

Veterans Bachelor of Science in Nursing (VBSN)



Highlights:

- It is designed specifically for veterans, current reservists, and National Guard members who have prior military medical training and service experience as well as those veterans without military medical backgrounds who are Paramedic certified.
- 3 fulltime semesters, primarily daytime classes, with dedicated academic advisor and academic coach.

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The VBSN Track is a special project sponsored and partially funded by a grant from the Health Research Services Administration (HRSA) and by FIU Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences which runs through December 2017. It is designed specifically for veterans, current reservists, and National Guard members who have prior military medical training and service experience as well as for veterans without military medical backgrounds who are Paramedic certified. VBSN students are qualified for advanced standing credit towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree and licensure eligibility as a Registered Nurse (RN).

The purpose of the baccalaureate nursing program is to prepare qualified men and women to:

- be professional nurse generalists.
- be accountable citizens.
- work collaboratively with community agencies in providing services to clients to promote, maintain, and restore health, rehabilitate, or face death with dignity.
- be discriminating research consumers.
- participate in health care delivery, research, education, and leadership, and consultation services in the local, regional, and international community.
- recognize and respond to the need for lifelong continuing professional development

BENEFITS OF THE TRACK

- **Track Design** – specifically for veterans, current reservists, and members of the military that have prior military medical training and service experience, as well as those veterans without military medical background who are Paramedic certified.
- **Credit for Military Training** – the curriculum is designed to accelerate graduation and provide credit by examination whenever possible.
- **FIU Veteran & Military Affairs** – Campus based full-service center available to assist with transition to student life, enrollment and navigating student related GI Bill, VA, & other service benefits. **305-348-2838, veterans@fiu.edu**



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Admission Requirements:

- Meets minimum Military / Reservist / Paramedic medical experience requirements, with additional civilian healthcare experience as needed.
- Preferred – Associates in Arts (AA) from a Florida community college or completion of the FIU core curriculum. **
- Minimum cumulative GPA 2.5 or higher.
- Successful completion of the TEAS nursing entrance exam with 70% overall minimum score and 62% science minimum score
- Completion of all Nursing prerequisites with a “C” grade prior to beginning the track. **
 - Human Anatomy / w lab
 - Human Physiology / w lab
 - Microbiology / w lab
 - Chemistry / w lab
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Ethics
 - Statistics
 - Human Growth & Development
 - Nutrition

**** Advisor will provide guidance on meeting requirements prior to, and during track.** An individual plan will be created for each student based on their civilian and military academic record. Applicants may satisfy the university core curriculum and the nursing prerequisites through a combination of prior coursework, credit-by-exam, or an earned degree. **Prerequisite Science courses must be taken within the last 10 years.**

HOW TO APPLY

For detailed instructions on how to apply go to:

<http://cnhs.fiu.edu/MedicToNurse>

Clinical Placement – Immunizations, drug screening and a criminal history background check are required prior to participation in clinical practice settings. Clinical facilities may limit or prohibit students with criminal or drug histories from participating in their clinical setting.

The VBSN Medic to Nurse track is accredited by:
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Florida State Board of Nursing (FBON).



UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM (For Students without prior degree or equivalent coursework)		NURSING PRE-REQUISITES (*Meets both UCC and Nursing Requirements)	
Global Learning/GL Foundation (1 Course)	3	Introduction to Psychology*	3
Communication (2 courses)	6	Introduction to Ethics*	3
Humanities with Writing/GRW (2 courses)	6	Human Growth and Development*	3
Mathematics (2 courses)	6	Human Nutrition	3
Social Science (2 courses)	6	Statistics*	3
Natural Sciences (2 courses + 2 labs)	8	Human Anatomy and Lab	4
Arts (1 course)	3	Human Physiology and Lab*	4
Foreign Language (1 course or equivalent)	3	Microbiology and Lab*	4
First Year Experience	1	Survey/General Chemistry and Lab*	4
Individualized VBSN plan - UCC and/or Pre-requisites may be satisfied by enrollment, transfer, credit-by-examinations, or prior degree.			
Competency Challenge Exams or Boot Camp* - required before starting Cohort/Semester 1			
NUR 3029	Foundations of Nursing Practice	3	
NUR 3029C	Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab	2	
NUR 3029L	Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical	3	
NUR 3066C	Health Assessment & Promotion	4	
Semester Credits		12	Enrollment exempt with qualifying military credit*
Pre-Track Requirements - required before starting Cohort/Semester 1			
NUR 3125	Pathophysiologic Basis of Nursing Practice	3	
NUR 3145	Pharmacologic Basis for Nursing Practice	3	
3000/4000 Level	Elective Courses or Transfer Credit Equivalent	3	
Semester Credits		9	
SEMESTER 1			
NUR 3821	Professional Nursing Leadership	3	
NUR 3226	Nursing Care of Adults I	3	
NUR 3226L	Nursing Care of Adults I Clinical	3	90 clinical hours
NUR 3227	Nursing Care of Adults II	3	
NUR 3227L	Nursing Care of Adults II Clinical	3	90 clinical hours
NUR 4286	Nursing Care of the Older Adult	2	
Semester Credits		17	
SEMESTER 2			
NUR 3666	Evidenced-based Research in Global Health Care (GL)	3	
NUR 4355	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing (PEDS)	3	
NUR 4355L	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical	3	90 clinical hours
NUR 4455	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing (OB)	3	
NUR 4455L	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical	3	90 clinical hours
NUR 4667	Nursing in Global Health Care Systems (GL)	3	
Semester Credits		18	
SEMESTER 3			
NUR 3535	Psychosocial Nursing	3	
NUR 3535L	Psychosocial Nursing Clinical	3	90 clinical hours
NUR 4636C	Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing	4	30 clinical hours
NUR 4945L	Senior Clinical Practicum	4	180 clinical hrs. 1:1 Mentorship
NUR 4940	Senior Synthesis	2	
Semester Credits		16	
Total Professional Nursing Credits		60	660 required clinical hours
Educational Delivery		Didactic	Simulation
			Clinical

* **Advanced Placement** - Advanced placement in both nursing and non-nursing courses is facilitated by award of credits through examination for courses i.e., challenge or equivalency exams such as CLEP or Excelsior College examinations, or exemption of credits through skills and written testing designed by the course faculty. VBSN students will be required to either take challenge exams or the following courses prior to entry into the track: Foundations of Nursing Practice (NUR 3029, 3029L, and 3029C) and NUR 3066C Health Assessment and Promotion.