Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (RN to BSN)

2025-2026 Program Admission Guide

Admission requirements are subject to change. Please check the college catalog for any admission updates:
catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/bachelorofscience/bsn/

Term	Priority Application Deadline	1st Half of Term Courses	2nd Half of Term Courses
Fall 2025	08/01	08/18 – 10/09/2025	10/10 – 12/07/2025
Spring 2026	12/01	01/12 – 03/04/2026	03/05– 05/03/2026
Summer 2026	04/01	N/A	06/08 – 08/02/2026

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 from an accredited nursing program and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX RN) or hold an active Florida RN license. The program provides an opportunity for nurses to further their education and increase their potential for career advancement. The curriculum offers advanced nursing research, leadership, nursing theories, and community health courses. Designed for working professionals, this is a self-paced online program (except for a 15-hour experiential learning component in the NUR 3634C – Community & Public Health Nursing and a 10-hour experiential learning component in NUR 4945C - Nursing Capstone courses) that can be completed as quickly as three terms or as slowly as one course per term.

PROGRAM CHECKLIST

____ 1. Applicants must be one of the following: U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, or non-immigrant visa (excluding F or J visa categories).

____ 2. Review the RN to BSN program guide and program requirements in the Valencia College Catalog.

____ 3. Submit a completed Valencia College Admission Application (valenciacollege.edu/apply). Application is free!

____ 4. Submit final official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities, including one indicating the completion of an Associate Degree in Nursing from an accredited nursing program. **Advising Note**: High school transcripts may fulfill the foreign language requirement. Please refer to the graduation section for more details.

____ 5. Hold a clear, active, unrestricted, unencumbered Florida RN license or be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX RN). **Note**: A copy of the RN license must be submitted before completing your first semester and before registering for NUR 3634C – Community & Public Health Nursing. This license will be collected after acceptance into the program.

____ 6. Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.

____ 7. Receive notification from the Valencia Admissions Office of acceptance to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

____ 8. Following program admission, complete the online Bachelor's New Student Orientation.

____ 9. Confer with the Bachelor's Nursing Student Success Coach if assistance is needed relative to course selection, registration, and getting started in the program.

2025-2026 Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements (38 Credit Hours)			
Met	**Area 1. Communications (9 Credit Hrs.)**	**Course Title**	**Credits**
☒	ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I +(GR)	3
☐	ENC 1102	Freshman Composition II *+(GR)	3
☐	SPC 1017 or SPC 1608	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Speech	3
Area 2. Humanities (3 Credit Hrs.)			
Met	Select one **Core** Humanities		
☒	ARH 1000 HUM 1020 LIT 1000 PHI 2010 THE 1000 MUL 1010	Art Appreciation Intro To Humanities Intro to Literature Philosophy Introduction to Theater Music Appreciation *+ (GR)	3
Met	**Area 3. Mathematics (6 Credit Hrs.)**		
☒	MGF 1130 or higher math (Required)	Mathematical Thinking in Context* or higher level math+ (GR)	3
☐	STA 2023 (Required)	Statistical Methods *+(GR)	3
Met	**Area 4. Science (4 Credit Hrs.)**		
☒	BSC 2085C (Required)	Human Anatomy and Physiology I*+	4
Area 5. Social Science (3 Credit Hrs.)			
Met	Select one **Social Science**		
☒	POS 2041 AMH 2010 AMH 2020	U.S. Government United States History To 1877 U.S. History 1877 To Present	3
Met	**Area 6. General Education Student Choice (9 Credit Hrs.)**		
☒	BSC 2086C (Required)	Human Anatomy and Physiology II*+	4
☐	Click HERE to view course options listed in the catalog	Select 9 credits (3 courses) of General Education Student Choice courses	9

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Nursing Foundation Courses (10 Credit Hours)			
Met	**Course**	**Course Title**	**Credits**
☒	HUN 2202 or HUN 1201 (Required)	Essentials of Nutrition with Diet Therapy*+ or Science of Nutrition	3
☒	MCB 2010C (Required)	Microbiology*+	4
☒	PSY 2012 or DEP 2004 (Required)	General Psychology+ or Developmental Psychology	3

Associate Degree in Nursing Credits (42 Credit Hours)			
Met	**Courses**	**Course Title**	**Credits**
☒		Courses and credits are articulated from the completed ADN program.	42

Nursing Core (30 Credit Hours)			
Met	**Core Course**	**Course Title**	**Credits**
☐	NUR 3825	Professions of Role Transformation*+	3
☐	NUR 3125	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice*+	3
☐	NUR 3667	Diversity and Global Trends in Nursing*+	3
☐	NUR 4837	Health Care Policy and Economics in Nursing*+	3
☐	NUR 3634C	Community & Public Health Nursing*+	4
☐	NUR 3169	Evidence and Research in Nursing Practice*+	3
☐	NUR 4829	Leadership and Management in Nursing*+	3
☐	NUR 4945C	Nursing Capstone*+	2
Nursing Electives (6 Credit Hours) **Select two courses from the following list to fulfill your Nursing Electives requirement.**			
Met	**Core Course**	**Course Title**	**Credits**
☐	NUR 3069C	Advanced Health Assessment*+[1]	3
☐	NUR 3145	Pharmacology*+[1]	3
☐	NUR 3870	Informatics in Healthcare Nursing*+[1]	3
☐	NUR 3678	Nursing Care of Vulnerable Populations*+[1, 2]	3
☐	NUR 4286	Gerontological Nursing*+[1, 2]	3
☐	NUR 4257	Critical Care Nursing*+[1,3]	3
☐	NUR 4296	Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Nursing*+[1]	3
BSN Program Total			**120**

▲	This course can be met through an Award of Credit Process. Please contact the Student Success Coach for further information on this option.
*	This course has a prerequisite or co-requisite; check the description in the Valencia College catalog.
+	This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.
[1]	This course is offered at Valencia College.
[2]	This course is offered at Lake Sumter State College; please see Transient Student Process for more information.
[3]	This course is offered at Seminole State College; please see Transient Student Process for more information.

Graduation Requirement: Civic Literacy Requirement			
Option 1: Course & FCLE Exam			
Met	Course Options (Choose One):	**Met**	Exam & Minimum Required Score
☐	POS 2041 U.S. Government **OR** AMH 2010 United States History To 1877 **OR** AMH 2020 U.S. History 1877 to Present	☐	Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE) Passing Score: 48 out of 80 (60%)
Option 2: Successfully Pass a Prescribed Assessment			
Met	Exam Options (Choose One):	Minimum Required Score	
☐	• CLEP: American Government • CLEP: History of the United States I • AP Government and Politics: United States; or • AP United States History.	• CLEP score of 50 or higher • CLEP score of 50 or higher • AP US Government score of 3 or higher • AP United States History score of 3 or higher **Advising Note:** Passing the assessment with the minimum required score fulfills both the course and Florida Civic Literacy Exam requirements.	
Advising Note: • *AMH 2010 United States History To 1877* AND CLEP: *History of the United States I* only apply to students admitted **Fall 2024 and forward**			

Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language Proficiency	
Met	Option 1: High School Foreign Language
☐	You may complete two credits (two years) of high school instruction in **one** language other than English with a passing grade each year as documented on your official high school transcript.
Met	Option 2: Demonstration of Proficiency through Exam
☐	Demonstration of intermediate proficiency by passing the AP (Advanced Placement) or CLEP (College Level Examination Program) foreign language test or a foreign language proficiency test administered by the University of Central Florida.
Met	Option 3: College Foreign Language
☐	You may complete one of the following sequences in a single foreign language with a letter grade of "C" or better:

Courses	**Course Title**	**Credits**
ARA 1120 & ARA 1121	Elementary Arabic I⁺ & Elementary Arabic II	8
ASL 2140 & ASL 2150	American Sign Language I⁺ & American Sign Language II	8
CHI 1120 & CHI 1121	Elementary Chinese I⁺ & Elementary Chinese II	8
FRE 1120 & FRE 1121	Elementary French I⁺ & Elementary French II	8
GER 1120 & GER 1121	Elementary German I⁺ & Elementary German II	8
ITA 1120 & ITA 1121	Elementary Italian I⁺ & Elementary Italian II	8
JPN 1120 & JPN 1121	Elementary Japanese I⁺ & Elementary Japanese II	8
LAT 1120 & LAT 1121	Elementary Latin I⁺ & Elementary Latin II	8
POR 1120 & POR 1121	Elementary Portuguese I⁺ & Elementary Portuguese II	8
POR 1340 & POR 1341	Portuguese for Heritage Speakers I⁺ & Portuguese for Heritage Speakers II	8
SPN 1120 & SPN 1121	Elementary Spanish I⁺ & Elementary Spanish II	8
SPN 1340 & SPN 1341	Spanish for Heritage Speakers I⁺ & Spanish for Heritage Speaker II	8

Graduation Requirements

In addition to completing the course requirements detailed in the curriculum to graduate, students must:
- Earn a minimum 2.0 Valencia College and Overall GPA.
- Complete all Core course work with a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all core courses.
- 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.

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- Satisfy the civic literacy requirement. As per Florida Rule 6A-10.04213, before the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, students initially entering a Florida College System institution in the 2021-22 school year*, and after that must demonstrate competency in civic literacy before graduation by:
  a. receiving a passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE), and
  b. successful completion of one of the following:
    o successfully passing POS 2041 U.S. GOVERNMENT, AMH 2010 UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1877 **(only applies to Fall 2024 admits and forward)**, or AMH 2020 U.S. HISTORY 1877 TO PRESENT or
    o successfully pass a prescribed assessment:
      AP Government & Politics: United States Test** (passing score =3), or
      AP United States History Test** (passing score = 4), or
      CLEP American Government** (passing score = 50)
      *The Department of Education has provided guidance that the Civic Literacy requirement is based on the student's governing catalog year (e.g., it is for all students who have a catalog year of Fall 2021 or after even if they had previously attended a Florida public institution).
      **receiving a passing score will satisfy both the FCLE and course requirements.
- Complete at least 25% of the 120-credit hour degree program (30 credits) at Valencia College, based upon the Florida College System's requirement of a 2+2 admission into the baccalaureate program. Fifteen of those hours must be 3000 or 4000 level courses from the program core course list.
- Apply for graduation through MyVC account by the deadline listed in the Academic Calendar's official online catalog. To submit a graduation application, the student must have at least the minimum number of college-level credits for the degree, including all courses currently registered.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to Valencia College.
- Foreign Language: Complete the Florida foreign language requirement: two years of high school or one year of college (at least eight credits) in a single foreign language. American Sign Language is acceptable. Foreign language taken at the college level does not satisfy the General Education credits.
- Total Semester Credits required – 120 credit hours in addition to completing the Foreign Language Requirement above. The credit courses required may vary depending on the student's credits to the BSN program. Additional courses to complete the required 120 credit hours for graduation must apply to the degree and be approved by a Student Success Coach.

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 price 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)

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).

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

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 met have satisfied Valencia's general education requirements.
- 1000 and 2000 level courses do not substitute for upper-division 3000 – 4000 level courses.

Courses will typically be taken in this order within 3-5 terms. Each plan of study is individualized in consultation with a Student Success Coach.

Advising Notes: This page is a **PART-TIME** Sample Plan
General Education – Missing general education courses can be taken alongside core courses.
Florida Civic Literacy Requirement - Students admitted on or after Fall 2021 must meet the FCLE requirements. Plan on taking the exam no later than your second to last term.

Nursing Core			
1st Term	**Course Title**	**Prerequisites / Corequisites**	**Credits**
NUR 3825	Professions of Role Transformation	Pre: Admission to the BSN program.	3
NUR 3125	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	Pre or Co: NUR 3825	3
2nd Term	**Course Title**	**Prerequisites / Corequisites**	**Credits**
NUR 3169	Evidence and Research in Nursing Practice	Pre: STA 2023, NUR 3825	3
NUR 4837	Healthcare Policy and Economics in Nursing	Pre: NUR 3825	3
3rd Term	**Course Title**	**Prerequisites / Corequisites**	**Credits**
NUR 3667	Diversity and Global Trends in Nursing	Pre: NUR 3825	3
Elective	Choose a course from the list of electives	Pre or Co: NUR 3825	3
4th Term	**Course Title**	**Prerequisites / Corequisites**	**Credits**
NUR 4829	Leadership and Management in Nursing	Pre: NUR 3825	3
Elective	Choose a course from the list of electives	Pre or Co: NUR 3825	3
5th Term	**Course Title**	**Prerequisites / Corequisites**	**Credits**
NUR 3634C	Community and Public Health Nursing	Pre: NUR 3825 Pre or Co: NUR 3169, NUR 4837	4
NUR 4945C	Nursing Capstone	Pre or Co: NUR 3634C, NUR 4829	2
		Graduate with BSN / Total:	**30**

Nursing Electives	
Course Options	**Credits**
NUR 3145 – Pharmacology	3
NUR 3870 – Informatics in Healthcare Nursing	3
NUR 3678 – Nursing Care of Vulnerable Populations	3
NUR 4286 – Gerontological Nursing	3
NUR 4257 – Critical Care Nursing	3
NUR 4296 – Emergency Preparedness and Disaster	3
NUR 3069C – Advanced Health Assessment	3

State Graduation Requirements	
Civic Literacy Requirement	**0-3**
POS 2041 – U.S. Government **OR** AMH 2020 – U.S. History 1877 to Present **AND** Pass the Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)	
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement	**0-8**
Complete the Florida foreign language requirement: two years of high school or one year of college (completion through Elementary II) in a single foreign language.	