

Nursing, Generic Track

Articulated A.S. to B.S. Degree

Set Yourself Up for 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. Valencia is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), and offers classroom curriculum together with real-life lessons to help nurses build skills and confidence.

Note:

The Nursing program is a selective admission, limited enrollment program. Students must be prepared for rigorous coursework, and must meet all prerequisites before admission into the program. Contact the Health Sciences Career Program Advisor for specific admission and procedure criteria.

Potential Careers

- Registered Nurse

Earnings

For salary and wage information, visit: www.floridawages.com

Contacts

For the most up-to-date information, visit our website at: valenciacollege.edu/west/health

Health Sciences Career Program Advisor
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Pathways to a Bachelor's Degree...

For those who are interested in continuing their education, there are several options available. Valencia's Nursing A.S. to B.S. Articulated degree will transfer into UCF's Bachelor's in Science degree in Nursing (B.S.N.), as well as other state universities who offer the BSN degree. For more information, contact the Health Sciences Career Program Advisor.



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Associate in Science Degree

(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 through R.N. to B.S.N. (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) Program. 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.

This program has been coordinated with local healthcare agencies, the State Department of Education and the State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) 3343 Peachtree Road N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, GA. 30326.

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

Estimated program expenses are given in the Financial section of this catalog.

Admission requirements that must be satisfied prior to submitting an application to the A.S. Degree Program in Nursing, Generic Track are:

- Review the general admission requirements for Health Sciences programs in the Admissions section of this catalog
- Submit a completed Valencia Application for Admission; satisfy the requirements for Degree-Seeking Status and be in active student status
- 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"
- Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5 (including transfer work)
- Satisfy the designated entrance test requirements for Health Sciences programs
- Submit the completed Valencia Nursing Program application with the application fee

The courses in the Nursing, Generic Track curriculum are progressive in nature, with one course building on the preceding course. Procedures for continuing in the Nursing Program after receiving a D, F, or W in one NUR-prefix course are provided in the Nursing Program Student Handbook. 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 NUR); this could be the same nursing course twice or two separate nursing courses.

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

Program Outcomes:

- Perform entry level skills at a competent level.
- Execute effective communication skills in the healthcare setting.
- Structure a safe environment in the healthcare setting.
- Formulate safe clinical decisions in the healthcare setting.
- Practice professional behavior in the healthcare setting.
- Manage a plan of care for the client's health and wellness.

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 2012	General Psychology	3
+* DEP 2004	Developmental Psychology	3
+* ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3
+ HUN 2202	Essentials of Nutrition with Diet Therapy	3
+ Humanities	See Gen. Ed. Requirement	3
	Total Prerequisite Credits	27

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
	Total Nursing Credits	43
+* HSC 2151	Pharmacology and Clinical Decision Making	2
	Total Degree Credits	72

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.

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NOTES:

All accepted applicants are required to submit applications through Valencia for a criminal background check and drug testing. Applicants for Valencia's Health Sciences Programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a healthcare 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.

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Program Guide for the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing, Generic Track

ADMISSION CRITERIA and CHECKLIST FOR 2012-13

Check <http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/admissionupdates.cfm> for any admission updates.

The Generic Nursing Track Program at Valencia is a limited access program based upon available seats. If the student has met the eligibility requirements (GPA, completed prerequisite courses, TEAS examination with the required score and etc.), they are eligible to be placed upon a waiting list until a seat is available. There is no application deadline and students will be admitted into the Generic Nursing Track Program on a first-come, first-served basis once admission requirements have been satisfied. The Generic Track Nursing Program admits in Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. The wait time from application acceptance until admission may be longer than three semesters.

The admission requirements to be satisfied prior to application for the Generic Nursing Track Program are:

- _____ 1. Review the general admission requirements for Health Sciences programs in the Admissions section of the Valencia Catalog and review the Health Sciences Program Guidelines in this Program Guide.
- _____ 2. Attend a Health Sciences Information Session. Information Session dates are posted on the Web site www.valenciacollege.edu/health.
- _____ 3. Submit a completed Valencia Application for Admission via Valencia's Web site at www.valenciacollege.edu/admissions and pay the application fee; satisfy the requirements for Degree-Seeking Status, including submission of all official transcripts, and be in Active Student Status.
- _____ 4. Satisfy the Valencia 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.
- _____ 5. Complete, with a minimum grade of "C," the prerequisites courses for admission:
 - BSC 2093C Anatomy and Physiology I
 - BSC 2094C Anatomy and Physiology II
 - MCB 2010C Microbiology
 - PSY 1012 General Psychology
 - DEP 2004 Developmental Psychology
 - ENC 1101 Freshman Composition
 - **HUN 2202 Essentials of Nutrition with Diet Therapy**
 - Any course that meets the General Education Humanities requirement

The grade for each course must be posted to your Valencia transcript (prior to application).

**** Students who have completed a college Nutrition course of two or more credits that did not include Diet Therapy may request permission in the Health Sciences Advising Office to complete the one-credit HUN 2015 Diet Therapy for Health Care Professionals.**

- _____ 6. Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5 including transfer work.
- _____ 7. Successfully complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS-V or later versions) with scores posted to your Valencia record. The examination fee is the responsibility of the student. Information about the TEAS-V or later versions) may be found at www.valenciacollege.edu/assessments.
- _____ 8. After completing Numbers 1 – 7 submit a completed Valencia Generic Nursing Track Program application via ATLAS and pay the \$15 non-refundable Health Sciences program application fee. The online application can be found via ATLAS.

The current estimated total cost for the Generic Nursing Track Program, including tuition, special course fees, and associated expenses such as background check, immunizations, uniforms, and certifications is approximately \$10,000. This total excludes books.

HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS

GUIDELINES for ALL LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAMS EXCEPT THE B.S. IN RADIOLOGIC AND IMAGING SCIENCES

Valencia's Health Sciences programs are offered through the Divisions of Allied Health and Nursing which provide information about specific admission criteria for the programs. The Health Sciences Program Guides, of which this is one, are developed for a specific academic year (August to July) and, as a rule, changes to admission and program requirements become effective at the start of an academic year; however, **Valencia College reserves the right to make changes in admission and program requirements as circumstances require.** If a mid-year change becomes necessary, it will be indicated in the information for the specific program on the Valencia Web site <http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/admissionupdates.cfm>.

Most programs have an application deadline; some do not. If a program application deadline falls on Saturday, Sunday or a Valencia holiday, the deadline will become the following Valencia business day. Health Sciences program applications are available at www.valenciacollege.edu/health.

To submit an application to a Health Sciences program, you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

You may apply to a maximum of two limited access Health Sciences programs within a 12-month period; however, enrollment is limited to only one Health Sciences program in a term. A new program application is required if reapplying for admission. Having previously earned a college degree does not grant you an advantage in admission to a Health Sciences program that does not require a degree for admission nor does it exempt you from taking the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS-V or later versions) if the TEAS-V or later versions is required for admission to the program.

All communication from Valencia relative to program admission will be via your Atlas e-mail address. Written communication you initiate with Valencia staff should also be via your Atlas e-mail account and should include your full name and your Valencia ID number.

BACKGROUND CHECK, DRUG TESTING, IMMUNIZATIONS AND CPR CERTIFICATION

The Health Sciences programs include student clinical rotations in external affiliate health care facilities with which Valencia has agreements for student clinical assignments. The affiliates' policies require that students serving in a clinical rotation be cleared of offenses that would disqualify them participate in student clinical assignments. Thus, all students **accepted** to a Health Sciences program are required to submit to a criminal background check, fingerprinting and drug testing as well as provide documentation of specific immunizations and CPR certification **following acceptance to a program**. The timeframe for meeting these requirements will be provided in the Orientation materials that will be sent to the student upon acceptance through ATLAS email.

If you have a positive background check, fingerprint or drug test, you *may* be denied enrollment in a Health Sciences program due to the inability to participate in a student clinical assignment. If you have concerns regarding known background issues, it is recommended that you may email questions to hscompliance@valenciacollege.edu.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

The mandatory program Orientation for accepted students usually is held four to six weeks prior to the program start date. Once accepted to a program students will receive an email via ATLAS regarding orientation date, requirements and deadlines. The Orientation materials will give the student information regarding the processes for completing background checks, fingerprinting, drug testing, and other requirements through CertifiedBackground.com. Any other pertinent information will be given during orientation.

TRANSPORTATION TO CLINICAL SITES

If accepted to a program, you will be responsible for furnishing transportation to the community and/or hospital facilities used by Valencia for clinical practice.

NURSING CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY:

For the purpose of the Nursing Program, a “qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodations or modifications, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the program.” The Division of Nursing at Valencia makes no preadmission inquiries concerning an applicant’s disability status. Information related to an applicant’s disabilities is not a part of the information reviewed by the Admission Committee.

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

These Performance Standards should be used to assist students in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary for the student to meet program requirements. A student who identifies potential difficulties with meeting the Performance Standards should communicate his/her concerns to an advisor in the Office for Students with Disabilities. The student has the responsibility to identify and document the disability and to request reasonable and appropriate adjustments. Determination is made on an individual basis as to whether any accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made.

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 inter-action 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

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