

Dear Prospective Upper Division Student:

Please review below for more information about the program and to complete your required personal statement.

Philosophy of Upper Division Program

The USF College of Nursing aims to raise the level of professional nursing practice through the preparation of upper division baccalaureate graduates. This program builds on previous learning from the liberal arts and prerequisite courses. Student can expect a rigorous, fast-paced curriculum that requires full attention for six semesters. The goal of the program is to increase the number of baccalaureate-prepared nurses caring for patients in Tampa Bay.

Sample Weekly Schedule

The schedule below is typical for students enrolled in the upper division baccalaureate nursing program. Students are in lecture, clinical, or lab 5 days a week. Students have lab and clinical education experiences in addition to classroom courses. "Clinical" is an intensive, hands-on experience where students apply concepts while delivering patient care under the direction of a nurse preceptor and clinical faculty. Clinical days typically begin at 6:30 AM or 7:00 AM, and run for 8 to 12 hours. Three hours of preparation are expected for each hour of didactic (lecture) and lab. Students often have multiple exams in the same week. Students must commit their evening and weekend hours to prepare for class, study for exams, and complete required assignments. This program requires a full-time commitment and working is discouraged. Successful students focus full time on the program. Credit loads vary from 12 to 17 credits per semester.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0630			Clinical		
0700			Clinical		
0800	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Lecture	Open Lab
0900	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Lecture	Open Lab
1000	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Lecture	Open Lab
1100	Lecture		Clinical	Lecture	Open Lab
1200			Clinical		
1300	Lecture		Clinical		
1400	Lecture		Clinical		
1500			Clinical		
1600	Lecture		Clinical	Lecture	
1700	Lecture		Clinical	Lecture	

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE IS AN EXAMPLE. STUDENT SCHEDULES WILL VARY DEPENDING ON SEMESTER AND PROGRAM PLAN