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It is a privilege to welcome you and thank you for your interest in the nursing program at Florida Atlantic University. We believe nursing makes a unique contribution because of its special focus to nurture the wholeness of persons through caring. We are nationally and internationally known for developing innovative approaches to nursing education within a caring philosophy.

The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing offers three programs leading to the baccalaureate degree:

1. **Traditional Program:** A two-year, upper-division program. This program is offered at the Boca Raton campus.

2. **Accelerated Program:** A one-year, full-time program for students who have a bachelor's degree in another discipline. This program is offered at the Boca Raton campus.

3. **RN-to-BSN Program:** A completion program designed for the registered nurse student with a diploma or associate degree in nursing. This program is offered through multiple avenues and locations.

Please let us know how the undergraduate office can help in deciding which program is best for you so that we can guide you through the application process and your program of study.

In addition to applying to one of our undergraduate programs, you may also be interested in the:

- **BS-MS (Dual) option in nursing** allows RNs to achieve both degrees in a shorter time than it would normally take and be engaged in an advanced-level nursing program.

While evaluating what undergraduate program is right for you, you may also want to refer to the website at www.fau.edu/nursing for additional information on the admission and application process for the dual degree option.

**Helpful Links**
- Office of Undergraduate Admissions
  www.fau.edu/admissions
- Office of the Registrar
  www.fau.edu/registrar
- Financial Aid
  www.fau.edu/finaid

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www.fau.edu/nursing
The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing is a special place where every member of our academic community is committed to creating a caring environment of excellence. The demand for our graduates, the reputation of our faculty and the contributions of our research are primary reasons for choosing FAU. Our mission is to contribute to on-going development of the science of caring in nursing, innovation in teaching and clinical practice, and serving our community. Caring for each individual, student, faculty or staff member, is the central focus of our college community. Our coursework emphasizes caring as a framework for clinical reasoning regarding health, nursing therapeutics, person/environment interaction and utilization of health care resources.

Bachelor of Science-Nursing (BSN) Traditional Program

The traditional program in nursing is an upper-division program in which students enter with 60 lower-division credits or an associate’s degree. Lower-division coursework can be completed at FAU or can be transferred from other universities or community colleges. The program is offered at the Boca Raton campus and begins each May during summer session 1.

Admission into the Traditional BSN Program:

After successful completion of lower-division credits, either from another institution with an associate’s degree or entering from an undergraduate program at FAU, students can matriculate into the traditional nursing program. Essential criteria for admissions into the program are listed below.

1. Prospective students must take a nationally normed entrance exam assessing essential academic skills for nursing. Applications not meeting the minimum required score, published on the College of Nursing webpage, will not be reviewed.
2. Prospective students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.
3. Prospective students must take the HESI entrance exam achieving a minimum of 80% on the required score, published on the College of Nursing webpage.

Prospective students must complete all prerequisite courses before the program begins.

Bachelor of Science-Nursing (BSN) Accelerated Program

The accelerated BSN program is specifically designed for the student with a baccalaureate degree in another field who wants to become a registered nurse. This is a fast-track program to a professional nursing career. It is an intensive, 12-month program of full-time academic study for motivated individuals looking for a challenging and stimulating career in nursing.

As a practice discipline, the professional nursing student’s plan of study will include approximately 20 nursing practice hours per week during the summer, approximately 26–30 nursing practice hours per week during the fall and spring semesters in addition to classroom and online learning activities.

Admission into the Accelerated BSN Program:

Admission into the accelerated program is competitive and thus a limited-access program. It is offered at the Boca Raton campus. Essential criteria for admissions into the program are listed below.

1. Prospective students must complete all prerequisite courses before the program begins.
2. Prospective students must have been awarded a bachelor’s degree with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. The official GPA is the GPA calculated by the bachelor’s degree-awarding institution — post-baccalaureate and graduate classes are not counted into the bachelor’s GPA.
3. Prospective students must take a nationally normed entrance exam assessing essential academic skills for nursing. Applications not meeting the minimum required score, published on the College of Nursing webpage, will not be reviewed.
4. Prospective students must complete an application to FAU indicating that the applicant is seeking a second bachelor’s degree and completing the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing undergraduate application and all supplemental required material.

For more information on admissions and the application process, visit www.fau.edu/nursing. If you have additional questions after reviewing our website, contact a program assistant.

Bachelor of Science-Nursing (BSN) Completion Program RN-to-BSN

The RN-to-BSN program is designed for the registered nurse who wants to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Graduates of the RN-to-BSN program are prepared to advance to nursing positions of increasing responsibility and leadership or to continue the study of nursing at the graduate level.

This program is offered through multiple avenues and locations to accommodate students. Students can complete the curriculum solely online, in live classes or a combination of both. Live classes are offered at the Davie, Boca Raton and/or Treasure Coast campuses.

Admission into the RN-to-BSN Program:

Prospective students must complete nine upper-division credits (two courses in Arts and Letters and one general elective course) before admission into the program. Essential criteria for admission into the program are listed below.

1. Entrance to the RN-to-BSN Program requires a minimum 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale and completion of prerequisites with a grade of “C” or better.
2. Completion of 60 lower-division college credits from an accredited institution or an associated degree program in nursing.
3. If you are transferring in with an Associate of Arts from a non-public Florida University or an Associate of Science from any university (in-state or out-of-state), you may have additional core classes that are required by the university. At the time of application a program assistant will review with you to determine if you will need to incorporate it within your curriculum.