

Admission Requirements for Associate Degree Registered Nurses (RN-MSN Pathway)

The RN-MSN pathway is for highly qualified RNs with an associate degree in nursing. Students are admitted to FGCU as undergraduate nursing students. Following the satisfactory completion of twenty-two (22) credit hours of specified course work at the undergraduate level, students are transitioned into the MSN program. Thirty-eight (38) hours of required coursework is then completed at the graduate level. Note that the bachelor's degree is not conferred in this program.

1. Submit a FGCU undergraduate application for admission and satisfy all applicable university admission requirements: <http://www.fgcu.edu/Admissions/Prospective/happly.html>
 - (1) Provide official transcript(s) for all colleges and universities attended including an official academic transcript showing the award of an associate degree in nursing from a national accredited nursing program or the equivalent degree in nursing from a foreign institution.
 - (2) Provide an official academic transcript showing the award of an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from a Florida public college or university. Students who do not have an AA degree will be required to meet all FGCU general education requirements.
2. Submit a supplemental application for admission in NursingCAS, and provide the following documents: <http://www.nursingcas.org/>. These instructions are included in the NursingCAS application.
 - (1) Provide unofficial transcript(s) for all colleges and universities attended, showing the award of an associate degree in nursing from a national accredited nursing program or the equivalent degree in nursing from a foreign institution.
 - (2) Provide an unofficial academic transcript showing the award of an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from a Florida public college or university. Students who do not have an AA degree will be required to meet all FGCU general education requirements.
 - (3) Show evidence of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
 - (4) Provide evidence of current and unrestricted registered nurse's license, or eligibility for RN licensure in Florida.
 - (5) Provide evidence of a minimum of one year current practice experience as a registered nurse.
 - (6) Submit a current resume.
 - (7) Submit a statement of career goals.
 - (8) Show evidence of completion of the following coursework with a grade of C or above:
 - BSC 1085C Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (4)
 - BSC 1086C Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab (4)
 - CHM XXXX Chemistry (3) or BCH XXXX, BSC XXXX, PCB XXXX, PHY XXXX
 - DEP 2004 Principles of Development (3)
 - HSC 2577 Nutrition Human Health and Wellness (3)
 - MCB 2010C Microbiology with Lab (4)
 - PSY 2012 General Psychology (3) or PSY XXXX, SOP XXXX, SYG XXXX
 - STA 2023 Statistical Methods (3)
3. Upon gaining undergraduate admission to the RN-MSN pathway, complete the following 22 credits of RN-MSN Bridge courses with a grade of B or above, prior to transitioning to graduate standing:
 - NUR 4807 Transition to Professional Nursing (2)
 - NUR 3065C Health Assessment (3)
 - NUR 3125 Pathophysiology (3)
 - NUR 3833 Patient Care Management in Nursing (3)
 - NUR 4169 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice in Symptom Management (3)
 - NUR 4636 Community & Public Health Nursing (3)
 - NUR 4636L Community and Public Health Nursing Clinical (2)
 - NUR 4165 Principles of Nursing Research (3)
4. To achieve graduate standing, RN-MSN students must complete the following, during the last semester of undergraduate coursework:
 - (1) Complete the 22 credits of RN-MSN Bridge courses.
 - (2) Show evidence of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in all undergraduate coursework.
 - (3) Submit a FGCU graduate application for admission, provide the following documents, and satisfy all applicable university admission requirements: www.fgcu.edu/graduate.
 - (4) Provide official, competitive, GRE scores, taken within the last five years (quantitative, verbal, and analytic).