



## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program

Thank you for your interest in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program. The mission of the Nursing program is to “develop knowledgeable, caring, principled nurses with a commitment to excellence by delivering the highest quality, holistic care to diverse patient populations.” We would like to take this opportunity to further explain the application process and provide some information about the Program. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. Additional information may be found on the BSN web page at <https://www.hodges.edu/prog-bsn>.

The BSN Program is structured as a 2+2 program, consisting of 60 credits of prerequisites and 60 credits of core nursing courses. Nursing students attend the Core full-time over four consecutive 16-week terms with one week off in-between terms. At the end of the program, students who are successful will be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. This education provides an opportunity for graduates to take the licensure exam, the NCLEX-RN. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree Program at Hodges University has been approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Hodges University is also accredited by SACSCOC.

The Nursing core is academically challenging and rigorous; students must earn a B or higher in ALL core nursing (NUR) courses. It is also time consuming. Students need to be on campus at least three evenings a week for class every semester. Clinicals take place on weekend days. Clinical sites are located in Naples, Fort Myers, and the surrounding area. Additionally, it is essential that students have access to a reliable computer with internet access and be computer proficient as all of the nursing classes contain an online component.

### Application Process

Below you will find information concerning the separate application process for the Nursing Core. Students can apply to the Nursing Core after they have met certain criteria and successfully completed at least 50% of the prerequisite courses. These criteria include:

- Submission of an application to Hodges University
- A GPA of 2.75 for all of the courses in the pre-Nursing Core
- A grade of C or better in all courses
- A composite score of 65 or higher in the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam – Send a copy of your TEAS Exam results to Florence Bijou, [fbijou2@hodges.edu](mailto:fbijou2@hodges.edu)

Students who have met all these entry requirements may submit the required secondary application to the Nursing Program. Once the secondary application and the TEAS Exam results have been received, the secondary admissions process will be initiated. This includes:

- **A review of all applications by the nursing program.**
- **Consideration of the following Selection Factors:**

In addition to the minimum admission requirements, the following factors may also be considered:

- Community service, such as volunteer activities, especially in health-related areas.
- Extracurricular activities.
- Awards and honors for academic achievement, leadership, and community service.

- Veterans.
- Academic histories and GPAs, with special consideration to the following:
  - ❖ A grade of B or higher in science courses completed.
  - ❖ The number of course hours successfully carried each semester.
  - ❖ The number of course failures and the dates of those failures.
  - ❖ The types of courses failed.
  - ❖ The number of times a course was repeated.
  - ❖ The number of withdrawals in comparison to hours enrolled.
  - ❖ The number of withdrawal repetitions and the dates of those withdrawals

Students are notified in writing of their admission status by the Director of Nursing after all applications have been reviewed. If accepted, prospective students will be **conditionally** admitted pending their Level II Criminal Background Check with finger printing, a physical examination, immunization record documentation, drug screening, and final grades.

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program Curriculum

## Pre-Nursing Core

All of the following prerequisites must be completed prior to the start of the BSN program unless prior authorization is obtained by the Director.

### General Education Component

Course	Course Name	Credits
DEP2004	Human Growth and Development	3
ENC1101	English Composition I	3
ENC1102	English Composition II	3
MAT1033 OR MAC1105	Intermediate Algebra OR College Algebra ( <i>recommended</i> )	3
PHI2600	Ethics	3
PSY2012 OR SYG2000	General Psychology OR Principles of Sociology	3
STA2023	Basic Statistics	3
HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	3
	General Education Electives	6

**Total General Education Component: 30**

### Health Sciences Core/Electives

Course	Course Name	Credits
BSC1010C	Biology I w/Lab	4
BSC1085C	Anatomy & Physiology I w/Lab	4
BSC1086C	Anatomy & Physiology II w/Lab	4
CHM2025C OR CHM2045C	Fundamentals of Chemistry w/Lab OR General Chemistry I w/Lab	4
MCB3020C	Microbiology w/Lab	4
HSC3555	Pathophysiology	3
HUN1201	Nutrition	3
	Elective	4

**Total Health Science Core: 30**

**TOTAL PREREQUISITE CREDITS: 60**

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## Nursing Core

Students must apply for entry and be accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program before starting these courses. All nursing courses (NUR) courses must be completed with a B or better for successful completion of the program. The Nursing Core Courses are not eligible to be transferred from another institution and all must be completed at Hodges University.

1 <sup>st</sup> Year – Session One (BSN Nursing Core)		Credits	1 <sup>st</sup> Year –Session Two (BSN Nursing Core)		Credits
NUR3029	Fundamentals of Professional Nursing Practice*	6	NUR4226	Promoting Health and Health Restoration of Adults I*	6
NUR4165	Research & Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing	4	NUR4535	Promoting and Restoring Mental Health*	6
NUR3065	Health Assessment & Promotion	4	NUR3145	Pharmacology for Nursing	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>

1 <sup>st</sup> Year – Session Three (BSN Nursing Core)		Credits	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year - Session Four (BSN Nursing Core)		Credits
NUR4467	Promoting Maternal, Pediatric, and Family Health*	10	NUR4827	Nursing Leadership	4
NUR4227	Promoting Health and Health Restoration of Adults II*	6	NUR4636	Promoting Healthy Communities*	6
			NUR4948	Transition to Professional Practice: Seminar and Practicum*	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>

\*Course contains a clinical component.

**TOTAL NURSING CORE CREDITS: 60**

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT: 120**