The University of Tampa 2008-2009

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Admission requirements are consistent with those of The University of Tampa. Additional requirements are detailed under Progress in the Program.

A student seeking to enter the four-year BSN program initially applies to The University of Tampa as a regular undergraduate student. After successfully completing the initial designated 49 credits, the student applies for admission to the nursing program. The baccalaureate program is a competitive program. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee admission to the nursing program. The deadline to apply to the Nursing Program is Oct. 15 of each year.

Nursing Department
Admission Requirements:

• Completion of prerequisite (49 credits) with a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA.
• A grade of “C” or better in all prerequisites. Prerequisite courses include all courses listed in the following course sequence prior to sophomore semester II. Global Issues and Gateways courses apply to University of Tampa freshmen and are replaced with other coursework for transfer students.
• Meeting core performance standards, including:
  - Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment and cognitive skills to acquire, assimilate, integrate and apply information.
  - Ability to communicate in English effectively/therapeutically with others from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.
  - Interpersonal skills sufficient to interact effectively with others from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.
  - Sufficient mobility to move from room to room, maneuver in small places, and move freely and quickly to respond to emergencies and to perform physically taxing, repetitive tasks.

Department of Nursing
Faculty: Professor Warda, Director; Professor Kessenich, MSN Program Director; Assistant Professor Curry, Associate Director; Dana Professor Ross; Associate Professors Lawson, Collins; Assistant Professors Botwinski, Ellis, Parsons; Clinical Faculty: Pedroff; Instructional Staff: Biondi.

The Department of Nursing offers programs at the baccalaureate and master’s degree levels and prepares nurses for roles in family and adult health, and nursing education. For further information, contact the Nursing Department at (813) 253-6223 or nursing@ut.edu.

All nursing programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006; (800) 669-1656, ext. 153; Fax: (212) 812-0390; www.nlnac.org.

Nursing Department Handbook
Please see this departmental guide for further details concerning each nursing program.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The philosophy of the department is that professional nursing is based on knowledge of the arts, sciences, humanities and nursing. The University of Tampa and Tampa General Hospital have joined in partnership to offer the BSN degree in order to provide unique opportunities for nursing students to balance “learning by thinking” with “learning by doing.” Students have the opportunity to be taught by a nationally recognized faculty, as well as expert nurse clinicians in current practice. In addition to Tampa General Hospital, students have access to multiple other clinical facilities offering a learning environment rich in experiences encompassing state-of-the-art technology and clinical expertise in health care provision.

The BSN offers a comprehensive program of learning for students without previous preparation in nursing. The nursing curriculum consists of 125 semester hours, 60 credits from general education courses (including electives) and 65 from nursing courses. Of the 27 nursing courses, nine have a clinical component.
• Complete application to the Nursing Program.
• A personal statement (one page) discussing reasons for electing the nursing major.
• One letter of recommendation from an academic or work source.

Upon acceptance to the Nursing Program and prior to initiating any clinical/laboratory courses, students are subject to additional departmental requirements as noted in the departmental handbook.

**Progression in BSN Nursing Program:**

Once admitted to the Nursing Program, the student must successfully complete five semesters of nursing courses; initially, the student must master a basic mathematical package. **Students who do not master the package during the first semester will not be allowed to continue in the Nursing Program.**

All students must earn a “C” or higher in all courses in order to progress in the BSN program. Students also must successfully complete ongoing content mastery testing and will be assessed fees for this testing.

Visit [www.ut.edu/Nursing](http://www.ut.edu/Nursing) for information on the Four-Year BSN curriculum and prerequisites.

**Prerequisite courses for the Four-Year BSN degree:**

The Following Courses Must Be Completed Prior to Entry into the Four-Year BSN Program:
- ENG 101-102 Composition and Rhetoric
- SOC 100 Intro to Sociology
- MAT 160 College Algebra
- HSC 230-235 Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II w/labs
- CHE150 Chemistry for Health Care Professions
- ITM 200 Introduction to Computers
- PSY 200 and 210 General Psychology and Child Psychology
- BIO 183 Microbiology

**Required courses for the Four-Year BSN degree:**
- NUR 201 Foundations of Nursing ..........4
- NUR 210 Intro to Pathology ...........3

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**The RN to BSN Program**

This program provides a means for RN graduates of diploma and associate degree programs to complete the BSN degree.
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2. As part of the humanities/fine arts component, each nursing student must have credit in PHL 201 (Logic), PHL 200 (Introduction to Philosophy) or PHL 212 (Critical Thinking).
3. As part of the Baccalaureate Experience, each student must have a 3-4 credit art/aesthetic course.
4. As part of the social science component, each nursing student must include credit in a general or introductory psychology course and a general or introductory sociology course.
5. In addition to the general curriculum requirements, every BSN student must have a minimum of three credits in an introductory statistics course and Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs for both courses.
6. A computer course must be completed within the first two semesters of the nursing program.

Transfer Credit Policy

Nursing students may transfer up to 64 semester hours of course credit from a regionally accredited two-year institution. Of the total transferable hours, 24 hours of lower-division nursing credit will be awarded to students who are licensed as registered nurses in Florida. Additional credit earned at a four-year institution also may be transferred.

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The nursing major is comprised of 57 semester hours of credit in nursing and 67 semester hours of credit in general education, which includes the general curriculum distribution, support and elective coursework.

RN students are granted 24 credits for their lower-division nursing courses.

Admission to the RN to BSN Program

Registered nurses interested in the BSN program must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be currently licensed by the state of Florida as a registered nurse. (Evidence for eligibility for licensure may be accepted in lieu of a current state of Florida license to enroll in the first semester.) The student must be fully licensed to continue after the initial term.
2. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 overall in transfer coursework.

If the GPA is below 2.0, conditional admission may be granted to take up to 12 semester hours at the University. Progress is evaluated upon completion of these credit hours.

Full acceptance to the nursing major will be granted upon achievement of a grade of “C” or better in each of the courses comprising the 12 hours.

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Nursing Credit
In order to fulfill upper-division requirements for the BSN, students must complete the following required nursing courses and additional required support courses.

- NUR 301 Concepts of Professional Nursing ...............................3
- NUR 318 Health Assessment* ............4
- NUR 318L Health Assessment Lab .......0
- NUR 322 Contemporary Issues in Health Care ......................3
- NUR 420 Principles of Community Health ..........3
- NUR 411 Nursing Leadership and Management II ..................3
- NUR 432 Introduction to Nursing Research .........................3
- NUR 438 Principles of Family Health .....................3
- NUR 440 Community/Family Practicum* .......................4
- NUR 446 Senior Practicum* ......................4
- NUR elective .................................................3

Semester Hours in upper-division nursing: 33

*Courses include a clinical and/or laboratory experience.

Each practicum requires 112 hours of clinical experience with a preceptor.

Progress in the Program
1. A minimum grade of “C” is required in required nursing courses.
2. The student must comply with academic policies and procedures described earlier in this catalog.
3. Prior to enrolling in the second term, each student must submit to the nursing program director an official background check.
4. Prior to enrolling in any clinical/laboratory course, students are subject to additional departmental requirements as noted in the departmental handbook.
   a. proof of liability insurance coverage.
   b. physical examination and proof of immunization.
   c. proof of current BCLS certification.
   d. proof of current licensure (RN to BSN students only).
   e. results of annual TB skin test or chest X-ray.

RN/BSN/MSN Admission Option
The RN/BSN/MSN option expedites educational mobility and career enhancement by enabling the qualified RN to complete both the BSN and MSN in a more rapid fashion than the traditional programs. The program facilitates and supports educational mobility, and strengthens the leadership abilities of nurses who already have a foundation of professional experience. When required undergraduate courses are completed, students in the program will be awarded a BSN. Two undergraduate courses will be waived and replaced by graduate-level coursework.

Students may choose full-time or part-time study. By completing the baccalaureate and master’s curriculum, a highly motivated student is able to maximize educational time and advance in professional education and clinical leadership.

Admission Process to RN/BSN/MSN Option
Phase I. Apply to BSN program:
Complete a UT application with application fee. The student must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher in transfer college/university coursework. Submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended and a copy of registered nurse license from the state of Florida (evidence of eligibility for licensure may be accepted in lieu of a current state of Florida license to enroll in first semester).

Complete undergraduate requirements:
Fulfill the general education distribution requirements set forth in the catalog. Complete the following Nursing courses: NUR 301, 318, 318 Lab, and 322. Prior to registering for 400 level courses, inform your advisor of your intent to elect the RN/BSN/MSN option.

Phase II
Take Graduate Record Examination, achieving a score of 1,000 or higher (verbal and quantitative combined) and a minimum score of 3.5 on the writing section. Meet all requirements for admission to MSN pro-
gram, except completion of a BSN. Please note that the student must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 from last 60 credit hours of previous coursework at the time of formal application to the MSN program. If unsuccessful in completion of these requirements, students may complete the BSN and then apply to graduate school.

Students may take no more than three graduate courses (9 credit hours) prior to completing the BSN. Two of the graduate courses must be NUR 615 and NUR 646. Students also may replace NUR 601 with a nursing elective, if desired.