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RN TO BSN

PROGRAM INFORMATION

RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program

Dear RN to BSN Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at Gulf Coast State College. This program is tailored specifically for licensed Registered Nurses seeking to advance their education and become baccalaureate-prepared professional nurses. Designed with flexibility in mind, the program offers options through distance education, general education courses, hybrid learning formats, and clinical immersion opportunities.

The application for admission to the RN to BSN program is available online at the link below. We encourage you to review the information in the application packet thoroughly. Additional program details and resources can be accessed on our website at https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/degrees-programs/program-by-pathway/health-sciences/nursing-rn-bsn/index.html.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best wishes for success in your educational journey. We look forward to supporting you as you take the next steps in your nursing career.

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The RN-BSN program at Gulf Coast State College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

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CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE RN-BSN PROGRAM

The student must complete the following requirements:

_____ 1. **APPLICATION & ACCEPTANCE TO GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE**.

_____ 2. **COMPLETION OF AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM OR DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN NURSING FROM AN ACCREDITED NURSING SCHOOL OR COLLEGE.**

_____ 3. **COMPLETE THE NURSING DIVISION APPLICATION FOR RN-BSN.** Submit the application online @ https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/degrees-programs/program-by-pathway/health-sciences/nursing-rn-bsn/index.html by 11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on the published program application deadline.
Select "BSN Program Application", complete the online application and technical standards, and click "Submit."

_____ 4. **PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT RN LICENSURE WITH NO RESTRICTIONS.** The current license must be active in the state in which clinical rotations are to be completed.

_____ 5. **PROVIDE OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL, VOCATIONAL SCHOOL & COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS.** Applicant must request that official transcripts showing completion of high school or GED (scores required) ***and*** all colleges attended be sent to **GCSC Enrollment Services** for evaluation by 11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on the published program application deadline.

_____ 6. **DOCUMENTATION OF A GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 2.50 OR HIGHER IN ALL COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES AND A "C" OR HIGHER IN ALL PREREQUISITE COURSES APPLICABLE TO THE RN TO BSN PROGRAM.**

UPON ACCEPTANCE INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM THE FOLLOWING WILL BE REQUIRED:

_____ **1.** **CURRENT PPD** or **TB TEST** or **DECLINATION WITH X-RAY RESULTS**

_____ **2.** **MEDICAL EXAMINATION** - With Satisfactory Results

_____ **3.** **IMMUNIZATION FORM**

_____ **4.** **SATISFACTORY FINGERPRINT / CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK**

_____ **5.** **CURRENT CPR CARD** - **American Heart Association** (BCLS-C) for Healthcare Provider (Basic Cardiac Life Support) or **American Red Cross** are the only certifications accepted.

_____ **6.** **SATISFACTORY DRUG SCREENING** – required based upon the clinical agency requirements

_____ **7.** **COMPLETION OF THE STANDARD FLORIDA FOREIGN LANGUAGE UPPER DIVISION ADMISSION REQUIREMENT.** If, at the time of admission, the student has not completed two sequential years of the same foreign language in high school or eight credits in college, the student must complete eight credits of the same foreign language before completing the program.

ADMISSION APPLICATION DEADLINES: Two full-time classes are admitted each year, in the fall and spring semesters. The **preferred** deadline for submission of a completed application and admissions checklist is by 11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on the last working day in **JULY** (for fall admission) and the last working day in **NOVEMBER** (for spring admission). However, we will accept students as late as the first week of classes. Students may enter the program on a part-time basis at 6 entry points per year at the beginning or midterm of any semester.

NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS: Admission to the program is **competitive in nature** and **is not guaranteed**. A selection committee ranks all applications and admission is granted to the most qualified applicants. Applicants can improve their chances of admission by maintaining a high GPA and completing pre & co-requisite courses. **It should be understood that satisfactorily meeting minimum requirements does not automatically guarantee admission.**

Financial Aid Help at TRiO:
"If one-on-one assistance is needed to complete financial aid applications, please visit TRiO Student Support Services located on the 1st Floor of Student Union West."

Gulf Coast State College does not discriminate against any person in its programs, activities, policies, or procedures on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, marital status, religion, age, gender, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability, or veteran status. All questions or inquiries regarding compliance with laws relating to non-discrimination and all complaints regarding sexual misconduct or discrimination may be directed to the Executive Director of Human Resources/Title II/504/Title IX Coordinator and Employment Equity Officer, Gulf Coast State College, 5230 W. US Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401; 850-872-3866.

RN-BSN - COURSE REQUIREMENTS and CURRICULUM PLAN

Nursing AS/ Diploma Credits – the following courses (or the equivalent) must be completed along with current, unencumbered Registered Nursing licensure		
Prefix	**Course Name**	**Credits**
HUN 1201	Principles of Nutrition	3
DEP 2004	Developmental Psychology	3
NUR 1022C	Foundations of Nursing Practice	3
NUR 1142	Introduction to Pharmacology	2
NUR 1210C	Basic Care of the Adult	4
NUR 1213C	Intermediate Adult Care	10
NUR 2420C	Maternal-Infant Nursing	4
NUR 2310C	Nursing Care of the Child	4
NUR 2520C	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	4
NUR 2214C	Advanced Adult Care	11
PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS		
Must be completed with a "C" or better prior to RN-BSN program graduation		
Prefix	**Course Name**	**Credits**
BSC 2085	Human Anatomy and Physiology	3
ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
Humanities	Humanities I, II, or III (Humanities I, II, and III are required for graduation.)	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		
NOTE: These general education courses may be taken during the RN-BSN program; however, students may choose to begin the general education courses at any time.		
Prefix	**Course Name**	**Credits**
Humanities	Humanities I, II, and III are required for graduation.	6
History	See GCSC Catalog	3
Government	See GCSC Catalog	3
STA 2023	Statistics (Prerequisite for NUR 3167: Research)	3
Mathematics	See GCSC Catalog	3
Chemistry	See GCSC Catalog	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II	3
Foreign Language	See GCSC Catalog if two years of the same foreign language were not completed in high school.	8

Schedule Examples

Spring Full-Time Fast-Track Option

Spring Semester		Summer Semester	Fall Semester	
SESSION B **NUR 3069** - Advanced Health Assessment **NUR 3925** - Symposium I	**SESSION C** **NUR 3119** - Nursing Concepts & Theories	**SESSION A (FULL SEMESTER)** **NUR 3167** - Research **NUR 4827C** - Leadership/Management	**SESSION B** **NUR 4837** - Healthcare Policy & Economics **NUR 3895** - Teaching &	**SESSION C** **NUR 4655** - Multicultural Factors & Health **NUR 4925** - Symposium II
SESSION A (FULL SEMESTER) **NUR 3636C** - Community Health **NUR 3128** - Pathophysiology		**SESSION C** **NUR 4847** - Clinical Decision Making	**SESSION A (FULL SEMESTER)** **NUR 4945C** - Nursing Capstone Practicum	
14 credit hours		**10 credit hours**	**12 credit hours**	

Fall Full-Time Fast-Track Option

Fall Semester 2025		Spring Semester 2026		Summer Semester 2026	
SESSION B **NUR 3069** - Advanced Health Assessment **NUR 3925** - Symposium I	**SESSION C** **NUR 3119** - Nursing Concepts & Theories	**SESSION A** **Course TBD**	**SESSION B** **NUR 3895** - Teaching & Learning **NUR 4925** - Symposium II	**SESSION B** **NUR 4837** - Healthcare Policy & Economics **NUR 4655** - Multicultural	**SESSION C** **NUR 4847** - Clinical Decision Making
SESSION A (FULL SEMESTER) **NUR 3128** - Pathophysiology **NUR 3636C** - Community Health		**SESSION A (FULL SEMESTER)** **NUR 3167** - Research **NUR 4827C** - Leadership/Management		**SESSION A (FULL SEMESTER)** **NUR 4945C** - Nursing Capstone Practicum	
14 credit hours		**11 credit hours**		**11 credit hours**	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR BACKGROUND

Applicants to the Nursing Programs in the Nursing Division of Gulf Coast State College work very hard to meet the entry requirements for selection. Our programs make every effort to accept as many academically qualified students as possible. In addition to meeting basic entry requirements, however, applicants must also consider how their personal history and background may affect their ability to meet admission and clinical requirements, sit for various state licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:

Gulf Coast State College (GCSC) students that are granted conditional acceptance into a Nursing program must receive a satisfactory criminal background check prior to final acceptance into the program. The background check will be scheduled and performed at the discretion of the Division to which the student has applied. Information and instructions on how to complete the background check will be sent by the applicable program coordinator.

Please Note: Criminal background checks performed through other agencies will not be accepted. Also, be aware that clinical agencies may require an additional background check prior to clinical access. Although background checks are required before program entry, it is possible to graduate from a program at GCSC and be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check. Even if the student has been accepted into and completed a program at GCSC, this does not guarantee authorization for licensure or eligibility to take the licensure exam. Those authorizations are granted by the Nursing governing professional licensure boards. This is a notification to the applicant that Gulf Coast State College has no authority over any state-level medical licensure board and cannot be held responsible if the student is accepted into or completes a Nursing program and subsequently is denied authorization to take the program-specific licensure exam due to criminal background information.

An applicant must consider how his/her personal history may affect the ability to meet clinical requirements, sit for various licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment. Most healthcare boards in the State of Florida make decisions about licensure on an individual basis. You may visit the Florida Department of Health website at https://www.floridahealth.gov/ for more information regarding licensure. We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision regarding your future.

Please read the following information carefully: Any student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or guilty to, any offense under the provision of 456.0635 (see below) may be **disqualified** from admission to any Health Sciences program. In addition to these specific convictions, there are other crimes which may disqualify applicants from entering the Health Sciences programs and/or clinical rotations. The statute listed below can also be found online: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0400-0499/0456/Sections/0456.0635.html.

456.0635 Health care fraud; disqualification for license, certificate, or registration.

1. Healthcare fraud in the practice of a healthcare profession is prohibited.
2. Each board within the jurisdiction of the department, or the department if there is no board, shall refuse to admit a candidate to any examination and refuse to issue a license, certificate, or registration to any applicant if the candidate or applicant or any principal, officer, agent, managing employee, or affiliated person of the candidate or applicant:

a. Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under chapter 409, chapter 817, or chapter 893, or a similar felony offense committed in another state or jurisdiction, unless the candidate or applicant has successfully completed a pretrial diversion or drug court program for that felony and provides proof that the plea has been withdrawn or the charges have been dismissed. Any such conviction or plea shall exclude the applicant or candidate from licensure, examination, certification, or registration unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended:

1. For felonies of the first or second degree, more than 15 years before the date of application.
2. For felonies of the third degree, more than 10 years before the date of application, except for felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a).
3. For felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), more than 5 years before the date of application;

b. Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970, or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended more than 15 years before the date of the application;

c. Has been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to s. 409.913, unless the candidate or applicant

has been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years;
d. Has been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program, unless the candidate or applicant has been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years and the termination occurred at least 20 years before the date of the application; or
e. Is currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities, except when such applicant is listed solely based on a default or delinquency on a student loan as provided in s. 120.82.
This subsection does not apply to an applicant for initial licensure, certification, or registration who was arrested or charged with a felony specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) before July 1, 2009.
(3) The department shall refuse to renew a license, certificate, or registration of any applicant if the applicant or any principal, officer, agent, managing employee, or affiliated person of the applicant:
a. Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under chapter 409, chapter 817, or chapter 893, or a similar felony offense committed in another state or jurisdiction, unless the applicant is currently enrolled in a pretrial diversion or drug court program that allows the withdrawal of the plea for that felony upon successful completion of that program. Any such conviction or plea excludes the applicant from licensure renewal unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended:
1. For felonies of the first or second degree, more than 15 years before the date of application.
2. For felonies of the third degree, more than 10 years before the date of application, except for felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a).
3. For felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), more than 5 years before the date of application.
b. Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970, or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396 since July 1, 2009, unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended more than 15 years before the date of the application.
c. Has been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to s. 409.913, unless the applicant has been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years.
d. Has been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program, unless the applicant has been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years and the termination occurred at least 20 years before the date of the application.
e. Is currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities, except when such applicant is listed solely based on a default or delinquency on a student loan as provided in s. 120.82.

This subsection does not apply to an applicant for renewal of licensure, certification, or registration who was arrested or charged with a felony specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) before July 1, 2009.
4. Licensed health care practitioners shall report allegations of health care fraud to the department, regardless of the practice setting in which the alleged health care fraud occurred.
5. The acceptance by a licensing authority of a licensee's relinquishment of a license which is offered in response to or anticipation of the filing of administrative charges alleging health care fraud or similar charges constitutes the permanent revocation of the license.

The following disqualifying offenses under current Florida law for healthcare licensure. The individual must not be awaiting final disposition of charges related to disqualifying offenses. The individual must not have been found guilty, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld, nor have entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to any disqualifying offense. If the individual was adjudicated delinquent for a disqualifying offense, the record must have been sealed or expunged; otherwise, it remains a disqualifying factor.
The disqualifications apply to applicable offenses under:
Relevant provisions of Florida State law **or** Similar laws in other jurisdictions (laws from other states or countries the applicant originates from).
Specifically, the following pending charges or convictions per statutes: 393.135, 394.4593, 794.011, 825.1025, 826.04, 916.1075, 985.701, 415.111, 825.102, 827.03, 825.103, 827.05, 827.04, 782.04. 782.07, 787.01, 787.02, 784.011, 784.03, 827.071, ch. 796, ch. 800, 798.02, 825.103, 787.025, 874.05, ch. 812, 817.563, ch. 893, 944.47, 985.711, 806.01, 810.02, 810.14, 796, 843.01, 843.025, 847, 944.35(3), 775.21, 775.261 and 943.0435.

Important Note: After acceptance and during enrollment in this program, the student is responsible for notifying the Program Coordinator of any arrest, regardless of adjudication, that occurs after acceptance through graduation. Failure to promptly notify the Program Coordinator shall be grounds for dismissal from the program.

A physical examination, criminal background check (Level II), and drug screening WILL be required prior to the official program acceptance.

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Estimated Expense Sheet 2026-2027

	General Ed Classes	Credit Hours	Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	Digital Resource	Total
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3	$ 296.25				$ 296.25
CHM 1032	General, Organic Biochemistry is 1032 or higher (CHM 1025,1045)	3	$ 296.25		$ 140.00		$ 436.25
History	History (please see information packet)	3	$ 296.25		$ 78.00		$ 374.25
STA 2023	Statistics (pre-requisite for NUR 3167 Research)	3	$ 296.25		$160.00		$ 456.25
POS 2041	American National Government & Civic Literacy Exam	3	$ 296.25				$ 296.25
Humanities	Humanities (please see information packet)	6	$ 592.50		$ 118.00		$ 710.50
ENC 1102	English II	3	$ 296.25				$ 296.25
	Foreign Language	4	$ 395.00		$ 210.00		$ 605.00
	In-State Tuition	**28**	**$ 2,765.00**	**$ -**	**$ 706.00**	**$ -**	**$ 3,471.00**
	Out-of-State Tuition		**$ 10,071.88**	**$ -**	**$ 706.00**	**$ -**	**$ 10,777.88**

	First Semester Nursing	Credit Hours	Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	Digital Resource	Total
NUR 3069	Advanced Health Assessment	3	$ 296.25			$ 387.50	$ 683.75
NUR 3119	Nursing Concepts & Theories	3	$ 296.25				$ 296.25
NUR 3128	Pathophysiology	3	$ 296.25		$ 70.00		$ 366.25
NUR 3636C	Community Health Nursing	4	$ 395.00	**Insurance only $ 14.00**			$ 505.00
NUR 3925	Symposium I	1	$ 98.75				$ 118.75
	In-State Tuition	**14**	**$ 1,382.50**	**$ 14.00**	**$ 70.00**	**$ 387.50**	**$ 1,970.00**
	Out-of-State Tuition		**$ 5,035.94**	**$ 14.00**	**$ 70.00**	**$ 387.50**	**$ 5,507.44**

	Second Semester Nursing	Credit Hours	Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	Digital Resource	Total
NUR 3895	Teaching and Learning HCP	3	$ 296.25			$ 387.50	$ 683.75
NUR 4925	Symposium II	2	$ 197.50				$ 272.50
NUR 4827	Leadership & Management	3	$ 296.25				$ 371.25
NUR 3167	Research	3	$ 296.25				$ 371.25
	In-State Tuition	**11**	**$ 1,086.25**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 387.50**	**$ 1,698.75**
	Out-of-State Tuition		**$ 3,956.81**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 387.50**	**$ 4,344.31**

	Third Semester Nursing	Credit Hours	Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	Digital WkBks	Total
NUR 4655	Multicultural Factors & Health	3	$ 296.25			$ -	$ 296.25
NUR 4837	Health Care Policy & Economics	3	$ 296.25			$ -	$ 296.25
NUR 4847	Clinical Decision Making	3	$ 296.25			$ -	$ 296.25
NUR 4945C	Capstone	2	$ 197.50				$ 367.50
	In-State Tuition	11	**$ 1,086.25**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1,256.25**
	Out-of-State Tuition		**$ 3,956.81**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 3,956.81**

* **Tuition:**

(Per Credit Hour)	
In-State Fees	$ 98.75
Out-of-State Fees	$ 359.71

Estimated Additional Expenses:

Online Courses (Required)	$ 102.00
CPR	$ 58.00
APA 7th Edition (Required)	$ 35.00
Hepatitis B vaccinations (optional)	$ 170.00
TB Test (varies by test and facility)	$ 50.00
PreCheck (Background, Fingerprinting, Drug Screen) (Required)	$ 79.00
Physical Examination	$ 150.00
Immunizations/Vaccinations (varies by test and facility)	$ 100.00
Lab coat (Required)	$ 50.00
Total Estimated Additional Expenses	**$ 794.00**
***Total Estimated Program Cost for Florida Resident**	**$ 9,190.00**
***Total Estimated Program Cost for Non-FL Resident**	**$ 25,380.44**

**** Fees are subject to change without notice.***

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