# Florida Atlantic University

## Graduate Programs—MEMO

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<td><strong>CHANGES IN CURRICULUM RELATED TO ACCREDITATION HAS REDUCED NEED FOR PROGRAM; EXTERNAL REVIEWER RECOMMEND REDUCTION OF PROGRAMS (SEE CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION ATTACHED)</strong></td>
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**Attach syllabus for ANY changes to current course information:**

Should the requested change(s) cause this course to overlap any other FAU courses, please list them here.

None

Please consult and list departments that might be affected by the change(s) and attach comments.

None, Nursing program

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**Approved by:**

Department Chair: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

College Curriculum Chair: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

College Dean: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

UGPC Chair: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

Graduate College Dean: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

UFS President: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

Provost: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

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3. Consent from affected departments (attach if necessary)
Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

**COMBINED PROGRAM**

**B.S.N./M.S. Program Requirements**

This dual degree program allows nurses with associate degrees to enter and earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) and the Master of Science with Major in Nursing (M.S.) degrees at the same time. Both degrees are awarded upon successful completion of the entire program. The B.S.N. is not awarded prior to the M.S. This degree option combines requirements for the current RN to B.S.N. program (with some adjustments related to master’s level courses) and all requirements for the master's program with specialty preparation of the student's choice. The dual degree option requires a minimum of 70 credits with at least 30 credits of post-baccalaureate work. All current M.S. specialty tracks are available to the B.S.N./M.S. student; however, admission into the dual degree does not guarantee admission into the limited access Nurse Practitioner tracks.

**Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students**

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the **Transfer Student Manual** (see www.fau.edu/registrar/lsm.php).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

**Guidelines**

1. Admission to the B.S.N. level requires 1) a 2.75 GPA 2) an RN license and 3) a grade of "C" or better in all required prerequisite courses.

2. Students will first apply to the B.S.N. program and are considered undergraduates until B.S.N.-level requirements are met.

3. Students may study full or part time.

4. A specific course applies to only one of the degree programs.

5. Students apply to the M.S. program after completing the first three courses in the sequence listed below. Nurse Practitioner applicants have additional required courses. See track descriptions for details. M.S.-level admission is granted pending successful completion of upper-division nursing courses with a grade of "B" or better. A GPA of 3.0 is required for admission to the master's program. Students who do not have a GPA of 3.0 must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students complete all requirements for the M.S. track of their choice. Individual advisement is required.

6. Students choosing to "opt out" of the program before completion of the M.S. program or who are not accepted into the M.S. program can complete the B.S.N. by satisfying all current requirements for the RN to B.S.N. program.

7. Students in all M.S. options will need to take at least 30 credits beyond the B.S.N. level for the M.S. degree.

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<td>Introduction to Nursing as Discipline and Profession</td>
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<td>Nurse as Scholar</td>
<td>NUR 4805</td>
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<td>Nursing Research</td>
<td>NUR 4165</td>
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<td>Nursing Situations with Individuals, Families and Groups in Communities</td>
<td>NUR 4607</td>
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<td>Nursing Practice Leadership</td>
<td>NUR 4936</td>
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<td>Arts and humanities and free electives</td>
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<td>(Nursing electives (may include graduate nursing courses; courses taken to complete these credits do not count toward the minimum of 30 graduate credits required beyond the B.S.N.)</td>
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