Completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better and a total of 60 credits before the program starts. The prerequisites will be reviewed with program advisors for credit approval.

- Diploma Nurses with fewer than 60 credit hours, please call for advisement.
- Graduates of foreign nursing programs must have transcripts evaluated and translated. (Contact University admissions, [www.fau.edu/admissions/intltransfer.php](http://www.fau.edu/admissions/intltransfer.php))

**Pre-requisite courses** are:

- Anatomy & Physiology I and II with Lab
- Microbiology with Lab
- Nutrition
- Chemistry
- College Algebra or equivalent
- Statistics
- English Composition I and II
- General Education Humanities (6 hours)
- Introduction Sociology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Human Growth & Development through Lifespan

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 RN-BSN” 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.

## OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The College of Nursing adheres to graduation requirements for:

- CLAS
- Gordon Rule
- Foreign Language

When you meet with an advisor you will be informed about these requirements.

## RN-BSN CURRICULUM

Course	Credits
<b>Core (required) University Classes (9 credits)</b>	
Arts & Humanities Course (3000 or 4000 level)*	3
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Elective (3000 or 4000 level)	3
<b>Core (required) Nursing Courses (19 credits)</b>	
NUR 3115, Nursing as a Discipline and Profession**	3
NUR 4805, Nurse as a Scholar**	3
NUR 4165, Nursing Research ( <b>Note:</b> Prerequisite for this class is Statistics)	3
NUR 4607, Nursing Situations with Individuals, Families and Groups in Community	4
NUR 4836, Nursing Practice Leadership	3
NUR 4836L, Practicum in Integrative Nursing***	3
<b>Additional Nursing Classes (12 credits)</b>	
Nursing Electives (4 classes @ 3 credits each)	12
<b>Validated Credits (20 credits)</b>	
RNX 3997, RN Validated Credits	20
<b>(Note:</b> Validated Credits are awarded once all nursing course are completed successfully)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 credits</b>

\* These courses may be substituted with certain Nursing electives (you must check with an advisor for approved courses).

\*\* These classes are prerequisites to the remaining core courses, thus important to take first.

\*\*\*This course is intended to be the final course of the program and requires nursing practice hours, student malpractice insurance coverage of \$1-3 million, RN licensure, proof of health insurance, college health form and BLS certification.

**In order to be awarded a bachelor's degree, 30 hours of the coursework must be completed at FAU.**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR RN'S

### The “Bridge” Program

RN's who have a BA or BS degree in another field but are looking to progress to nursing at the graduate level may be able to “bridge” to the MS degree in nursing. For further information on the Bridge Program, refer to <http://nursing.fau.edu>, “Future Students — Academic Programs” and then “Graduate Programs” to access the Bridge Program page.