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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 28,000 students, is the sixth 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 more than 103,000 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, Mexico, 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 scholarship.
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 (M.P.H.) and the Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.B.I.) degrees. 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 a Master of Science in Clinical Vision Research (M.S.). The College of Allied Health and Nursing offers an entry-level Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree, as well as an R.N. to B.S.N. program, an R.N. to M.S.N. program, a Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree, a post-M.S.N. certificate, and a Ph.D. in nursing education. The college offers a physician assistant program that awards the Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.) degree in physician assistant, as well as programs offering a Master of Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.) degree and an entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree. Doctoral programs are offered in occupational therapy (Ph.D./O.T., Dr.OT), 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 are also courses of study in Bachelor of Health Science—Vascular Sonography, Master of Health Science—Vascular Sonography, and Master of Health Science—Anesthesiologist Assistant. 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. Now, the college also offers a Master of Science in Dentistry (M.Sc.D.) degree, as well as postgraduate programs in endodontics, oral surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics.

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.

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If you wish to be a leader in the health professions, Nova Southeastern University can help you reach your potential.

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
MISSION STATEMENT
NSU College of Allied Health and Nursing

In the spirit of improving and maintaining optimum health conditions in the community, the College of Allied Health and Nursing prepares professionals with the skills necessary for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases; for the support of the populace in maintaining proper health and safety; for the management of rehabilitative processes; and for the education of the community in understanding the interdependency of health, environment, social and political factors. The College of Allied Health and Nursing endeavors to train both graduate and undergraduate professionals in the arts of improving the quality of life in the community.
The health care marketplace is undergoing a rapid change. The pace of this change has provided a formidable challenge for institutions that provide the educational programs for future health care professionals.

Nova Southeastern University's College of Allied Health and Nursing is committed to providing the highest quality of 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 nursing programs (entry-level B.S.N., R.N. to B.S.N., R.N. to M.S.N., M.S.N., post-M.S.N. certificate, and Ph.D.). In addition, the college is committed to a lifelong learning philosophy through the Ph.D. in physical therapy and the Dr.OT and Ph.D. in occupational therapy. We also have the Bachelor of Health Science (B.H.Sc.), Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.), Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.), and transition Doctor of Physical Therapy (T-D.P.T.) programs, as well as the Bachelor of Health Science—Vascular Sonography, Master of Health Science—Vascular Sonography, and Master of Health Science—Anesthesiologist Assistant specialty courses of study. These degrees for practicing health care professionals are delivered mainly through the use of innovative distance technology.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree 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, health law, public/community health nursing, or health systems leadership. The Ph.D. in nursing program provides a culminating experience for students with master's degrees who want to focus on nursing education or research.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing is committed to providing health care educational opportunities in formats that meet the needs of prospective students in the community and adequately prepare graduates to assume greater leadership roles in health care delivery systems.

Richard E. Davis, PA-C, Ed.D.
Dean, College of Allied Health and Nursing
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 surgi-centers, 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, educators, public/community health specialists, or in health law or health systems leadership. The post-M.S.N. certificate program prepares M.S.N.-level nurses to enter the specialty of nursing education and/or prepare for national certification. The Ph.D. in nursing education provides the culminating segment of the educational pipeline for a nursing faculty career path. I am proud to share all of our outstanding programs with you.

Diane Whitehead, Ed.D., R.N.
Associate Dean
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 in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree 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 more information, please visit our Web site at www.nova.edu/nursing or call the nursing department at (954) 262-1983.
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, public/community health nursing, and health systems leadership.

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. Nova Southeastern University’s M.S.N. degree specializing in nursing education prepares the experienced nurse to teach nursing students in basic nursing coursework or to teach nurses in staff development.

The M.S.N. Health Systems Leadership track prepares nurses for a variety of administrative and business-related positions in complex health systems. M.S.N. preparation for nurses 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.

M.S.N.-prepared nurses are needed as leaders in public/community health. Preparation at the M.S.N. level in a track specific to the requirements of public/community health allows public health nurses to better assess and assure the public's health. In addition to allowing nurses to enter the field of public/community health, advanced specialty education through this M.S.N. track increases leadership and career advancement opportunities for practicing public/community health nurses.

NURSING POST-M.S.N.

The post-M.S.N. certificate program at NSU offers nurses already prepared at the M.S.N. level the opportunity to further specialize in, or to change the focus of their careers to, nursing education. This program is designed to allow the M.S.N.-prepared nurse to enter the field of nursing education at the clinical, community college, or staff-development levels. The M.S.N.-prepared faculty member completing this program is also prepared for national certification (CNE.)

NURSING PH.D.

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in nursing is a degree program for graduates of a Master of Science in Nursing program. The NSU Ph.D. in nursing course of study is designed to provide the culminating segment of the educational pipeline for a nursing faculty career path. Extending the education of current nursing faculty members from throughout the country and allowing a path of entry into nursing education careers for prospective faculty members, the program will emphasize nursing research and higher education leadership in nursing. Nurses will be prepared to conduct research and serve in nursing faculty leadership roles through coursework and course delivery methods specific to their needs.
OPTION 1: ENTRY-LEVEL TRACK

The 27-month, entry-level track is offered at both the Fort Lauderdale and Fort Myers locations. Information on either location can be obtained by calling 800-356-0026, ext. 21983.

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 admissions requirements on page 13.

The remainder of the 91 semester hours may be completed within seven 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 who wishes 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 64 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. Students will meet early in the program with a nursing adviser to plan the best program of study.

OPTION 3: R.N. TO M.S.N. TRACK

This option is designed for the registered nurse with an associate's degree or diploma from a hospital school of nursing who wishes to obtain a B.S.N. and an M.S.N. Students are required to complete the general education requirements prior to taking the M.S.N. courses. Students are awarded 64 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. Students will meet early in the program with a nursing adviser to plan the best program of study.

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.
ACCREDITATIONS
The NSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing programs are accredited as of April 6, 2006, for a period of 5 years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), (One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, telephone number: (202) 887-6791).

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

NONDISCRIMINATION
Consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and/or local ordinances (e.g., Title VII, Title VI, Title III, Title II, Rehab Act, ADA, and Title IX), it is the policy of Nova Southeastern University not to engage in any discrimination or harassment against any individuals because of race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, and to comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations.

This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions; enrollment; scholarships; loan programs; athletics; employment; and access to, participation in, and treatment in all university centers, programs, and activities. NSU admits students of any race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at NSU, and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.
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, 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

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328-2018

4. All applicants 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:

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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
Phone: (305) 273-1616
Fax: (305) 273-1338
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.
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. No grades of D, F, or W will be accepted for science courses.

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.

**ENTRY-LEVEL BACCALAUREATE TRACK**

Start Dates: August and January

Length: 7 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.
UNDERGRADUATE COURSE REQUIREMENTS: ENTRY-LEVEL TRACK

GENERAL EDUCATION*

Written communication (3 semester hours) .................................... Any written communications course

Social behavioral sciences (9 semester hours) ................................. One PSYC, one SOC, Human Growth and Development

Humanities (3 semester hours) .................................................... Any ARTS, HIST, HUMAN, LITR, PHIL, or foreign language

Natural/physical sciences (12 semester hours) .............................. 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

General education elective (3 semester hours) ............................... Any college-level ENC, MAT, PSYC, SOC, ARTS, HIST, HUMAN, LITR, PHIL, or foreign language course (courses beginning with 00 are not considered college level)

TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE PREREQUISITES .... 30 semester hours
NURSING COURSE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED AT NSU

PHS 4904 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions ... 4 semester hours
NUR 3000 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing Education ................. 3 semester hours
NUR 3160 Introduction to Professional Nursing .................................. 3 semester hours
NUR 3130 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice .................. 6 semester hours
NUR 3005 Mathematical Applications for Nursing Practice ............. 2 semester hours
NUR 3029 Foundations of Health Assessment .................................. 3 semester hours
NUR 3131 Problem Solving Strategies for Nursing Practice ............. 1 semester hour
NUR 3032 Foundations of Pathophysiology .................................... 3 semester hours
NUR 3180 Primary Concepts of Adult Health Nursing ..................... 3 semester hours
NUR 3191 Pharmacological Basis for Nursing Interventions I .......... 2 semester hours
BHS 3110 Health Care Ethics .................................................... 3 semester hours
NUT 3000 Nutrition for the Health Professionals ......................... 3 semester hours
NUR 4110 Advanced Concepts of Adult Nursing II ....................... 3 semester hours
NUR 3192 Pharmacological Basis for Nursing Interventions II ........ 2 semester hours
BHS elective ................................................................. 3 semester hours
NUR 4130 Concepts of Maternal-Child Nursing and Families .......... 5 semester hours
NUR 4160 Genetics for Nursing Practice ..................................... 2 semester hours
NUR 3050 Theoretical Applications in Nursing Research ............... 3 semester hours
NUR 3200 Statistical Applications in Nursing Research
   and Evidence-Based Practice .................................................. 3 semester hours
NUR 3250 Concepts of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing ............. 4 semester hours
NUR 4150 Concepts of Community-Based Nursing ....................... 4 semester hours
NUR 3175 Nursing in Today’s Health Care Environment ................. 3 semester hours
NUR 4020 The Nurse as a Leader and Manager ............................ 3 semester hours
NUR 4030 The Business of Health Care ..................................... 3 semester hours
NUR 4120 Advanced Concepts of Adult Nursing III ....................... 5 semester hours
NUR 4180 Nursing Practicum .................................................. 6 semester hours
TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS ........................................... 121 semester hours

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2. The office of admissions works on a rolling basis. R.N. to B.S.N. candidates must submit all applications and transcripts by August 1 for priority consideration 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.

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1. Applicants must have a current, active United States R.N. license.

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R.N. TO B.S.N. BACCALAUREATE TRACK

Start Dates: August and January
Length: May be completed in 5 terms
Degree: B.S.N.

The nursing department offers combination face-to-face and online tracks in Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, or Orlando for the R.N. to B.S.N. degree, as well as a totally online track. For further information, call the nursing department at (954) 262-1983 or 800-356-0026, ext. 21983.
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**Total General Education Credits** 30 semester hours
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PHS 4904 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions ........ 4 semester hours credit with R.N. license
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NUR 3005 Mathematical Applications for Nursing Practice .................. 2 semester hours credit with R.N. license
NUR 3131 Problem-Solving Strategies for Nursing Practice ............... 1 semester hour credit with R.N. license
BHS 3110 Health Care Ethics .................................................. 3 semester hours
BHS or nursing elective .......................................................... 3 semester hours
Total Cognate Credits .................................................................. 16 semester hours

Nursing Courses That Must Be Completed at NSU

NUR 3000 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing Education .............. 3 semester hours
NUR 3013 Transition to Professional Nursing .................................. 3 semester hours
NUR 3031 Pathophysiology ......................................................... 3 semester hours
NUR 3030 Health Assessment ...................................................... 3 semester hours
NUR 3200 Statistical Applications in Nursing Research
   and Evidence-Based Practice .................................................. 3 semester hours
NUR 3175 Nursing in Today's Health Care Environment ................. 3 semester hours
NUR 3050 Theoretical Applications in Nursing Research ............... 3 semester hours
NUR 4020 The Nurse as a Leader and Manager ......................... 3 semester hours
NUR 4030 The Business of Health Care ...................................... 3 semester hours
NUR 4150 Concepts of Community-Based Nursing Practice .......... 4 semester hours
NUR 4160 Genetics for Nursing Practice ...................................... 2 semester hours
Total Nursing Credits Completed at NSU .................................. 33 semester hours
Nursing Credits ........................................................................ 42 semester hours credit
   with R.N. license

Total Degree Requirements .................................................... 121 semester hours

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6. Submit two letters of recommendation from individuals other than relatives: academic instructors, professors, or advisers.
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
R.N. to M.S.N.

Students must declare the R.N. to M.S.N. as their major upon application to the program.

Applicants must have a current, active United States R.N. license. If the applicant resides outside of the United States and does not hold this license, the applicant’s application must be approved by the nursing department chair and College of Allied Health and Nursing dean.

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

Students must complete all prerequisite general education courses prior to application to the R.N. to M.S.N. track.

The student will complete three terms of B.S.N. coursework. At the end of three terms, the student must meet the 3.0 or higher GPA admission requirement for the M.S.N. The 3.0 GPA will be calculated from the B.S.N. courses completed at NSU. Any student enrolled in the R.N. to M.S.N. program who does not meet the 3.0 GPA requirement in the third term will be moved to the R.N. to B.S.N. program and must complete the two additional terms for the B.S.N. program. The program directors for the R.N. to B.S.N. and the graduate programs will review applicants at the completion of Term III. Written notification to the student regarding his or her progression into the M.S.N. program will be done by the nursing department.
UNDERGRADUATE COURSE REQUIREMENTS: R.N. TO M.S.N. PROGRAM

GENERAL EDUCATION*

Written communication (3 semester hours) ............................................ Any written communications course
Social/behavioral sciences (9 semester hours) ........................................ One PSYC, one SOC, Human Growth and Development
Humanities (3 semester hours) .............................................................. Any ARTS, HIST, HUMN, LITR, PHIL, or foreign language
Natural/physical sciences (12 semester hours) ....................................... Credit with R.N. license
General education elective (3 semester hours) ....................................... Any college-level MAT, ENC, PSYC, SOC, ARTS, HIST, HUMN, LITR, PHIL, or foreign language course (courses beginning with 00 are not considered college level)

Total General Education Credits ......................................................... 30 semester hours

COGNATE COURSES THAT MUST BE COMPLETED AT NSU

PHS 4904 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions .......... 4 semester hours credit with R.N. license
NUT 3000 Nutrition for the Health Professional ........................................ 3 semester hours credit with R.N. license
NUR 3005 Mathematical Applications for Nursing Practice ....................... 2 semester hours credit with R.N. license
NUR 3131 Problem-Solving Strategies for Nursing Practice ....................... 1 semester hour credit with R.N. license

Total Cognate Credits ........................................................................... 10 semester hours

B.S.N. NURSING COURSES THAT MUST BE COMPLETED AT NSU

NUR 3000 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing Education ....................... 3 semester hours
NUR 3013 Transition to Professional Nursing .......................................... 3 semester hours
NUR 3031 Pathophysiology .................................................................... 3 semester hours
NUR 3030 Health Assessment .............................................................. 3 semester hours
NUR 3200 Statistical Applications in Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice .......................................................... 3 semester hours
NUR 3175 Nursing in Today’s Health Care Environment ............................ 3 semester hours
NUR 4150 Concepts of Community-Based Nursing .................................. 4 semester hours
NUR 4160 Genetics for Nursing Practice ................................................ 2 semester hours
NUR 4175 Transition to Graduate Studies .............................................. 9 semester hours

Total B.S.N. Nursing Credits Completed at NSU .................................... 33 semester hours

Nursing Credits .................................................................................. 42 semester hours credit with R.N. license
M.S.N. NURSING COURSES THAT MUST BE COMPLETED AT NSU

The student may complete a specialization in nursing education, health systems leadership, or public/community health nursing. Each specialty has a total of 21 credits.

### Term IV
- **NSG 5000 Advanced Nurse Role** ........................................ 3 semester hours
- **NSG 5130 Health Care Policy, Organization, and Finance** ........ 3 semester hours

### Term V
- **NSG 5100 Advanced Theoretical Foundations in Nursing** ........ 3 semester hours
- **NSG 5110 Nursing Research I** ............................................. 3 semester hours

### Term VI
- **NSG 5120 Nursing Research II** ........................................... 3 semester hours
- **Specialty course 1** .............................................................. 3 semester hours

### B.S.N. Degree Awarded

### Term VII
- **Specialty course 2** .............................................................. 3 semester hours
- **Specialty course 3** .............................................................. 3 semester hours

### Term VIII
- **Specialty course 4** .............................................................. 3 semester hours
- **Specialty course 5** .............................................................. 3 semester hours

### Term IX
- **Specialty practicum** ......................................................... 6 semester hours

**TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED IN R.N. TO M.S.N. PROGRAM** ........ 151 semester hours

### Summary of Credits for R.N. to M.S.N. Program

- **Undergraduate Admission Requirements** ................................ 30 semester hours
- **Credit for R.N. License** ..................................................... 52 semester hours
- **B.S.N. Credits Completed at NSU** ........................................ 33 semester hours
- **M.S.N. Credits Counted Toward B.S.N.** .................................. 6 semester hours
- **Additional M.S.N. Credits Completed** ...................................... 30 semester hours
- **Total Credits Applied Toward Bachelor of Science in Nursing** .... 121 semester hours
- **Total Credits Applied Toward Master of Science in Nursing** ...... 30 semester hours

### Notes
- General education courses may be completed at any accredited community college or university.
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 Department 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

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Office of Student Financial Assistance
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 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.
**ENTRY-LEVEL**

1. Tuition for 2009–2010 (subject to change by the board of trustees without notice): $18,885 for Florida residents and $20,395 for out-of-state students. Tuition for 2010–2011 (subject to change by the board of trustees without notice): $19,335 for Florida residents and 21,225 for out-of-state students. A Health Professions Division general access fee of $145 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.

6. Students will incur additional costs—such as PDA, FNSA dues, uniforms, and lab coat—while in the program.

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.

1. Tuition for the R.N. to B.S.N. program (subject to change by the board of trustees without notice) is $520 per credit hour for academic year 2009–2010 and $390 per credit hour for academic year 2010–2011. 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 non-refundable $50 fee is required with each application. A Health Professions Division general access fee of $145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $750 is also required annually.

2. Acceptance Fee—$200. 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.

R.N. TO M.S.N.

1. Tuition for academic year 2010–2011 for the R.N. to M.S.N. program (subject to change by the board of trustees without notice) is $390 per credit hour for courses at the baccalaureate degree (B.S.N.) level and $550 per credit hour for courses at the master's degree (M.S.N.) level. A Health Professions Division general access fee of $145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $750 is also required annually.

2. Acceptance Fee—$200. 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.
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