

REQUESTED CATLOG CHANGES

MASTER'S AND POST GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing offers the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) and Post Graduate Certificate Programs.

Those applicants seeking a Master of Science in Nursing choose from one of the following concentrations for a program of study: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, Advanced Holistic Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, and Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership.

Completion of one of the Nurse Practitioner concentrations prepares the graduate nurse to seek certification as a nurse practitioner in the area of concentration. Upon graduation, national certification is required for authorization to practice in the advanced practice role in Florida.

Completion of the Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership concentration prepares the nurse graduate to seek advanced certification in administration.

Completion of the Nurse Educator concentration prepares the graduate to teach in a variety of educational settings and seek certification as a nurse educator.

Completion of the Advanced Holistic Nursing concentration prepares the graduate to seek advanced certification in Holistic Nursing (AHN-BC) and Health and Wellness Nursing Coaching (HWNC-BC).

All required supplementary admission materials for the Family Nurse Practitioner and the Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner concentrations must be submitted through [GradCAS](#) and received by the deadline posted on the College of Nursing [website](#). For all other M.S.N. concentrations, all required supplementary documents must be submitted through the University application system and received by the deadline posted on the College of Nursing website.

Decisions are made only on complete application packets. Refer to the section on [Admissions](#) in this University Catalog or www.fau.edu/graduate/ for complete University admissions information. Graduate admissions are competitive. Admissions decisions are made based upon the quality of the application and the number of available slots in the desired program concentration. Meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

The number of credits allowed as a non-degree-seeking student are limited and must meet graduate program requirements of the University.

Advanced Holistic Nursing - 33 credits **Program Suspended**

This 33-credit concentration advances knowledge of contemporary views of healing and holistic nursing practice grounded in caring. The Advanced Holistic Nursing (AHN) concentration courses offer content and practice in the integration of mind-body practices, manipulative body practices and energy-based healing modalities to promote health and well-being.

Students will earn an M.S.N. degree and are eligible to sit for Board Certification in Advanced Holistic Nursing (AHN-BC). The Advanced Holistic Nursing Concentration does not prepare students to enter a Nurse Practitioner role.

Applicants with a master's degree in Nursing may earn a Post Graduate Certificate (PGC) in Advanced Holistic Nursing. A gap analysis is conducted to identify required courses and practicum hours. All PGC students must complete NGR 6110, Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring. Nurse Practitioners may be particularly interested in a PGC in Advanced Holistic Nursing.

Completely online, full- and part-time study are available. Every effort is made to accommodate the practicum needs of students in various geographic areas.

Preceptor and practicum site decisions are determined in collaboration with faculty. The practicum hours may be completed at the student's place of employment, if appropriate, with an approved preceptor.

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Graduate Core Courses - 12 credits

Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring	NGR 6110	3
Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice Roles	NGR 6811	3
Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	NGR 6812	3
Leadership, Policy and Finance in Advanced Nursing Practice	NGR 6891	3

Direct Care Core Courses - 9 credits

Advanced Health Assessment	NGR 6002	2
Advanced Health Assessment Lab*	NGR 6002L	1
Advanced Pathophysiology	NGR 6141	3
Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	NGR 6172	3

Concentration Courses - 12 credits

Foundations of Holistic Nursing 1: Advanced Nursing Situations	NGR 6168	3
Foundations of Holistic Nursing 2: Advanced Nursing Situations	NGR 6169	3

Developing Expertise in Holistic Healing: Advanced Nursing Situations*	NGR 6296L	3
Integrating Expertise in Holistic Practice: Advanced Nursing Situations*	NGR 6297L	3
Total credits		33

* Requires 145 supervised clinical hours.

Note: Baccalaureate-level pharmacology, pathophysiology and health assessment courses are recommended if taken more than five years from program enrollment.

Fee for Lab Course

The following lab course carries a \$150 per credit fee. The fee covers the higher cost of instruction due to the lower faculty/student ratio and increasing use of simulation and standardized patients. To view our full cost of attendance information page, visit <https://www.fau.edu/finaid/other/cost-of-attendance/>.

NGR 6002L, 1 credit, \$150 fee

NURSING

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATES (PGC)

Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner

Advanced Holistic Nursing **Program Suspended**

Clinical Nurse Leader

Family Nurse Practitioner

Nurse Educator

Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Applicants holding an earned Master of Science degree in Nursing from an accredited nursing program and who meet all M.S.N. admission requirements may choose from the following Post Graduate Certificate (PGC) Programs: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (AGNP), Advanced Holistic Nursing (AHN), Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Nurse Educator (NGRE), Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP).

PGC programs require a minimum of 10 credits for FAU MSN graduates; a minimum of 13 credits is required for applicants from other institutions. Consideration is given to the student's former master's in Nursing program when creating the specific plan of study for the PGC.

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Programs may vary according to the courses the applicant has taken in the first master's program. This is not a degree-granting option. A Post Graduate Certificate is awarded upon program completion.

Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring, NGR 6110, is required of all Post Graduate Certificate students regardless of the concentration.

Any applicant for a Post Graduate Certificate must meet with the assistant dean for graduate practice programs or the concentration coordinator for initial advisement, gap analysis and program planning. Post Graduate Certificate students are admitted on a space available basis. Applicants whose gap analysis indicates 30 or more credits are needed will be advised to complete a second master's degree.

Admission Requirements for Post Graduate Certificate Programs

1. Earned M.S. or M.S.N. from an accredited nursing program.
2. Minimum graduate program GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Résumé or CV.
4. A written essay describing the student's philosophy of nursing.
5. One letter of recommendation.
6. Current RN licensure to practice nursing.
7. Complete Level 2 background check.
8. An interview and on-site writing sample may be required.
9. Practice experience is not required but may be considered as part of the overall quality of the application.

Note: Admissions decisions are made based upon the quality of the application and the number of available slots in the desired program. Meeting the minimal admission requirements does not guarantee admission. PGC applicants submit a preliminary application along with a copy of all official academic transcripts, a current RN license, one letter of recommendation, a statement of philosophy, and a current CV or résumé to the College of Nursing. Once the College of Nursing reviews the preliminary application, applicants will be notified to complete the online non-degree FAU application.

NURSING **Certificate**

Advanced Holistic Practice and Nurse Coaching

The Advanced Holistic Nursing certificate, grounded in caring, is a 12-credit graduate certificate that advances knowledge of the contemporary views of healing and holistic nursing practice. The course content places emphasis on developing a reflective holistic practice that integrates the principles of nurse coaching and an awareness of holistic healing modalities that promote health and well-being of persons such as mind-body practices, manipulative body practices, and

energy-based healing. The practicum experience requires students to evaluate holistic healthcare practices in a selected clinical setting, to identify and evaluate the patient population, their health needs and recommend holistic interventions that is meaningful to the population served. The nurse coaching content emphasizes the holistic process, self-development, the nurse coaching core values, skills, and competencies. Students using the holistic and caring principles will demonstrate coaching competencies and skills to promote a process of change that helps the client reach their full potential.

On completion of the Advanced Holistic Nurse Certification program students are eligible to sit for the Board Certification Holistic and Nurse Coaching examination.

Admission Requirements for Certificate Programs

1. Earned BSN from an accredited nursing program.
2. Minimum post -secondary GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Official transcripts from all prior institutions attended. Submit one set of official transcripts to FAU Graduate Admissions* in the GradCAS application system.
4. CV/Resume Required Format for Resume (click on underlined hyperlink)
5. Current RN licensure (submit copy of license or online license verification from the department of health acceptable
<https://appsmqa.doh.state.fl.us/MQASearchServices/HealthCareProviders>. Students must be licensed in the state in which they will complete practicum courses.
6. A state/federal criminal background check is required for all admitted students. If admitted to the AHN graduate certificate program the student MUST initiate the background check process as required before enrolling in courses. Costs are the responsibility of the applicant/student. All admissions are conditional based on the outcome of the admission background check. Background checks must be updated annually during the clinical portion of the program.

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NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS

Thank you for your interest in non-degree graduate study at Florida Atlantic University. Non-degree courses can be taken for enrichment, certification, or to meet pre-acceptance requirements for entry into a graduate degree program.

The Office of the Registrar processes all non-degree applications; please visit the [Registrar website](#) or call 561.297.3050 for additional information.

If you decide to pursue a graduate degree at FAU in the future, it is important to understand the university regulations about non-degree coursework. The following provides a brief description about non-degree graduate study at FAU; additional information can be found in the [university's academic catalog](#).

- Certain courses may require permission from the instructor prior to registration. Registration for such courses must be done in person at the Office of the Registrar.
- Non-degree seeking students are not permitted to take certain graduate level courses.
- Non-degree seeking students are not eligible to receive Financial Aid.
- Graduate programs are under no obligation to accept non-degree coursework should a student decide to pursue a graduate degree at a later date.
- While graduate programs may allow some non-degree courses to count toward a degree, no more than 1/3 of a graduate degree may be comprised of non-degree courses.
- Degree-seeking students receive priority registration for courses. Non-degree students are only allowed to register just prior to the start of each term.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Contact the graduate degree program to determine what courses non-degree students are eligible to take.
- Complete the Non-Degree application, and pay the \$30.00 application fee online. [Click here to apply as a Non-Degree Seeking Student.](#)
- Complete and sign the immunization form, and return to Student Health Services.
- Check your email. Students will be notified by email once the application has been processed.

After Registration

Payment: Please note that FAU does not generate billing for students. All tuition and fees may be paid online at myfau.fau.edu.

Books: Textbooks and course materials are available at the FAU bookstore. Bookstore locations can be found at bkstr.com/faustore/home.

Parking: All students must purchase a parking permit in order to park on campus. More information is located at bkstr.com/faustore/home.

NON-DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Non-degree-seeking students at Florida Atlantic University are those who wish to enroll for courses but do not intend to earn a degree from FAU. Non-degree students who wish to become degree-seeking must submit an application with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions or the Graduate College on or before the deadline posted on the [Admissions site](#) or [Graduate Programs site](#). Credits that have been earned as a non-degree-seeking student may be applied to the student's degree program; however, this is contingent upon acceptance to the University and approval by the college in which the student's program is housed. For an explanation of the number of credits that may be applied and other specifics, refer to the

heading Registration for Non-Degree-Seeking Students in the [Registration and Records section](#) of this catalog.

Students must submit a [Non-Degree Enrollment application](#) accompanied by a \$30 non-refundable and non-transferable fee. Undergraduate non-degree applicants must have earned a minimum of a high school diploma in order to be admitted in a non-degree status. Graduate non-degree applicants must have earned a minimum of a bachelor's degree in order to be admitted in a non-degree status. Official transcripts are not required for this process. A [Non-Degree Residency application](#) and supporting documentation must be provided for review in order to qualify for in-state tuition; students who do not provide paperwork are coded as non-Florida residents.

Registration on a space-available basis is conducted during regular and late registration periods, as listed in the University's [Academic Calendar](#). To comply with Florida Atlantic University policy, all students, prior to registration, must submit immunization records through an online process. FAU requires documented proof of immunization to measles and rubella for all students. In addition, all students must provide documentation of vaccinations against meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B or provide a signed waiver for each declined vaccination. Refer to [Student Health Services](#).

Non-degree students who have not enrolled at FAU for three or more consecutive semesters must submit a new Non-Degree Enrollment application, a new Non-Degree Residency application and supporting documentation as noted above accompanied by a \$30 non-refundable, non-transferable application fee.

Note for undergraduate students: Students in a non-degree-seeking status are not eligible for financial aid. Students who have been denied admission to FAU as degree-seeking undergraduates must wait three semesters before they are eligible to register as non-degree-seeking students.

Note for graduate students: Students in a non-degree-seeking status are not eligible for financial aid. Students in non-degree-seeking status who at a later date enroll in a graduate degree program may not transfer more than one-third of the required coursework into the program or may not use course credits that are more than 7 years old at the time of graduation. Satisfactory academic performance as an FAU non-degree-seeking student will not guarantee admission into a graduate degree program. Students dismissed from an FAU graduate degree program may not subsequently enroll using the non-degree-seeking status to fulfill coursework or grade requirements for the program in which they were enrolled.

RESIDENCY INFORMATION

All applicants must complete the Residency Classification for Tuition Purposes affidavit through [Owl Residency Portal](#) and submit the required documentation, regardless of the duration of their presence in Florida. Incomplete, unsigned or blank forms will result in the

classification of **“Non-Florida Resident”** status for tuition purposes until the documentation has been provided, reviewed and approved by the Residency Officer.

Students who are not United States citizens must provide appropriate documentation from Immigration and Naturalization Services that designates their status while living in the United States. Resident alien cards (green cards), employment authorization cards or eligible Visa types must be submitted at the time students submit their application. All documentation must be valid through the term of entry. Those applicants with expired paperwork must be referred to the Office of Immigration and Naturalization Services. All students who were previously classified as non-U.S. citizens and are now returning as U.S. citizens must submit updated documentation.

Add the Following Course to the Course Catalog

Integrated Holistic Health, Wellness and Nurse Coaching Practicum (NGR 6292L) 3 credits.

Prerequisites: NGR 6168

Corequisite: NGR 6169

Course focuses on integrating expertise in advanced holistic nursing, grounded in caring.

Emphasis is placed on developing a reflective advanced holistic practice that integrates nurse coaching and an awareness of other modalities in the development of a confident practice to promote the health and well-being of persons within a global, diverse society. An evidence-informed project is required.

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