



**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 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 **3.5 GPA** for Semesters I to V, and who do not pass NCLEX in their first attempt, will take NUR 4945L and stop out with their BSN only after five semesters.

How to Apply

For detailed instructions on how to apply, please visit:

nursing.fiu.edu

ONLY Completed Applications are Accepted from January 1st to May 1st

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 to obtain a course-by-course evaluation (**naces.org**).
- Receive a TOEFL score of 550 (Paper) 80 (iBT) or complete ENC 1101 and ENC 1102 at a regionally accredited college/university.
- Successful completion of the **ATI TEAS** nursing entrance exam with a minimum 70% overall 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 for Students Admitted in Fall Semester

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	Semester Credits 18

Semester II (Spring)

NUR 3226	Nursing Care of Adults I	3	
NUR 3226L	Nursing Care of Adults I Clinical	3	
NUR 3821	Professional Nursing Leadership: Concepts and Issues	3	
NGR 5110	Theories in Nursing	3	
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis for ANP	3	Semester Credits 15

Semester III (Summer)

NUR 3227	Nursing Care of Adults II	3	
NUR 3227L	Nursing Care of Adults II Clinical	3	
NUR 3535	Psychosocial Nursing	3	
NUR 3535L	Psychosocial Nursing Clinical	3	
NUR 4286	Nursing Care of Older Adults	2	Semester Credits 14

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	Semester Credits 17

Semester V (Spring)

NUR 4945L*	Senior Clinical Practicum (Stop-Out Option)	4	*BSN-only degree
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	Semester Credits 13

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 Practice	3-4	**6201L, 6301L, 6601L or 6503L
NGR xxxx	Advisor Approved Elective (ex. Diagnostics or Curriculum Dev.)	3	(Peds, Family, or Adult ONLY)
NGR 6538	Psychopharmacology for Advanced Psych Nursing (Psych Only)	3	Semester Credits 9-11

Semester VII (Spring)

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

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, 6505L
			Semester Credits 7

Total Professional Nursing Credits

Highlighted Courses are Graduate Level Courses	102-106	*1400 clinical hours
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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.