



**Nicole Wertheim  
College of Nursing  
& Health Sciences**

**Accelerated Combined BSN/MSN  
Track for Foreign-Educated  
Physicians (FEP)**



**Highlights:**

- Obtain the BSN degree
- Become Registered Nurses (RNs)
- Attain the MSN degree
- Become eligible to take the Advanced Registered Nurse Practice (ARNP) national certification exam

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Florida International University's College of Nursing & Health Sciences created the nation's first **Foreign-Educated Physician (FEP)** nursing track in 2000. This pioneering track offers doctors from other countries, which are not practicing medicine in the U.S., the unique opportunity to reemerge in the healthcare industry – as nurse practitioners.

**The purpose of the FEP BSN/MSN track is to prepare qualified applicants to:**

- Lead, coordinate, & oversee the delivery of accessible, affordable, high-caliber, comprehensive, culturally competent, humanistic, and holistic health care.
- Graduates are prepared to function in a culturally competent manner within the "complex multiethnic, global environment and competitive, profit-oriented, and highly technological health care systems".

**Benefits of the FEP BSN/MSN**

- In 2010, the FEP-to-BSN was transitioned into the **FEP BSN/MSN** as a way to fast-track students in pursuit of their Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. The new accelerated curriculum allows students to obtain their MSN degree in 8 semesters (3 years) as opposed to the traditional 6 years, making students eligible to take national boards and become nurse practitioners.
- **BSN Stop Out:** Students who carry less than a **3.2 GPA** for Semesters I to VI, will take NUR 4945L and stop out with their BSN only after five semesters.

**How to Apply**

For detailed instructions on how to apply go to:  
**nursing.fiu.edu.**

**ONLY Completed Applications are Accepted from January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Admission Requirements:**

- **Please note this program is for Foreign-Educated Physicians (MD) only.**
- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident.
- Have completed a medical degree from an accredited non-US university.
- Have transcripts evaluated by a participating **NACES** evaluation company obtaining a course by course evaluation (**naces.org**).
- Obtain a TOEFL score of 550 or complete ENC 1101 and ENC 1102 at a regionally accredited college.
- Successful completion of the **ATI TEAS** nursing entrance exam with 70% overall minimum score and 62% science minimum score. To register, visit: **testing.fiu.edu.**
- Successful completion of **ALL** prerequisites from a regionally accredited institution in the U.S.
  - Statistics
  - Human Growth & Development
  - Nutrition

*\*Courses must be taken within the last 10 years.*

**Advisors will provide guidance on meeting requirements prior to, or during the program.**

**Clinical Placement** – Immunizations, drug screening & background check through **American Data Bank** is 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 FEP BSN/MSN is accredited by:**  
The **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**, and approved by the **Florida State Board of Nursing.**





## FEP BSN-MSN Program of Study

### Semester I (Fall)

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	
NUR 3119	Professional Nursing: Concepts & Issues	3	
NGR 6172	Pharmacological Concepts in ANP	3	<b>Semester Credits: 18</b>

### Semester II (Spring)

NUR 3226	Nursing Care of Adults I	3	
NUR 3226L	Nursing Care of Adults I Clinical	3	
NUR 3227	Nursing Care of Adults II	3	
NUR 3227L	Nursing Care of Adults II Clinical	3	
NUR 3685L	Integrative Nursing Care I	0	
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis for ANP	3	<b>Semester Credits: 15</b>

### Semester III (Summer)

NUR 3535	Psychosocial Nursing	3	
NUR 3535L	Psychosocial Nursing Clinical	3	
NUR 4686L	Integrative Nursing Care II	0	
NUR 4286	Nursing Care of Older Adults	2	
NUR 3821	Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues	3	
NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3	<b>Semester Credits: 14</b>

### Semester IV (Fall)

NUR 4455	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing	3	
NUR 4455L	Care of Families: Childbearing Nursing Clinical	3	
NUR 4355	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing	3	
NUR 4355L	Care of Families: Childrearing Nursing Clinical	3	
NUR 4667	Nursing in Global Health Care Systems	3	
NUR 4940	Senior Clinical Synthesis	2	<b>Semester Credits: 17</b>

### Semester V (Spring)

NUR 4945L*	Senior Clinical Practicum ( <b>Stop-Out Option</b> )	4	<b>*BSN-only degree</b>
NUR 4636C	Care of Communities: Community Health Nursing	4	
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3	
NGR 5035C	Advanced Client Assessment	3	
NGR 5810	Research Methods in Nursing	3	<b>Semester Credits: 13</b>

### Semester VI (Fall)

NGR *	Advanced Adult, Child, Family or Psych Health Nursing	3-4	*6201C, 6301C, 6601C, or 6503
NGR **	Advanced Adult, Child, Family or Psych Health Practicum	3-4	**6201L, 6301L, 6601L or 6503L
NGR xxx	Advisor Approved Elective (ex: Diagnostics or Curriculum Dev.)	3	<b>(Family, Adult or Peds ONLY)</b>
NGR 6538	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing ( <b>Psych Only</b> )	3	<b>Semester Credits: 9-11</b>

### Semester VII (Spring)

NGR *	Advanced Adult, Child, Family or Psych Health Nursing II	3-4	*6202C, 6302C, 6602L, or 6504C
NGR **	Advanced Adult, Child, Family or Psych Health Practicum II	3-4	**6202L, 6302L, 6602L, or 6504L
NGR 6910C	Research Project	3	<b>Semester Credits: 9-11</b>

### Semester VIII (Summer)

NGR *	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Adult, Child, Family or Psych Nursing Practice	3	*6209, 6337, 6748, or 6560
NUR **	Role Synthesis in Adult, Child, Family or Psych Health Nursing Practice	4	**6700L, 6337L, 6619L or 6505L
			<b>Semester Credits: 7</b>

### Total Professional Nursing Credits

	<b>102-105</b>	<b>*1400 Clinical Hours</b>
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Please take note that this document serves as a guide to provide you with an overview of the entire program. Modifications will be made as appropriate.