



# NURSING, R.N.

## Articulated A.S. to B.S. Career Path

GET ON THE RUNWAY TO A GREAT CAREER.

There is no career path hotter right now than that of a skilled registered nurse. Like the rest of the country, Florida is experiencing a shortage of skilled registered nurses and Valencia is doing its best to meet this demand. This demand is also creating tremendous opportunities for nursing graduates who are eagerly recruited, and typically earn starting salaries of \$35,000 and up. Valencia's nationally approved program is one of the best for preparing men and women for a nursing career, by connecting students directly to situations nurses face today. The program offers classroom curriculum together with real-life lessons to help nurses build skills and confidence. In fact, Valencia's Nursing program is the first two-year program in Florida to implement a broad community outreach program, with over 60 contracts with outside agencies as part of the required clinical experience, including nursing homes, high-risk clinics, health departments and homeless shelters.

### Note

The Nursing, RN program is a selective admission, limited enrollment program. Students must be prepared for rigorous coursework, and must meet all prerequisites before continuing in the program

### Potential Careers

- Registered Nurse

### Potential Earnings

\$35,000 - \$40,000 per year

### Contacts

Health Sciences Career Program Advisor

West Campus: 407-582-1288

For more information, visit our Website at:  
valenciacc.edu/west/health

### A.S. to Bachelor's Degree Career Path...

Now the A.S. degree has a career path to continue to a Bachelor's degree. All of Valencia's A.S. degrees will transfer into the new B.A.S. program at UCF's regional campuses, as well as other universities. The B.A.S. degree has seven different tracks you can specialize in – and the cool thing is, the specialization you major in does not have to be in the same area as the A.S. degree.

Check it out at [regionalcampuses.ucf.edu/bas](http://regionalcampuses.ucf.edu/bas)

### The Internship & Placement Office

is available to assist you in locating an internship or job resources.

Vertrilla Hunt, East Campus: 407-582-2726

Carmen Diaz, West Campus: 407-582-1034

Matthew Abalos, Osceola Campus: 407-582-4196

For more information, visit: [valenciacc.edu/ipo](http://valenciacc.edu/ipo)

# NURSING, R.N.

## Nursing, Generic Track

Associate in Science Degree

(Articulated A.S. to B.S. Career Path)

### Limited Access

This program is designed for students who seek employment in the field of nursing and who may decide to continue to any Florida public university as a junior to complete a four-year Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Students wishing to transfer any credits from this program to another institution must accept responsibility for securing approval from the transfer institution.

Graduates of this program are prepared to administer nursing care as general staff nurses and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) to become registered nurses. According to the laws governing state licensure, any candidate who has been arrested or convicted of any offense other than minor traffic violations will be required to petition the Board of Nursing for permission to sit for the licensing exam. Completion of the program does not ensure permission to sit for the licensing exam.

Nursing is a limited access program. Admission to Valencia does not imply acceptance to the Nursing Program; students must apply and be accepted into the program. General admission procedures for this program are found in the Admissions section of this catalog. The Health Sciences Division provides information about specific admission criteria.

Program expenses are given in the Financial section of this catalog.

Admission requirements for the A.S. Degree Nursing Generic Track are:

- Submit a completed Valencia Community College application
- Complete Nursing Program Prerequisite for Admission Courses with minimum grades of "C"
- Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5 (including transfer work)
- Satisfy the college entry testing requirements and satisfactorily complete all mandatory courses in reading, student success mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes in which you are placed
- Complete Nursing Program Prerequisite for Admission Courses with minimum grades of "C"
- Students must successfully complete the designated entrance test requirements for Health Sciences prior to submitting the Nursing Application
- Submit a completed Valencia Nursing Program application

A student will not be allowed to continue in the Nursing Program if he/she withdraws from two courses or receives a grade of D or F in two nursing courses (subject prefix of NUR) – this could be the same nursing course twice or two separate nursing courses. Students with nursing courses from other institutions who wish to transfer into this program must complete transfer application documents. Transfer decisions are made on an individual basis and on a space-available basis.

Students are strongly encouraged to consult a Health Sciences advisor for assistance in determining the best education plan for their career goals.

This program has been coordinated with local health care agencies, the State Department of Education and the State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) 61 Broadway, New York City, NY 10006. Phone: 1-800-669-1656.

## Generic Track Curriculum

Prerequisites for Admission:

Course	Title	Credits
+* BSC 2093C	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
+* BSC 2094C	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
+* MCB 2010C	Microbiology	4
+ PSY 1012	General Psychology	3
+* DEP 2004	Developmental Psychology	3
+* ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3
+ HUN 2202	Essentials of Nutrition with Diet Therapy	3
+ Humanities	PHI 2600 or PHI 2010 recommended; can be any course with HUM prefix that meets A.A. Degree requirement	3
<b>Total Prerequisite Credits</b>		<b>27</b>

### Year I

#### FIRST TERM

Course	Title	Credits
+* NUR 1021C	Nursing I	10

#### SECOND TERM

Course	Title	Credits
+* NUR 1032C	Nursing II	9

#### THIRD TERM

Course	Title	Credits
+* NUR 1401C	Nursing III	9

### Year II

#### FOURTH TERM

Course	Title	Credits
+* NUR 2204C	Nursing IV	9

#### FIFTH TERM

Course	Title	Credits
+* NUR 2823C	Nursing V	4
+* NUR 2832L	Nursing VI	2
<b>Total Nursing Credits</b>		<b>43</b>
+* HSC 2151	Pharmacology and Clinical Decision Making	2
<b>Total Degree Credits</b>		<b>72</b>

### NOTES:

All accepted applicants must be screened by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal history. Applicants for Valencia Community College Health Science Programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a health care setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and State/Federal regulations.

All specialized program courses are offered on the West Campus; some are offered at the Osceola Campus.

This A.S. degree is transferable to UCF's regional campuses offering the B.A.S. degree. Check with UCF regional offices for their local campus offerings. The degree may also be transferable to B.A.S. programs offered by USF and Daytona State College. Check with USF and Daytona State College for acceptance of this degree.

Students will be required to take 36 credit hours of General Education courses to earn a Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A. S) degree from UCF.

To graduate from UCF's B.A.S. program, students will also have to fulfill the state's foreign language requirement which is as follows: Two years of the same high school foreign language or two semesters of the same college-level foreign language.

Specialized courses may not be offered every session or on every campus.  
+ This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.  
\* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.

# VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## ADMISSION CRITERIA AND CHECKLIST ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE NURSING, R.N.

The following criteria will be used for selection into the Associate in Science Degree Nursing Program.

Admission to the Nursing Program is limited to eligible applicants only. Students selected, enter in August (Fall term), January (Spring term), or May (Summer term) of each year based on the date of application. Applicants selected for admission will be placed on either the West or Osceola campus. Applicants who decline entry on their identified admission term, will be placed in the admission term with vacancies. ***Applicants must be a United States citizen or permanent resident to be eligible.***

Application requirements:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Submit a completed college application for admission by the College Application Deadline. Visit Valencia's Web site at [www.valenciacc.edu/admissions](http://www.valenciacc.edu/admissions) for specific information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Applicants to the Nursing Program must have an **Overall GPA of 2.5.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Prior to submitting the Nursing Program Application, applicants must meet the college admission requirements for degree seeking students. College entry level assessment, computerized placement tests, and all mandatory courses in Reading, Student Success, Mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes must be completed prior to submitting the Nursing Program Application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Attend a group advisement session about the Nursing program prior to making nursing application to the program. Dates are posted on the website [www.valenciacc.edu/nursing](http://www.valenciacc.edu/nursing). Appointments can be scheduled for further questions with the Health Sciences Career Program Advisor after attending a nursing advisement session.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Science and General Education course requirements must be completed **prior** to application\*:
  - BSC 2093C – Anatomy and Physiology I
  - BSC 2094C – Anatomy and Physiology II
  - MCB 2010C – Microbiology

General Education courses include:

- PSY 1012 – General Psychology
- DEP 2004 – Developmental Psychology
- ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition
- HUN 2202 – Essentials of Nutrition
- PHI 2600 – Ethics and Critical Thinking **OR** PHI 2010 – Philosophy Recommended **OR** any course with HUM prefix that meets the AA degree requirement.

***\*All courses required for the Associate in Science degree in Nursing must be completed with a "C" or better***

- \_\_\_\_\_6. Students must complete the designated Health Science Entrance Test requirements prior to submitting the Nursing application. Examination fee is the responsibility of the student. Information regarding entrance test requirements may be viewed at: [www.valenciacc.edu/nursing](http://www.valenciacc.edu/nursing)
- \_\_\_\_\_7. Students must review all admission and program requirements on the Valencia Nursing website: [www.valenciacc.edu/nursing](http://www.valenciacc.edu/nursing)

*After checklist is complete*, a \$15.00 non-refundable nursing application fee (check or money order payable to Valencia Community College) must be submitted to the Business Office with each nursing application. Submit the completed Nursing Program Application to the Valencia Community College Nursing Program, Health Science Division, West Campus, Building 2 room 208.

**Contact Information:**

Health Sciences Career Program Advisor  
West Campus, Building 2 room 208  
[healthscienceadvising@valenciacc.edu](mailto:healthscienceadvising@valenciacc.edu) or 407-582-1288

Note: No student will be admitted into two (2) different Valencia Community College Health Sciences Programs within an academic year.

- **After** acceptance and prior to the start of the first semester of nursing courses, students will be notified of the process required to complete a background check and the deadline for the completion of the check. Applicants with a positive background check may be denied admission into the Nursing Program. The current fee is \$49.00 and the responsibility of the student. The Nationwide Criminal Search is an additional \$10.00 if needed. Students will not begin the nursing program until we have the background check on file. Background checks are valid for one year.
- Applicants for Valencia Community College Nursing program must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a health care setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and State/Federal regulations.
- Each applicant must be screened by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal history. Each applicant must have a Social Security Verification, Residency History, Nationwide Sexual Offense Registry Search, Nationwide Healthcare Fraud/Abuse Scan, and a US Patriot Act/OFCA search. A Nationwide Criminal Search is also required if the applicant has worked, resided, or has been a student outside of Florida during the 2 year period prior to the start of any Health Science Program at Valencia. Applicants having concerns regarding these requirements are encouraged to make contact with the Nursing Program Advisor well in advance of the first semester in the Nursing Program.
- After acceptance and prior to the start of the first semester of nursing courses, applicants must have CPR certification, physical examination, immunizations and health screening. Students will not begin the nursing program without these requirements met by the deadline provided.



NURSING, REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO HEALTH SCIENCES

DATE (of this application) \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Valencia ID number (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Atlas Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Have official transcripts been sent to the registrar? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Presently enrolled at Valencia Community College? [ ] Yes [ ] No Date admitted to VCC \_\_\_\_\_

NURSING APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AND ALL PRE-REQUISITE COURSES ARE COMPLETED AND GRADES POSTED ON TRANSCRIPTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

I HAVE REVIEWED ALL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS ON THE VALENCIA NURSING WEBSITE. I AFFIRM THAT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS FRAUDULENT TO MISREPRESENT ANY INFORMATION ON THIS FORM. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS NECESSARY TO BE A COMPETENT REGISTERED NURSE.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Equal Opportunity Institution

# VALENCIA

## NURSING, REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM

### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO HEALTH SCIENCES

A \$15 non-refundable application fee to the program (check or money order payable to Valencia Community College) must be submitted to the Business Office with **each** application.

**By mail:** Please mail application and check together to the address listed below. Do not send separately.

Valencia Community College  
Business Office, SSB 101  
1800 S. Kirkman Road  
Orlando, FL 32811

**In person:** Please make payment to the Business Office **before** turning in your application to the Health Science Advising Office on the West Campus, building 2, room 208.

Finance Use

### Criminal History

Have you ever been convicted of or entered a no contest or guilty plea regardless of offense other than minor traffic violation?  Yes  No

#### **NOTE:**

For acceptance into a health science program, and continuing through enrollment the student must not have been found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of an offense that would disqualify the student for employment in health care or a community health setting. Exemptions from disqualification can be granted. Students should make their request for appeal in writing to the Health Science Office: 1800 South Kirkman Road, Orlando, FL 32811. Upon receipt of the student's letter the college will inform the student of the appeal process.

The Board of Nursing may or may not allow a graduate from a nursing program who has any arrest or conviction to sit for licensure. The board will not tell you if you can sit for licensure until you are a graduate of an approved nursing school and apply to take the National Boards.

If you have additional concern about this area or questions, please call Health Science office at 407-582-1288.

**Valencia Community College reserves the right to make changes in admission criteria and program information as circumstances require and is an Equal Opportunity Institution.**

## INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY:

For the purpose of the Nursing Program a "Qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the program."

Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. Based on these requirements a list of "Core Performance Standards" has been developed. Each standard has an example of an activity which a student will be required to perform while enrolled in the Nursing Program. These standards are a part of each nursing course.

These standards should be used to assist students in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary for a student to meet program requirements. Students who identify potential difficulties with meeting the Core Performance Standards must communicate in writing their concerns to the college counseling/advising staff and nursing program director.

Determination is made on an individual basis as to whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can be made reasonably.

## CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

Issue	Standard	Some Examples of Necessary Activities (not all inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing care actions and patient/client responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, maneuver in small spaces, and navigate stairwells	Moves around in patient's rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas, administer nursing procedures
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care	Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	Hears monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation, assessment, documentation, and direct safe care necessary in nursing care	Observes patient/client responses
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., insertions of a catheter

## COST OF NURSING PROGRAM 2009/10

Approximate costs for instate students in the generic program during the two years curriculum, include:

*Tuition fees (\$77.83 cr. hr. x 72)	\$5,603.76
Entrance test for Health Sciences	40.00
Nursing Application Fee	15.00
Liability Insurance	24.00
Lab fees	414.00
Physical Exam	200.00
Hepatitis Immunizations	150.00
Immunizations: PPD, MMR, Tetanus, Varicella	165.00
CPR Certification	40.00
Books and syllabi (approximate)	600.00
Related course books (based on current market price)	355.00
Uniforms, lab coat, shoes	250.00
Name pins and uniform patches	15.00
Littman stethoscope	65.00
Accessory kit	25.00
Lab supplies	300.00
Background check	49.00
Graduation pin (estimate)	50.00
Nursing Student Association	80.00
Achievement tests	400.00
<b>Approximate total for two years</b>	<b>\$8,840.76</b>

***\*Current fees subject to change***

(To view current tuition fees, please visit, <http://www.valenciacc.edu/finanserv/fees.cfm>)

To be licensed the student must successfully complete the following:

National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)	\$405.00
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Nursing student will be responsible for furnishing transportation to the community and/or hospital facilities used by the college for clinical practice.