

PENSACOLA STATE — COLLEGE —

Registered Nurse to
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

RN-BSN
Information Packet

An Equal Access/Equal Opportunity Institution
Pensacola State College
Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing
5555 West Highway 98
Pensacola, Florida 32507

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General Information

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is designed to prepare graduates of Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) programs, *who already hold a Registered Nursing (RN) license*, with additional skills in management, leadership, theory, and research to succeed and be promoted within the nursing profession. BSN graduates will be qualified for supervisory jobs such as nurse managers and patient unit coordinators as well as develop advanced bedside clinical care and decision making.

Students enrolled in the RN-BSN program will be admitted with varying levels of experience and education. Admission is based on first qualified, first accepted. The curriculum is designed to be completed in two years of full-time study. Student will declare and progress in the program on a full-time or part-time schedule following a **three, four, or five semester curriculum track**. Student will designate their curriculum track on the Health Related Program Form. Under council of the BSN program coordinator or academic advisor a student may designate an individualized plan of study.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Submission of Pensacola State College Baccalaureate Application (\$30 non-refundable fee).
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in all postsecondary coursework.
- Graduate of a diploma or associate degree in nursing program that is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.
- Submission of valid, unencumbered RN license in practicing state.
- Submission of official transcripts from all colleges currently attending or previously attended.
- Submission of official high school transcripts, if required for documentation of foreign language requirement (completion of two consecutive years of one foreign language).

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM PROGRESSION

- Minimum grade of “C” in all co-requisites and prerequisites.
- Minimum grade of “C” in BSN level courses.
- Evidence of current certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Healthcare Provider (American Heart Association).
- Submission of Health Data Form prior to practicum experiences.
- Pass a criminal background check. Progression in the program will be contingent on a satisfactory background check
- Pass a urine drug screen. Progression in the program will be contingent on a negative drug screen.
- Current valid, unencumbered RN license in practicing state.

EXIT REQUIREMENTS

- Meet foreign language requirement prior to graduation or appropriate score on approved CLEP examination.
- Minimum grade of “C” in all BSN level courses.
- At least 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through the instruction offered by Pensacola State College.
- Satisfactory measures on Assessment of Student Educational Outcomes.

Pensacola State College RN to BSN Program Requirements

General Education Course Requirements.....Credit Hours

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3cr__
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3cr__
SYG 2000	Sociology	3cr__
DEP 2004	Human Growth & Development	3cr__
_____	Humanities*	3cr__
HUN 1201	Elements of Nutrition	3cr__
BSC 1093	Anatomy & Physiology I + Lab	4cr__
BSC 1094	Anatomy & Physiology II + Lab	4cr__
MCB 1000	Applied Microbiology + Lab	4cr__
Total Credit Hours.....		30

Articulated RN Credit Hours.....30

BSN Common Prerequisite Course Requirements.....Credit Hours

ENC1102	English Composition II	3cr__
_____	Literature*	3cr__
STA 2023	Statistics	3cr__
_____	Humanities*	3cr__
CHM 1045	General Chemistry I + Lab*	4cr__
_____	Computer Competence*	1cr__
_____	Oral Communication*	1cr__
Total Credit Hours.....		18

* Please see catalog for complete list of courses. CHM prefix is recommended.

BSN Course Requirements and Electives.....Credit Hours

NUR 3119	Professional Roles & Nursing Dimensions	3cr__
NUR 3955	Portfolio I	1cr__
NUR 3065	Health Assessment & Physical Appraisal	4cr__
NUR 3826	Legal & Ethical Issues in Nursing	3cr__
NUR 4165	Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3cr__
NUR 4616	Nursing Across the Lifespan	3cr__
NUR 4636	Nursing in Community Systems	3cr__
NUR 4636L	Nursing in Community Systems Practicum	1cr__
NUR 4889	Leadership & Management	3cr__
NUR 4889L	Leadership & Management Practicum	1cr__
NUR 4956	Portfolio II	1cr__
_____	Nursing Elective**	3cr__
_____	Nursing Elective**	3cr__

Total BSN Credit Hours.....32

Completion of BSN curriculum and portfolio review.....10

TOTAL CREDITS FOR BSN PROGRAM DEGREE.....120

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| <p>**Nursing Management Focus Electives:
 NUR 4837 Health Care Policy & Economics
 NUR 4827 Organizational Behavior
 NSP 3476 Infection Control
 NUR 4945L Specialized Focus Practicum</p> <p>**Nursing Clinical Focus Electives:
 NUR 3145 Pharmacology
 NUR 3125 Pathophysiology
 NSP 3476 Infection Control
 NUR 4945L Specialized Focus Practicum</p> |
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Who Can I Call If I Have Questions About The Program Or The Application Process?

Students are STRONGLY ADVISED to meet with an advisor before registering for any BSN Program classes.

Department	Telephone #	Importance
Director of Nursing Dusti Sluder 484-2253 dsluder@pensacolastate.edu		Students are strongly advised to meet with the Director of nursing regarding course substitutions.
Health Related Admissions Office Warrington Campus 484-2210		Information and application packets are available for all health related programs.
Academic Counseling Offices Warrington Campus 484-2270 Pensacola Campus 484-1630 Milton Campus..... 484-4410		Discuss academic concerns/options and/or answer career questions.
Admissions/Registrar Offices Warrington Campus. 484-2270 Pensacola Campus 484-1600 Milton Campus..... 484-4410		Submit your Pensacola State College application for admission at any campus. The Registrar's Office on the Pensacola Campus will verify that all transcripts and required documents are received.
Admission Specialist Sarah Lewis.....484-1605		Provides assistance regarding the documents required to finalize your admission into Pensacola State College's BSN program

Approximate Cost	
BSN Application Fee	\$ 30.00
Tuition – Upper Level Courses	
• FL Resident	\$113.64 per credit
• AL Resident	\$114.64 per credit
• Out-of-State Resident	\$428.32 per credit

In addition to tuition students may be assessed lab fees, books, and supplies as appropriate for each course. Additional expenditures specific to nursing courses include specialized equipment, uniforms, materials and supply fees for clinical and laboratory courses, and transportation for off-campus experiences. Course and pre-graduation achievement exams are required and paid for by the student. Fees are subject to change without notice. See college catalog for Financial Aid Programs.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Course Description

Course Number and Title	2011 Course Description
NUR 3119 Professional Roles and Dimensions of Nursing Practice (Core Course/Required)	Prerequisite: Admission to the BSN Program/Permission only. This course encompasses an introduction to the history, trends, issues, and evolution of the nursing profession. The course includes an overview of selected nursing theorists and professional nursing practice in the changing health care delivery system. Opportunities will be presented that provide for the development of further socialization into the professional role of nursing. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 3955 Portfolio I (Core course/Required)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119. This course will introduce the student to the development of an electronic professional portfolio. The course will provide the student the opportunity to assume the responsibility for personal and professional growth as a lifelong learner. 15 contact hours. 1 c.c.
NUR 3065 Health Assessment and Physical Appraisal (Core Course/Required)	Prerequisites or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. This course focuses on client assessment, health risks and formation of nursing diagnoses and health teaching. Emphasis is on the process of client interaction and use of appraisal skills in the collection of bio-psychosocial data across the life span. Students will be required to complete a physical assessment component. 75 contact hours. 4 c.c.
NUR 4165 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (Core Course/Required)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, STA 2023 or equivalent, NUR 3955. This course is an overview of the skills needed to read, understand, evaluate, and use nursing research. This course focuses on research methods and the identification of researchable nursing problems. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 3826 Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing (Core Course/Required)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. This course is an assessment of ethical and legal issues confronting nurses and other health care providers in a variety of settings. The course focuses on identification and analysis of legal and ethical concepts and principles underlying the critical thinking process in nursing and health care. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 4616 Nursing Across the Lifespan (Core Course/Required)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. This course focuses on the nurse's role in managing the holistic health care of individuals and families with bio-psychosocial disruptions. Emphasis is on the nursing process and principles from nursing, physical and behavioral sciences to enhance knowledge development necessary for the promotion of client/family well-being throughout the life span. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 4636 Nursing in Community Systems (Core Course/Required)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. Co-requisite: NUR 4636L. This course focuses on the holistic nursing role in the community. Emphasis is on concepts and theories related to community health nursing. Special attention is given to the community as client with emphasis on health promotion/disease prevention and teaching of groups in community settings. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 4636L Nursing in Community Systems Practicum (Core Course/Required)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. Co-requisite: NUR 4636. This course offers opportunities to practice the principles and theory of community health nursing in a variety of health care settings. Included are the identification of health care needs of the community as a client, and the nurse's role as a facilitator, teacher, and evaluator in promoting and maintaining health and wellness. 15 contact hours. 1 c.c./ 45 Practicum Hours
NUR 4889 Leadership and Management (Core Course/Required)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. Co-requisite: NUR 4889L. This course includes a focus on theories, concepts, and principles of leading and managing as well as pertinent legal issues faced by nursing leaders and managers. Emphasis will be on the methods to become an effective leader/manager including interpersonal skills needed for effective leadership and management, the different types of organizations delivering health care, outcomes management, and analysis of current research findings. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 4889L Leadership and Management Practicum (Core Course/Required)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. Co-requisite: NUR 4889. This course focuses on the application of the theories, concepts, and principles of leading and managing. Emphasis in the course will be on the development of skills needed for effective leadership and management. Opportunities will be provided to demonstrate appropriate leadership and management ability.

Course Number and Title	2011 Course Description
NUR 4956 Portfolio II (Core Course/Required)	15 contact hours. 1 c.c./ 45 Practicum Hours Prerequisite NUR 3119, NUR 3955. Co-requisite: BSN Core Courses, BSN Electives. This course will focus on the completion, evaluation, and submission of the electronic professional portfolio. Capstone Course. 15 contact hours. 1 c.c.
NUR 3145 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice (Clinical Focus Elective)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. This course builds on essential concepts and principles of pharmacology as applied in the nursing management of client care. Major concerns in health care include medication errors and medication reconciliation. Improvement in delivery processes to improve safety and quality of care thereby improving client outcomes is the focus of many regulatory agencies. This course will highlight issues in pharmacology and provide the student with basic knowledge for client care and education. This course will specifically address aspects of pharmacology related to the assessment and management of symptoms across the lifespan by providing the student with the in depth knowledge regarding the administration of pharmacologic therapies, the management of physical and psychological symptoms related to disease and treatment, and education related to safe and effective use of pharmacologic agents. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 3125 Pathophysiology: A Nursing Perspective (Clinical Focus Elective)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. This course focuses on cellular alterations in organ systems as they relate to selected disease states that impact the health of people as holistic beings. Special emphasis is on critical thinking and decision making related to these alterations in homeostatic dynamics, their presentation and implications for nursing practice. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NSP 3476 Infection Control in Healthcare Settings (Clinical/Management Focus Elective)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. This course looks at the importance of infection control in healthcare settings; especially in acute care. Issues and trends related in hospitals is a focus. Strategies to contain infection including the role of healthcare professional are explored. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 4945L Specialized Focus Practicum (Clinical/Management Focus Elective)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. Permission Required. This course includes a synthesis of theories, concepts, and principles of a particular nursing focus, identified by the student, which offers relevant experiences for professional and personal growth. Emphasis will be on the methods used to become an effective leader and informed stakeholder in the policies which frame the strengths of the nursing profession. The student will examine the value of the nursing role in different types of health care organizations with respect to outcomes management, systematic quality initiatives and analysis of current research findings. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 4837 Healthcare Policy and Economics (Management Focus Elective)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. This course will provide the student with a foundation for participating in health policy with organizations and for understanding the economic impact of health planning. Content will include a review of the organization of health care systems, health care financing, economic implications and the role of the provider in policy making. Emphasis is on the socioeconomic, ideological, political, historical, and technological perspective while integrating clinical management processes and the use of available community fiscal resources. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.
NUR 4827 Organizational Behavior in the Healthcare Setting (Management Focus Elective)	Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NUR 3119, NUR 3955. This course provides a foundational understanding of how nurse leaders apply the principles of management, leadership, and administrative processes in both private and public organizations. Focus topics include an emphasis on: organizational change, measuring quality, performance evaluation, effective communication, motivation, relationship development, and collaborative teamwork. 45 contact hours. 3 c.c.

**Pensacola State College
BSN Program
THREE TERM TRACK**

Fall Admission

FALL		SPRING		SUMMER	
NUR 3119 Professional Roles & Dimensions of Nursing Practice 16 week core course	3	NUR 4889 (L) Leadership & Management 16 week core course	4	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3
NUR 3955 Portfolio I 8 week core course	1	NUR 4616 Nursing Across the Lifespan 8 week core course	3	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3
NUR 3065 Health Assessment & Physical Appraisal 16 week core course	4	NUR 4165 Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice 8 week core course	3	NUR 4956 Portfolio II 12 week core course	1
NUR 3826 Legal & Ethical Issues in Nursing 8 week core course	3	NUR 4636 (L) Nursing in Community Systems 16 week core course	4		
Total College Credits	11	Total College Credits	14	Total College Credits	7

**Students are responsible for registering for courses. Some courses are only taught once per academic year and may have pre-requisites.*

Spring Admission

SPRING		SUMMER		FALL	
NUR 3119 Professional Roles & Dimensions of Nursing Practice 16 week core course	3	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 4889 (L) Leadership & Management 16 week core course	4
NUR 3955 Portfolio I 8 week core course	1	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 4636 (L) Nursing in Community Systems 16 week core course	4
NUR 3065 Health Assessment & Physical Appraisal 16 week core course	4	NUR 4616 Nursing Across the Lifespan 12 week core course	3	NUR 4165 Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice 8 week core course	3
NUR 3826 Legal & Ethical Issues in Nursing 8 week core course	3			NUR 4956 Portfolio II 8 week core course	1
Total College Credits	11	Total College Credits	9	Total College Credits	12

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**Pensacola State College
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FOUR TERM TRACK**

Fall Admission

FALL		SPRING		SUMMER		FALL	
NUR 3119 Professional Roles & Dimensions of Nursing Practice 16 week core course	3	NUR 3826 Legal & Ethical Issues in Nursing 8 week core course	3	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 4616 Nursing Across the Lifespan 8 week core course	3
NUR 3955 Portfolio I 8 week core course	1	NUR 4165 Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice 8 week core course	3	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 4636 (L) Nursing in Community Systems 16 week core course	4
NUR 3065 Health Assessment & Physical Appraisal 16 week core course	4	NUR 4889 (L) Leadership & Management 16 week core course	4			NUR 4956 Portfolio II 8 week core course	1
Total BSN Credits	8	Total BSN Credits	10	Total BSN Credits	6	Total BSN Credits	8

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Spring Admission

SPRING		SUMMER		FALL		SPRING	
NUR 3119 Professional Roles & Dimensions of Nursing Practice 16 week core course	3	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 3826 Legal & Ethical Issues in Nursing 8 week core course	3	NUR 4616 Nursing Across the Lifespan 8 week core course	3
NUR 3955 Portfolio I 8 week core course	1	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 4165 Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice 8 week core course	3	NUR 4636 (L) Nursing in Community Systems 16 week core course	4
NUR 3065 Health Assessment & Physical Appraisal 16 week core course	4			NUR 4889 (L) Leadership & Management 16 week core course	4	NUR 4956 Portfolio II 8 week core course	1
Total BSN Credits	8	Total BSN Credits	6	Total BSN Credits	10	Total BSN Credits	8

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**Pensacola State College
BSN Program
FIVE TERM TRACK**

Fall Admission

FALL		SPRING		SUMMER		FALL		SPRING	
NUR 3119 Professional Roles & Dimensions of Nursing Practice 16 week core course	3	NUR 33065C Health Assessment & Physical Appraisal 16 week core course	4	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 4165 Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice 8 week core course	3	NUR 4636 (L) Nursing in Community Systems 16week core course	4
NUR 3955 Portfolio I 8 week core course	1	NUR 4616 Nursing Across the Lifespan 8 week core course	3	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 4889 (L) Leadership & Management 16 week core course	4	NUR 4956 Portfolio II 8 week core course	1
NUR 3826 Legal & Ethical Issues in Nursing 8 week core course	3								
Total BSN Credits	7	Total BSN Credits	7	Total BSN Credits	6	Total BSN Credits	7	Total BSN Credits	5

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Spring Admission

SPRING		SUMMER		FALL		SPRING		SUMMER	
NUR 3119 Professional Roles & Dimensions of Nursing Practice 16 week core course	3	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 4889 (L) Leadership & Management 16 week core course	4	NUR 4165 Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice 8 week core course	3	NUR 4616 Nursing Across the Lifespan 12 week core course	3
NUR 3955 Portfolio I 8 week core course	1	NUR _____ Elective 12 week elective course	3	NUR 3826 Legal & Ethical Issues in Nursing 8 week core course	3	NUR 4636 (L) Nursing in Community Systems 16 week core course	4	NUR 4956 Portfolio II 12 week core course	1
NUR 3065 Health Assessment & Physical Appraisal 16 week core course	4								
Total BSN Credits	8	Total BSN Credits	6	Total BSN Credits	7	Total BSN Credits	7	Total BSN Credits	4

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REQUEST FORM FOR HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

The applicant is responsible for mailing this form to the appropriate high school, university(s) or college(s). Transcripts submitted by the student will not be accepted. Academic records must be mailed directly to the address on this form. This form may be copied for multiple uses.

TO THE REGISTRAR/Records Clerk:

COMPLETE NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PLEASE SEND:

_____ High School Record (showing graduation date or date of withdrawal)

_____ College Transcripts

_____ Transient Student Approval

If a charge is required for this service, please bill the student at the information provided below:

**PLEASE MAIL RECORDS TO: REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE
1000 COLLEGE BOULEVARD
PENSACOLA, FL 32504-8998**

DATE: _____ STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN LOCATING YOUR RECORD AT THIS SCHOOL/COLLEGE:

Current Last Name First Middle Maiden

Current Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Name at time of enrollment at this school Student ID number used at this school

Approximate dates of attendance Graduation date (if applicable)