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.

Marlaine Smith, PhD, RN
Dean and Professor
Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

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8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Phone: 561.297.3887
Appointments are requested

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INTRODUCTION TO THE RN-BSN PROGRAM

The RN-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 learning styles and schedules. RN-BSN courses are offered online so students can complete the program by this method.

Graduates of the RN-BSN program are prepared to improve both patients outcomes and nursing practice, advance to nursing positions of increasing responsibility and leadership, and continue the study of nursing at the graduate level.

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 lifelong 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)

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
- Introduction Sociology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Human Growth & Development through Lifespan
- Foundations of Global Citizenship (6 hours)
- Foundations of Creative Expression (6 hours)

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

http://nursing.fau.edu/index.php?main=2&nav=493

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:

- Gordon Rule
- Foreign Language

In order to be awarded a bachelor’s degree, 30 hours of the coursework must be completed successfully.

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.