# Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (RN to BSN)

VALENCIA COLLEGE

## 2018-19 Program Guide

**Admission requirements are subject to change. Please check for any admission updates:**
valenciacollege.edu/west/health/admissionupdates.cfm

| Term | Priority Application Deadline | Classes Begin |
|------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Fall 2018 | 07/27/18 | 08/27/18 |
| Spring 2019 | 11/30/18 | 01/07/19 |
| Summer 2019 | 04/05/19 | 05/06/19 |

## ABOUT THIS LIMITED-ACCESS PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is designed for individuals who have completed an Associate of Nursing Degree (AN), Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), or Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AAS) from a regionally accredited institution and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) or hold an active RN license. The program provides an opportunity for nurses to further their education and increase their potential for career advancement. The curriculum offers advanced courses in nursing research, leadership, nursing theories and community health.

Valencia's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program is a limited access program and admission to Valencia does not guarantee acceptance to the program. Students are admitted to begin the program each term and applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Although an application submitted prior to a priority application deadline is more likely to be processed for the upcoming term, applications can be submitted after the priority deadline. Designed for working professionals, this is an online program.

## PROGRAM CHECKLIST

_____ 1. Be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. permanent resident or in a non-immigrant category other than F or J visa categories.

_____ 2. Review this BSN program guide and the overview and program requirements in the online Valencia catalog: http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/bachelorofscience/bsn/

_____ 3. Submit a completed Valencia application for admission using the *Bachelor's Degree & ATC* application (valenciacollege.edu/admissions-records/) and be in Active student status. First-time Valencia bachelor's program applicants must create a new application account.

_____ 4. Submit official transcripts from all prior colleges and universities with one denoting completion of an Associate of Nursing Degree (AN), Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), or Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AAS) from a regionally accredited institution.

_____ 5. Submit a copy of clear/active, unrestricted, unencumbered RN license or be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX RN). **NOTE**: A copy of clear/active, unrestricted, unencumbered Florida RN license must be submitted prior to registering for NUR 3634 Community/Public Health in Nursing.

_____ 6. Have an address in the state of Florida.

_____ 7. Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.

_____ 8. Receive notification from the Valencia Admissions Office of acceptance to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

_____ 9. Following program admission complete the totally-online Bachelor's New Student Orientation.

_____ 10. Confer with the Bachelor's Nursing Advisor if assistance is needed relative to course selection, registration and/or getting started in the program.

_____ 11. Prior to beginning a practicum (clinical) course, the following documentation must be submitted:
- Current criminal background check and fingerprinting
- Drug screening
- Physical exam form
- Record with up-to-date immunization data
- Current specific CPR certification

**COST**

The estimated total cost for the RN to BSN Completion Degree, including tuition for the 30 credits of program requirements is approximately $3,365.70 based on the cost of $112.19 X 30 credits. (This estimate does not include books, lab fees, or additional courses that you may be required to take to complete the BSN degree requirements).

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# Degree Requirements
## Bachelor of Science in Nursing
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| GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (GEP) (36 Credit Hours) | | |
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| **Area 1. Communications (9 Credit Hours)** | **Course Title** | **Credits** |
| ENC 1101 | Freshman Composition I+ | 3 |
| ENC 1102 | Freshman Composition II+ | 3 |
| SPC 1017 or SPC 1608 | Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Speech | 3 |
| **Area 2. Humanities (6 Credit Hours)** | | |
| Humanities | Select a Core Humanities Course | 3 |
| Humanities | Select an Institutional Humanities Course*+ | 3 |
| **Area 3. Mathematics (6 Credit Hours)** | | |
| MAC 1105 (Required) | College Algebra*+ | 3 |
| STA 2023 (Required) | Statistical Methods*+ | 3 |
| **Area 4. Science (6 Credit Hours)** | | |
| BSC 2093C (Required) | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| BSC 2094C (Required) | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| **Area 5. Social Science (9 Credit Hours)** | | |
| PSY 2012 (Required) | General Psychology+ | 3 |
| Social Science | Select an Institutional Social Science Course*+ | 3 |
| **Civic Literacy Requirement** | | |
| AMH 2020 or POS 2041 or Civic Literacy Proficiency Exam | Students can take the civic literacy proficiency exam to meet this graduation requirement; or take AMH 2020 - US History 1877 to Present or POS 2041 - US Government | 3 |
| Choices for General Education courses can be found by visiting: http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/associateinarts/courserequirements/. | | |

| NURSING FOUNDATION COURSES (15 Credit Hours) | | |
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| **Course** | **Course Title** | **Credits** |
| Science Elective (Required) | Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, or Physics+ | 3 |
| PSY 2012 (Required) (GEP) | General Psychology+ | 3 |
| DEP 2004 (Required) | Developmental Psychology*+ | 3 |
| HUN 2202 (Required) | Essentials of Nutrition with Diet Therapy*+ | 3 |
| BSC 2093C (Required) (GEP) | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| BSC 2094C (Required) (GEP) | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| MCB 2010C (Required) | Microbiology*+ | 4 |
| STA 2023 (Required) (GEP) | Statistical Methods*+ | 3 |

| ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING CREDITS (36 Credit Hours) | | |
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| **Courses** | **Course Title** | **Credits** |
| Courses and credits are articulated from ADN program. | | 36 |

| NURSING SUPPORT COURSE (3 Credit Hours) | | |
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| **Support Course** | **Course Title** | **Credits** |
| NUR 1060C | Health Assessment*+ | 3 |

| NURSING CORE COURSES (30 Credit Hours) | | |
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| **Core Course** | **Course Title** | **Credits** |
| NUR 3825 (Required in first term) | Professions of Role Transformation | 3 |
| NUR 3125 | Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice | 3 |
| NUR 3634 | Community Health Nursing | 4 |
| NUR 3169 | Evidence and Research in Nursing Practice* | 3 |
| NUR 4655 | Diversity and Global Trends in Nursing | 3 |
| NUR 4837 | Health Care Policy and Economics In Nursing | 3 |
| NUR 4829 | Leadership and Management in Nursing | 3 |
| Nursing Elective | See Nursing Elective List | 3 |
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| NUR 4945C | Nursing Capstone* | 2 |
| **NURSING ELECTIVES** | | |
| **Core Course** | **Course Title** | **Credits** |
| NUR 3145 | Pharmacology+ | 3 |
| NUR 3870 | Informatics in Healthcare Nursing+ | 3 |
| NUR 3678 | Nursing Care of Vulnerable Populations+[1] | 3 |
| NUR 4286 | Gerontological Nursing*+[1] | 3 |
| NUR 4257 | Critical Care Nursing+[2] | 3 |
| HSC 4404 | Medical Disaster Management+[2] | 3 |
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| **TOTAL** | | **120** |

| * | This course has a prerequisite or co-requisite; check description in Valencia Catalog. |
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| + | This course must be completed with a grade of C or better. |
| 1 | This course is offered at Lake Sumter State College. |
| 2 | This course is offered at Seminole State College. |

**CIVIC LITERACY PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT**
Students can take the civic literacy proficiency exam to meet this graduation requirement; or take AMH X020 (US History 1877 to Present) or POS X041 (US Government)

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT**
Two years of one foreign language or American Sign Language in high school; or English as a Second Language courses in college plus certain English communication courses in college; or one year of foreign language in college or equivalent proficiency prior to graduation.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**
- Complete a minimum 120 credits or as designated by program academic hours with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 excluding college preparatory level courses, technical non-transfer and vocational level courses.
- Complete at least 25 percent of the total degree requirements at Valencia College (e.g., a 120 semester-hour degree requires at least 30 semester hours completed at Valencia College).
- At least 50 percent of the upper division (3###, 4###) courses must be completed at Valencia College.
- Students must be enrolled in coursework at Valencia College during the semester of graduation.
- Earn a minimum 2.0 Valencia GPA and minimum overall 2.0 GPA.
- Complete required capstone courses with a grade of "C" or higher.
- Satisfy Valencia's General Education requirements and Gordon Rule requirements unless you hold an Associate in Arts or Bachelor's degree or have completed the entire general education program at a regionally accredited institution.
- Demonstrate foreign language proficiency (at the intermediate level) equivalent to 2 years in high school or a sequence of 2 college credit courses in a single language. A standardized examination for foreign language may be used to meet the requirement.
- Have on file official transcripts of all college work previously taken at other colleges or universities.
- Submit an application for graduation by the published deadline date on the College academic calendar.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to Valencia.

**Notes:**
Specialized courses may not be offered every session.

Placement in a practicum course is not automatic; the student must notify the program of his/her intent to complete the practicum by the deadline established during the semester prior to placement.

Prior to beginning the practicum/clinical, students must provide the following documentation:
- Current criminal background check and fingerprinting
- Drug screening
- Physical exam form
- Record with up-to-date immunization data
- Current specific CPR certification

**Transfer Notes:**
- Students who hold an A.A. or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution have satisfied Valencia's general education program requirements.
- Students transferring from a regionally accredited Florida public institution with the general education program (GEP) requirements of that institution met have thereby satisfied Valencia GEP requirements.
- 1000 and 2000 level courses do not substitute for upper division 3000 – 4000 level courses.

**Registration Note:**
- Once a student has been approved as "Course Registration Eligible," it is the student's responsibility to secure enrollment in the desired course(s).

# HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAM GUIDELINES
# FOR THE BACHELOR'S IN NURSING (BSN)

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 via valenciacollege.edu/west/health/admissionupdates.cfm.

You may apply to only one bachelor's-level Health Sciences program at a time and enrollment is limited to only one Health Sciences program in a term.

## ATLAS EMAIL
All communication from Valencia relative to program admission will be via your Atlas email. Written communication you send to Valencia staff should also be via your Atlas email and should include your name and your Valencia ID number.

## MANDATORY ORIENTATION
Following acceptance to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, to register, student must completed the online Bachelor's New Student Orientation. Failure to do so will result in hold being placed on account. The hold will prevent registration and will not be removed until orientation is complete.

## ONLINE PROGRAM/TESTING
The RN to BSN Completion Program is an online program with the exception of one 8- hour face-to-face clinical day. A very few of the courses may require on-site testing at a Valencia campus or at another site if Valencia is not convenient for you. If you want to take your examinations in another location, you will need to do so at an approved testing site such as a college or public library that offers proctoring services and which may require a fee. Valencia can provide a listing of testing sites throughout Florida.

## BACKGROUND CHECK, FINGERPRINTING, 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 from participating in student clinical assignments. Thus, all students in a program or degree concentration that requires a clinical experience must submit to a criminal background check, fingerprinting and drug screening as well as provide documentation of specific immunizations and CPR certification prior to participation in the clinical experience.

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 e-mail questions to hscompliance@valenciacollege.edu.