B.S. in Nursing Course Catalog

Nova Southeastern University

Follow this and additional works at: https://nsuworks.nova.edu/hpd_coursecatalogs

Part of the Nursing Commons

NSUWorks Citation
Nova Southeastern University, "B.S. in Nursing Course Catalog" (2006). Health Professions Divisions Course Catalogs. 115.
https://nsuworks.nova.edu/hpd_coursecatalogs/115

This Course Catalog is brought to you for free and open access by the NSU Course Catalogs and Course Descriptions at NSUWorks. It has been accepted for inclusion in Health Professions Divisions Course Catalogs by an authorized administrator of NSUWorks. For more information, please contact nsuworks@nova.edu.
nursing

college of allied health
and nursing
Nova Southeastern University, synonymous with dynamic innovation and intellectual challenge, is the largest independent not-for-profit university in the southeast, and with an enrollment of more than 25,000 students, is the eighth largest in the United States. Situated on a beautiful 300-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the university is experiencing a sustained period of academic growth, fiscal strength, and commitment to the challenges of the 21st century.

In this environment of expansion and stability, the university is capitalizing on its strengths in such areas as academic innovation, comprehensive clinical training, and flexible educational delivery systems.

Founded in 1964 as Nova University, the institution merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in 1994, creating Nova Southeastern University. To date, the institution has graduated approximately 79,000 alumni. Fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the university awards associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees in a wide range of fields including the health professions, law, business, marine sciences, psychology, social sciences, computer and information sciences, and education.

The university's programs are administered through 15 academic centers that offer courses at the main campus and at field-based locations throughout Florida; across the nation; and at selected international sites in Europe, Canada, the Pacific Rim, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

With a budget of more than $220 million per year and an upward trend in enrollment, the university will continue to maintain a solid record of academic and fiscal strength and excellence in teaching and community service, while expanding its mission in research and scholarships.
As a student in the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University, you can anticipate a remarkable experience. You will train, study, interact, and share faculty and resources (either campus-based or online) with students from various backgrounds and disciplines. This interdisciplinary approach distinguishes the Health Professions Division as unique and will better prepare you to master your discipline with a sensitivity and understanding of the entire health care system.

The Health Professions Division, with a student body of more than 2,500, is home to six colleges. The College of Osteopathic Medicine, the first one in the southeastern United States, grants the doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree. The College of Osteopathic Medicine also awards the master of public health degree (M.P.H.). The College of Pharmacy offers the doctor of pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree to entry-level, international, and postbaccalaureate students. The College of Optometry is the only institution in the state of Florida that awards the doctor of optometry (O.D.) degree as well as the master in clinical vision research (M.S.). The College of Allied Health and Nursing offers an entry-level bachelor of science degree in nursing (B.S.N.), as well as an R.N. to B.S.N. program and a master of science in nursing (M.S.N.) degree. The college also offers a physician assistant program that awards the master of medical science in physician assistant (M.M.S.) degree, and a master of occupational therapy (M.O.T.) degree, as well as the entry-level doctor of physical therapy (D.P.T.) degree. Doctoral programs are offered in occupational therapy (Ph.D./O.T., O.T.D.), physical therapy (Ph.D./P.T., D.P.T.), and audiology (Au.D.). In addition to these programs, the College of Allied Health and Nursing offers the bachelor of health science (B.H.Sc.), master of health science (M.H.Sc.), and doctor of health science (D.H.Sc.) degrees—open to midlevel clinicians and allied health professionals.

There is also a course of study resulting in a bachelor of health science—vascular sonography degree. The College of Medical Sciences grants the master of biomedical sciences (M.B.S.) degree. In the fall of 1997, the College of Dental Medicine admitted its charter class into the doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) program.

The Health Professions Division occupies a $70 million complex, covering 21 acres of the university campus. The division includes eight buildings totaling more than 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center. The adjacent 1,500-vehicle parking garage overlooks the Miami Dolphins Training Camp.

This brochure is for information purposes only and does not represent a contract. Information contained herein is subject to change at any time by administrative decision on the direction of the board of trustees.
If you wish to be a leader in the health professions, Nova Southeastern University can help you reach your potential.

The Health Professions Division is unique in that it has been developed as an interdisciplinary educational center from its inception. The division was founded on the concept that the interdisciplinary approach to education is beneficial to students of all professions, and by preparing students to work effectively with health care providers from different fields, barriers are broken and patient care is enhanced.

In less than two decades, NSU's Health Professions Division has developed into a multidisciplinary academic health center of international stature. Composed of the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental Medicine, Optometry, Allied Health and Nursing, and Medical Sciences, the Health Professions Division has redoubled its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and community service, while expanding its mission in research and scholarship. Working together, our distinguished faculty members prepare students for an exciting career on tomorrow's dynamic health care team.

Fred Lippman, R.Ph., Ed.D.
Chancellor
nursing

The Largest Health Care Provider As you plan or consider a career as a registered nurse, you should know these facts.

• With 2.5 million registered nurses nationwide, nursing continues to be the largest health care profession in the United States.

• The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that employment for registered nurses will grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2008.

• Nursing students comprise more than half of all health profession students.

• Nurses comprise the largest single component of hospital staff, are the primary providers of hospital patient care, and deliver most of the nation's long-term care.

• Most health care services involve some form of care by nurses. Although 60 percent of all employed R.N.s work in hospitals, many are employed in a wide range of other settings.

Nursing B.S.N.

• The Bachelor of Science degree in nursing (B.S.N.) is the critical first step for a career in professional nursing. While graduates can begin practice as an R.N. with an associate's degree or hospital diploma, the B.S.N. degree is essential for nurses seeking to perform at the case-manager or supervisory level or move across employment settings.

• The B.S.N. nurse is prepared for a broader role. The B.S.N. nurse is the only basic nursing graduate prepared to practice in all health care settings—critical care, ambulatory care, public health, and mental health—and thus, has the greatest employment flexibility of any entry-level R.N. The B.S.N. curriculum includes a broad spectrum of scientific, critical thinking, humanistic, communication, and leadership skills, and has specific courses on community health nursing not typically included in diploma or associate's degree tracks. These abilities are essential for today's professional nurse who must be a skilled provider, designer, manager, and coordinator of care. Nurses must make quick, sometimes life-and-death decisions; understand a patient's treatment, symptoms, and danger signs; supervise other nursing personnel; coordinate care with other health care providers; master advanced technology; guide patients through the maze of health resources in a community; and teach patients how to comply with treatment and adopt a healthy lifestyle.

• The B.S.N. is the preferred degree for entering generalist nursing practice. More nurse executives are indicating their desire for the majority of their hospital staff nurses to be prepared at the baccalaureate level to meet the more complex demands of today's patient care. In fact, the phrase "B.S.N. preferred" is appearing more frequently in classified ads for registered nurses nationwide.

For information, please call the nursing department at (954) 262-1983 or go to our Web site at www.nova.edu/nursing.

Nursing M.S.N.

The M.S.N. program at NSU offers additional education for B.S.N.-prepared nurses working or interested in the areas of nursing education, business administration, or health law.

• Master's degree preparation is the minimum preparation to enter professional nursing education. The shortage of nurses is directly related to the shortage of nursing faculties. The M.S.N. degree specializing in nursing education prepares the experienced nurse to teach nursing students in basic nursing coursework or staff development.

• M.S.N. preparation for hospital nurse managers is an integral part of optimizing health care services in the community. Magnet status, a reflection of quality in health care organizations, hinges on excellence in health care management, evidenced by nurses who are prepared at the master's degree level. Increasing numbers of nurses own their own health care-related businesses. The M.S.N. business administration specialization assists nurses who are just entering the realm of entrepreneurship, as well as those who want to better run their existing businesses.

• Many nursing positions today require knowledge of health law beyond the B.S.N. level. Legal nurse consultants, nurses in risk management, nurses in long-term care administration, and nurses charged with improving health care quality all benefit from more extensive knowledge of health law.
The College of Allied Health and Nursing is committed to assisting students in preparing to assume leadership roles in the health care delivery systems of the future.

Nova Southeastern University’s College of Allied Health and Nursing is committed to providing the highest quality education to students in a variety of health care disciplines, including occupational therapy, physical therapy, and physician assistant studies, as well as audiology and the newly added nursing programs. In addition, the college is committed to a lifelong learning philosophy through the Ph.D. in physical therapy and the O.T.D. and Ph.D. in occupational therapy. We also have the recent additions of the bachelor of health science (B.H.Sc.), master of health science (M.H.Sc.), doctor of health science (D.H.Sc.), doctor of philosophy in health science (Ph.D.), and postprofessional transition doctor of physical therapy (T.D.P.T.) programs. These new degrees for practicing health care professionals are delivered mainly through the use of innovative distance technology.

The health care marketplace is undergoing rapid change. The pace of this change has provided a formidable challenge for institutions that provide educational programs for future health care professionals. The bachelor of science degree in nursing provides nurses with an entrance into professional nursing practice. The two options offered at Nova Southeastern University allow both the registered nurse and the student with no registered nurse license an opportunity to complete their degree in a timely manner in formats that meet a variety of student needs. The M.S.N. program offers further education for nurses who already have a B.S.N. degree and are interested in career advancement in the areas of nursing education, business administration, or health law.

Nova Southeastern University’s College of Allied Health and Nursing is committed to providing the highest quality of education to students in the health care professions. We are proud to add the nursing program to our already comprehensive health care programs that include occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant, audiology, and health science.

Richard E. Davis, PA-C, Ed.D.
Dean, College of Allied Health and Nursing
chair's message

For the first time, the U.S. Department of Labor has identified registered nursing as the top occupation in terms of job growth through the year 2008. Nurses are employed in a variety of settings including hospitals, private practices, public health agencies, primary care clinics, home health care, outpatient surgicenters, health maintenance organizations, nursing school-operated nursing centers, insurance and managed care companies, nursing homes, schools, mental health agencies, hospices, the military, and industry. Other nurses work in careers as college and university educators—preparing future nurses, or as scientists—developing advances in many areas of health care and promotion.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and other leading nursing organizations recognize the B.S.N. degree as the minimum educational requirement for professional nursing practice. The B.S.N. curriculum prepares the professional nurse to be a skilled provider, manager, and coordinator of care in a wide variety of settings. Our M.S.N. program offers a variety of options to prepare registered nurses to assume leadership roles as administrators or educators or in the field of health law.

I am proud to share all of our outstanding programs with you.

Diane Whitehead, Ed.D., R.N.
Department Chair

nsu nursing department mission statement

The mission of the Nursing Department is to educate the health care leaders of tomorrow through the provision of quality and innovative teaching and learning environments. This mission is fostered within an interdisciplinary Health Professions Division promoting an atmosphere of respect within which students may evolve as broadly educated, responsible and accountable professionals dedicated to the principles of lifelong learning.

b.s.n. course of study

Option 1: Entry-level Track

The entry-level track is designed for students who are seeking initial licensure as a registered nurse. Upon completion of the 121 credits, the student is awarded a bachelor of science degree in nursing (B.S.N.) and is eligible to sit for the national licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX).

The entry-level nursing track curriculum is completed following a minimum of 30 specific semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) of undergraduate coursework. This coursework may be completed at NSU, a community college, or another university. Refer to specific admission requirements on page eight.

The remainder of the 91 semester hours may be completed within eight terms in the nursing program. Each semester is a combination of didactic and clinical courses. The department requires matriculants to complete the entire program. Individual requests for advanced placement, transfer of credit, or credit for experiential learning will be reviewed in line with college requirements.

Option 2: R.N. to B.S.N. Track

This option is designed for the registered nurse with an associate's degree or diploma from a hospital school of nursing to obtain a B.S.N. Students may complete the general education requirements in conjunction with the R.N. to B.S.N. track. Students are awarded 61 semester hours of prior learning credits. Individual requests for advanced placement, transfer of credit, or credit for experiential learning will be reviewed in line with college requirements. In order to complete NUR 4050, Community-Based Nursing Practicum, the student must have a current, active professional nursing license (R.N.) to practice in the jurisdiction in which he or she intends to complete the practicum. Students will meet early in the program with a nursing adviser to plan the best program of study.
entry-level baccalaureate track

Start Date: August and January
Length: 8 terms
Degree: B.S.N.

Student must achieve a satisfactory grade in both theory and clinical components in order to achieve a satisfactory grade in the course.

Note: 1 didactic credit hour = 60 minutes/week; 1 clinical credit hour = 5 hours/week; 1 lab hour = 60 minutes/week.

admission requirements

1. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) of specific undergraduate coursework from a regionally accredited college or university prior to matriculation into the nursing program.

2. Applicants must have completed all prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher.

3. Applicants must have an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

4. Applicants must have a personal interview with the admissions committee.

application procedure

1. Send your completed application with a $50 nonrefundable application fee and all admission forms to:
   
   NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
   Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
   College of Allied Health and Nursing
   P.O. Box 299000
   Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida 33329-9905

2. Your completed application must be received no later than May 1 in order to be considered for admission for the August entering class and October 1 to be considered for the January class.

3. If, at any time, you wish to withdraw your application from consideration, please do so in writing. Direct this correspondence to
   
   NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
   College of Allied Health and Nursing
   Nursing Department Office of Admissions
   3200 South University Drive
   Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida 33328-2018

4. All applicants who are accepted must submit official transcripts of all completed coursework to the NSU EPS Nursing Department Admissions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that arrangements are made for these transcripts to be sent.

5. If applicant attended, or is a graduate of, a foreign institution, all coursework from the foreign institution must be evaluated for U.S. institutional equivalence. The official evaluation must be sent directly from the evaluation service. For evaluations, please contact one of the following:
   
   World Education Services
   P.O. Box 745
   Old Chelsea Station
   New York, New York 10113-0745
   (212) 966-6311
   www.wes.org

   Josef Silny & Associates
   7101 SW 102nd Avenue
   Miami, Florida 33173
   (305) 273-1616
   (305) 273-1338 fax
   www.jsilny.com
   info@jsilny.com

   Educational Credential Evaluators
   P.O. Box 514070
   Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
   (414) 289-3400
   www.ece.org

6. Submit two letters of recommendation from individuals other than relatives: academic instructors, professors, or advisers.
### UNDERGRADUATE COURSE PREREQUISITES—ENTRY-LEVEL PROGRAM

**GENERAL EDUCATION***

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course Requirement</th>
<th>Prerequisite</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Written communication (3 semester hours)</td>
<td>Any written communications course</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Social behavioral sciences (9 semester hours)</td>
<td>One PSYC, one SOC, Human Growth and Development</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Humanities (3 semester hours)</td>
<td>Any ARTS, HIST, HUMN, LITR, PHIL, or foreign language</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Natural/physical sciences (12 semester hours)</td>
<td>Anatomy and physiology, at least 6 semester hours with lab (5 semester hours of anatomy and physiology with 3 semester hours of biology may be substituted); chemistry, at least 3 semester hours; microbiology, at least 3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General education elective (3 semester hours)</td>
<td>Any college-level ENC, MAT, PSYC, SOC, ARTS, HIST, HUMN, LITR, PHIL, or foreign language course (courses beginning with 00 are not considered college level)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE PREREQUISITES**

30 semester hours

### NURSING COURSE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED AT NSU

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course Requirement</th>
<th>Semester Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PHS 4904 Advanced Anatomy for Health Professions</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUT 3000 Nutrition for the Health Professionals</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BHS 3110 Health Care Ethics</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BHS 4100 Academic and Professional Writing</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BHS Elective</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3000 The Nurse as a Scholar</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3160 Introduction to Professional Nursing</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3020 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3029 Foundations of Health Assessment</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3032 Foundations of Pathophysiology</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3170 Nursing and Health Care Informatics</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3050 Applied Nursing Research</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4020 The Nurse as a Leader and Manager</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4030 The Business of Health Care</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3130 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3180 Primary Concepts of Adult Nursing</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3190 Pharmacological Basis for Nursing Interventions</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3200 Biostatistics for Nursing Practice</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3250 Concepts of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4110 Advanced Concepts of Adult Nursing II</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4120 Advanced Concepts of Adult Nursing III</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4130 Concepts of Maternal-Child Nursing and Families</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4150 Concepts of Community-Based Nursing Practice</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4180 Nursing Practicum</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TOTAL**

121 semester hours

---

*General education courses may be completed at any accredited community college or university.*
r.n. to b.s.n.
baccalaureate track

Start Date: August and January
Length: May be completed in 6 terms
Degree: B.S.N.

Note: 1 didactic credit hour = 60 minutes/week;
1 clinical credit hour = 5 hours/week; 1 lab
hour = 60 minutes/week.

The nursing department offers combination face-
to-face and online tracks in Fort Lauderdale or
Naples/Fort Myers for the R.N. to B.S.N. degree,
as well as a totally online track. For further infor-
mation, call the nursing department at (954) 262-1983 or 800-356-0026, ext. 1983.

admission requirements

1. Applicants must have a current/active
R.N. license. If the applicant's license is
not from the jurisdiction in which the
student will complete the community
course, the applicant must obtain a
license from that jurisdiction by the end
of the first semester of classes. Failure to
obtain this license will result in the
accepted student's inability to continue
with his or her coursework. Students
must maintain an active nursing license
while in the program.

2. Applicants must have an overall GPA of
2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

application procedure

1. Send your completed application with a $50 nonre-
refundable application fee and all admission forms to:

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
College of Allied Health and Nursing
P.O. Box 2999000
Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida 33329-9905

2. The office of admissions works on a rolling basis.
R.N. to B.S.N. candidates must submit all applica-
tions and transcripts by August 1 for priority consid-
eration for the August entering class and by
December 1 for priority consideration for the
January entering class. Applications are accepted
year round for the R.N. to B.S.N. entering classes.

3. If, at any time, you wish to withdraw your applica-
tion from consideration, please do so in writing.
Direct this correspondence to

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
College of Allied Health and Nursing
Nursing Department Office of Admissions
3200 South University Drive
Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida 33328-2018

4. All applicants who are accepted must submit
official transcripts of all completed coursework
to the NSU EPS Nursing Department Admissions. It
is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that
arrangements are made for these transcripts
to be sent.

5. If applicant attended, or is a graduate of, a foreign
institution, all coursework from the foreign
institution must be evaluated for U.S. institutional
equivalence. The official evaluation must be
sent directly from the evaluation service. For
evaluations, please contact one of the following:

World Education Services
P.O. Box 745
Old Chelsea Station
New York, New York 10113-0745
(212) 966-6311
www.wes.org

Josef Silny & Associates
7101 SW 102nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33173
(305) 273-1616
(305) 273-1338 fax
www.jsilny.com
info@jsilny.com

Educational Credential Evaluators
P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
(414) 289-3400
www.ece.org

6. Submit two letters of recommendation from
individuals other than relatives: academic instruc-
tors, professors, or advisers.
## UNDERGRADUATE COURSE REQUIREMENTS—R.N. TO B.S.N. PROGRAM

### GENERAL EDUCATION*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Credit Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Written communication (3 semester hours)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Social behavioral sciences (9 semester hours)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Humanities (3 semester hours)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Natural/physical sciences (12 semester hours)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General education elective (3 semester hours)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total General Education Credits**: 30 semester hours

### COGNATE COURSES THAT MUST BE COMPLETED AT NSU

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Credit Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PHS 4904 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions</td>
<td>4 semester hours credit with R.N. license</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUT 3000 Nutrition for the Health Professional</td>
<td>2 semester hours credit with R.N. license</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3110 Health Care Ethics</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3200 Biostatistics for Nursing Practice</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BHS 4100 Academic and Professional Writing</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BHS Elective</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Cognate Credits**: 19 semester hours

### NURSING COURSES THAT MUST BE COMPLETED AT NSU

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Credit Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3000 The Nurse as a Scholar</td>
<td>2 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3013 Transition to Professional Nursing</td>
<td>2 semester hour</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3020 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3031 Pathophysiology</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3030 Health Assessment</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3170 Nursing and Health Care Informatics</td>
<td>2 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 3050 Applied Nursing Research</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4020 The Nurse as a Leader and Manager</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4030 The Business of Health Care</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4040 Community-Based Nursing Practice</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUR 4050 Community-Based Nursing Practicum</td>
<td>3 semester hours</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Nursing Credits**: 30 semester hours

**Nursing Credits**: 42 semester hours credit with R.N. license

**TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**: 121 semester hours

*General education courses may be completed at any accredited community college or university.
m.s.n. courses of study

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (M.S.N.)
The online M.S.N. program offers three tracks of study: education, business administration, and health law. Dual degrees are available in M.S.N./M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration) or M.S.N./M.H.L. (Master of Health Law). While the core M.S.N. courses remain constant, courses for each track are specific to the area of interest and are provided by the appropriate schools. Courses can be added to the student's program track to accommodate the student's overall interest, employment, and educational goals. The program director is available for individualized program advisement. Capstone nursing courses allow the student to apply synthesized knowledge gained from all prior courses to an individualized project in the chosen track.

The M.S.N. education track prepares nurses for career paths in staff development, vocational-technical education, or community college education. This degree serves as a foundation for doctoral study for those interested in teaching in programs at the B.S.N. level or higher.

COURSES
- core foundational nursing
- nursing education
- TOTAL

SEMESTER HOURS
21
15
36

The nursing education courses include 6 semester hours of online nursing education practicum and capstone project work, applying what has been learned. These courses are taught online by nursing department faculty members with advanced preparation and extensive experience in higher education. Additional elective courses may be taken by students with special interests.

The M.S.N. business administration track prepares nurses for career paths in health care administration and entrepreneurship.

COURSES
- core foundational nursing
- nursing entrepreneurship
- accounting, finance, and management
- nursing business administration practicum and capstone project
- TOTAL

SEMESTER HOURS
21
3
12
6
42

Students in the business administration track may choose to complete the dual M.S.N./M.B.A. degree. Contact the nursing department's graduate program director for information on the dual-degree option.

The M.S.N. health law track prepares nurses for careers in areas such as legal nurse consulting, legal research, or long-term care facility administration/ownership.

COURSES
- core foundational nursing
- health law and regulation
- nursing health law practicum and capstone project
- TOTAL

SEMESTER HOURS
21
15
6
42

The M.S.N. health law track is the only M.S.N. program that requires the student to visit the campus. An initial summer week on campus serves as the prerequisite for subsequent law center courses.

Students in the health law track may choose to complete the dual M.S.N./M.H.L. degree. Contact the nursing department's graduate program director for information on the dual-degree option.

* This course is taken through the nursing department.
** These courses are taken through the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship.
*** These courses are taken through the Shepard Broad Law Center.
admission requirements

Prospective master of science in nursing students are selected for admission based on application content, academic record, curriculum of completed required courses, professional nursing licensure, and evaluation forms.

Admission to the M.S.N. program requires

1. a bachelor of science degree with a major in nursing
2. a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
3. current professional nursing (R.N.) licensure (must remain current throughout the program)
4. a minimum of two years of health care experience
   (Students may begin the program part-time prior to completion of two years of health care experience with the permission of the program director)
5. an application with a writing sample, three evaluation (reference) forms, and the application fee

application procedure

1. Send the signed application form with a writing sample, three evaluation (reference) forms, and a nonrefundable application fee of $50 to
   NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
   Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
   College of Allied Health and Nursing
   Nursing Department Admissions
   3301 College Avenue
   P.O. Box 299000
   Fort Lauderdale-Davie, FL 33329-9905

2. Have official transcripts from each college, university, and professional school you've attended sent directly to the EPS from the school attended.

3. Submit proof of current professional nursing (R.N.) licensure. Licensure must remain current throughout the program.

Students are provisionally admitted to a degree-seeking program based on a review of unofficial transcripts or other specific program admission requirements. However, this admission includes a condition that final and official transcripts, documents, and requirements must be received within 90 calendar days from matriculation. If these final and official transcripts, documents, and/or requirements are not received by that time, the student will not be allowed to continue class attendance. Financial aid will not be disbursed to a provisional/conditional student until he or she has been fully admitted as a regular student (all admissions requirements have been approved by the college/program admissions office). Students who have an unpaid balance 30 days from the start of the term will be assessed a $50 fee.
m.s.n. graduate course requirements

ACADEMIC YEAR 2006–2007

CORE REQUIRED M.S.N. COURSES

CORE COURSES: 21 SEMESTER HOURS

NSG 5100 Advanced Theoretical Foundations in Nursing ................. 3

NSG 5110 Nursing Research 1: Advanced Nursing Research ........... 3

NSG 5120 Nursing Research 2: Utilization of Nursing Research ........ 3

NSG 5130 Health Care Policy, Organization, and Finance ................ 3

NSG 5140 Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues in Nursing .................. 3

NSG 5220 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention .................... 3

NSG 5340 Nurse Leadership Roles in Health Care Systems ............ 3

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COURSES BY TRACK

M.S.N. EDUCATION: 15 SEMESTER HOURS

NSG 5300 Nursing Curriculum Development ......................... 3

NSG 5310 Instructional Strategies for Nurse Educators ............. 3

NSG 5320 Evaluation and Testing for Nurse Educators ............. 3

NSG 5360 Nurse Educator Practicum .................................... 3

NSG 5500 Nursing Education Capstone Project ..................... 3

M.S.N. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: 21 SEMESTER HOURS

NSG 5270 Nursing Entrepreneurship .................................. 3

NSG 5460 Nursing Business Administration Practicum ............. 3

NSG 5510 Nursing Business Administration Capstone Project .... 3

The following business courses must be completed through the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship before taking NSG 5460 and NSG 5510.

GMPN 5001 Introductory Accounting ......................... 3

GMPN 5008 Business Finance ........................................ 3

GMPN 5020 Managing Organizational Behavior ............. 3

GMPN 5012 21st Century Management Practices ........... 3

or

GMPN 5030 Managing Human Resources ....................... 3

M.S.N. HEALTH LAW: 21 SEMESTER HOURS

NSG 5470 Nursing Health Law Practicum ......................... 3

NSG 5520 Nursing Health Law Capstone Project .................. 3

The following health law courses must be completed at the Shepard Broad Law Center before taking NSG 5470 and NSG 5520.

MHLN 1010 Institute for the Study of Health Law, Part I ............. 1

MHLN 1020 Legal Research, Methods, and Reasoning ............. 3

MHLN 1030 Administrative Law .................................... 2

MHLN 1050 Law of Medicare and Medicaid ..................... 3

MHLN 1080 Law of Patients' Rights and Advocacy ............... 2

MHLN 1090 Law of Accreditation and Licensing ............... 2

MHLN 2030 Law of Risk Management .............................. 2

Course descriptions for nursing courses can be found in the HPD catalog. Course descriptions for courses offered outside the nursing department can be found in the catalog of the school offering the course.
tuition and fees

Entry-level

1. Tuition for the 2005–2006 academic year (subject to change by the board of trustees without notice): $16,900 for Florida residents and $17,900 for out-of-state students. Tuition for 2006–2007 (subject to change by the board of trustees without notice): $16,995 for Florida residents and $18,445 for out-of-state students. A Health Professions Division general access fee of $125 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $750 is also required annually.

2. Acceptance Fee—$500. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant's place in the entering first-year class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due on registration day, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within two weeks of an applicant's acceptance.

3. Deposit—$250. This is due July 15 for August admission and November 15 for January admission.

4. Preregistration Fee—$250. This is due August 1 for August admission and December 1 for January admission.

5. Lab Fee—$150. This fee is required in the first semester.

The first semester's tuition and fees, less the $1,000 previously paid, are due on or before registration day. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate registration day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. The financial ability of applicants to complete their education at the college is important because of the limited number of positions available in each class. Applicants should have specific plans for financing 27 months of professional education. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

Each student is required to carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the university.

R.N. to B.S.N. Baccalaureate

Tuition for the R.N. to B.S.N. program (subject to change by the board of trustees without notice) is $445 per credit hour for academic year 2005–2006 and $485 per credit hour for academic year 2006–2007. There are a number of Florida and hospital grants available for the R.N. to B.S.N. student. Additionally, student loan interest for nursing students is lower than for students seeking other degrees. The financial aid office and the nursing department are eager to assist you to explore all possible financial aid options. A nonrefundable $50 fee is required with each application. A Health Professions Division general access fee of $125 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $750 is also required annually.

M.S.N.

Tuition for academic years 2005–2006 and 2006–2007 (subject to change by the board of trustees without notice) is $445 per credit hour. An NSU student services fee of $750 is required annually.

Courses in the M.S.N. tracks that are taken at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship or the Shepard Broad Law Center are taken at the prevailing tuition rate for those schools.

expenses and financial aid

The primary financial responsibility for a student's education rests with the student and his or her family, but economic circumstances for some families may make it necessary for the student to obtain assistance from other sources.

The purpose of the Student Financial Assistance Program at Nova Southeastern University is to help as many qualified students as possible to complete their nursing education. Various loans, scholarships, and grants are available to qualified students to help ease the high cost of a health professions education. Approximately 90 percent of College of Nursing entry-level students receive some form of financial assistance. These financial assistance programs are described in a separate university publication: The NSU Guide to Student Financial Assistance. For a copy or information, contact Nova Southeastern University Office of Student Financial Assistance 3301 College Avenue Fort Lauderdale-Davie, FL 33314-7796 (954) 262-3380 • 800-806-3680 Opportunities for a limited number of part-time work assignments are available. However, the demands of a program of professional study limit the number of hours a student can work.