REGISTERED NURSES: A REVOLUTION IN RN-BS NURSING EDUCATION

» Leadership/Management
» Patient/Staff Education
» Clinical Excellence

University of South Florida College of Nursing
TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE, TRANSFORMING LIVES - CREATING THE NURSING LEADERS OF TOMORROW AND THE RESEARCH THAT IMPROVES HEALTH
This "first-of-its-kind" program developed for today’s Registered Nurses is truly a REVOLUTION in education, and it’s right here at the University of South Florida.

» Allows you to build a degree focused on your unique career needs:
  ° Leadership/Management
  or
  ° Patient/Staff Education
  or
  ° Clinical Excellence

» 30 nursing credit hours.

» Fully web-based - this online program allows you to attend class when it is convenient for you.

» Part-time complete our nursing program in 5 semesters; full-time in 3 semesters.

» Prepares you for selected national certifications.

» Seamless transition into USF Nursing Master’s, PhD and DNP programs.

College of Nursing advisors are ready and standing by to speak with you about this revolutionary bachelor’s completion program.

The USF College of Nursing is transforming healthcare, transforming lives – take that next step and join us as we create the nursing leaders of tomorrow and the research that improves health.

Dianne Morrison-Beedey, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN
Senior Associate Vice President, USF Health
Dean, College of Nursing

Your Degree, Your Way!
At USF we listened to what nurses just like you told us they wanted in a baccalaureate completion program. We worked with employers, students and national experts to craft this “first-of-its-kind” educational offering.

The future is inter-professional healthcare teams working together to make life better, and at USF Health we are making it happen. To make this vision possible we all have to think outside the box. This new RN to BS program does all that and more - it addresses a key Institute of Medicine report that calls for a seamless transition for nurses to a higher degree. USF Nursing really has started a revolution in education for Registered Nurses! "

- Stephen Klasko, MD, MBA
  Senior Vice President, USF Health
  Dean, College of Medicine

I have been a nurse for a long time and have seen nurses struggling to get a degree while working full-time and caring for a family. It requires an exceptional commitment that I can appreciate having been there myself. At USF we built our program by talking to nurses who desire to enhance their skills so that they can continue to practice in their current setting whether it’s clinical practice, patient and staff education, or leadership and management. I am so proud to have been part of creating this unique program. It really is a revolution in education for Registered Nurses! "

- Sandy Czerwinski, MS, RN
  RN-BS Program Director

By our calculations...

You - a highly-skilled and motivated nurse

+ USF faculty - nationally-recognized, caring nursing leaders

= A truly winning combination in nursing

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Built by You - in 3 Easy Steps!

Program plan
» Allows students to complete USF general education requirements.
» Choose your own class time - all courses online.
» Part-time option at 6 credit hours per semester: Complete your degree in 5 semesters.
» Prepare for selected national certifications.

STEP 1 - Complete core courses in year 1 (15 cr)
Core Courses:
> Information Technology
> Educational Transitions
> Educational Role of the Nurse
> Leadership and Management
> Evidence-Based Practice
> Population Health

STEP 2 - Meet with your advisor and choose the cluster that works best for you:
» Leadership/Management
» Patient/Staff Education
» Clinical Excellence
Cluster Courses/Electives give the RN a personalized curriculum.

STEP 3 - Select two courses in your cluster and three additional courses (15 cr), from any of the clusters, to customize your education.

Wherever you are, our program is ready for you!
**Leadership/Management Cluster:**
Prepares nurses for healthcare leadership with topics such as:
- Applied Leadership and Management
- Healthcare Finance
- Healthcare Policy and Regulation
- Legal and Ethical Issues
- Quality Management and Outcomes

Nursing Management and Leadership Certification
  ° The American Organization of Nurse Executives

**Patient/Staff Education Cluster:**
Prepares nurses as educators with topics such as:
- Assessment and Evaluation
- Distance Learning
- Simulation Based Learning
- Social and Peer Learning Networks

Nurse Educator (Professional Development) Certification
  ° The American Nurses Credentialing Center

**Clinical Excellence Cluster:**
Prepares nurses for clinical excellence with topics such as:
- Complementary and Alternative Care
- Geriatric Care
- Health Assessment for Registered Nurses
- HIV Community Health Nursing
- International Nursing Care
- Inter-Professional Quality and Safety
- Military and Veteran Health Issues
- Pathophysiology and Pharmacology Updates
- Substance Abuse

Team STEPPS Instructor Certification
  ° The Department of Defense & the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

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A program that truly fits your needs. So ask yourself - if not now, when?
We are excited about the opportunity to offer a bridge program through University of South Florida, that will create opportunity for our Registered Nurses to advance their profession with the benefits advanced education provide. As a result of our close affiliation with The University of South Florida, our hospitals have been able to offer stimulating and evidenced-based clinical learning programs for our University of South Florida Nursing students, while using our own staff as preceptors.”

– Mary C. Whillock, RN, MS
COO/Associate Nursing Officer
Florida Hospital, Carrollwood

USF definitely nailed-down the needs of both nurses and employers in one program, a real win-win. There is nothing like it anywhere in the country, and we are excited that we are a part of it. Every RN looking to complete a BS needs to sign up now!”

– Jean Marie Lucas, ARNP, MSN, MBA, CEN
Director, Medical-Surgical Division, Education, Clinical Practice and Research, Sarasota Memorial Health Care System.

Tampa General Hospital is excited to have had the opportunity to be a vital part of the newly revised RN to BS program. TGH nurses were invited to focus groups where the needs of potential nursing students, who also work full-time, were discussed. After collaborating with community partners, the USF College of Nursing has developed a BS program that offers an innovative personalized approach.”

– Wendi Goodson-Celerin, MS, ARNP, NE-BC, CMSRN, Director, Nursing Education, Tampa General Hospital
Compare us to any program.

We are nationally accredited by:

» The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) at the BS, MS and DNP levels
» The Council for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs
» The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board
» We are recognized by the Florida Board of Nursing as an accredited BS Nursing Program

The University of South Florida is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master’s, specialist, and doctoral levels.

Admissions

Our friendly admissions team is prepared to answer your questions and discuss with you the requirements for applying:

» Acceptance at the USF undergraduate admissions office.
» An overall GPA of 2.50 or higher on all undergraduate work (excluding Associate of Science Nursing courses).
» Associates Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution or Nursing Diploma.
» Evidence of current RN licensure in good standing.
» Completion of the following pre-requisite courses by the application deadline for the intended term of entry with a minimum grade of “C” in each:
  ◦ English Composition I (3) – ENC 1101
  ◦ English Composition II (3) – ENC 1102
» Students must also fulfill University general education requirements for a bachelor’s degree.

So what are you waiting for?

Take the Next Step:

» Ask a question: Get an answer at the Online Answer Center.
» Attend live Information Sessions: Held at the College of Nursing.
» Contact us: Via email or phone: nurstudent@health.usf.edu or (813) 974-2191