



Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
**Specialized Admissions Status  
Initial Approval Request Form**

In Accordance with Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions

**INSTITUTION:** University of Florida

**DEGREE PROGRAM:** Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN)

**CIP CODE** 51.3801 **Effective Academic Year** 2023-2024

1. Does this request for specialized admissions status apply to the whole degree program?  
If no, please specify which major(s) or track(s) are seeking the status.

Yes

2. Which criteria for specialized admissions status does the program meet?

- Limited Resources (if approved, the status will last a maximum of four years)  
 Minimal Skills (if approved, the status will last a maximum of five years)  
 Accreditation Requirements (If checked, you must also select either limited resources or minimal skills)

3. Provide a rationale for why the program meets the criteria selected above.

The pre-licensure program requires over 700 hours of intensive supervised clinical learning experiences per student. Affiliated hospitals limit the number of students per clinical unit to be supervised by one clinical instructor at any one time. Due to restrictions in the number of student placements and limited faculty resources to maintain appropriate student-to-faculty ratios in the clinical environment, we are unable to admit more students to this experiential educational program.

4. If the program is seeking specialized admissions status due to limited resources and/or is a Program of Strategic Emphasis, provide the institution's plan and timeline for increasing program resources. If the institution does not plan to increase capacity over the next few years, please provide a rationale.  Not applicable.

With increased funding from the Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) Fund, we plan to hire additional faculty, which will allow us to increase enrollment in our Accelerated BSN (post-baccalaureate) program in Jacksonville by 50% and our traditional BSN program in Gainesville by 15% starting in the 2022-2023 academic year. We plan to further increase admissions in Jacksonville in subsequent years as well. Overall, we anticipate a 17-22% increase in the number of graduates, sustained over the four-year Specialized Admission period.

5. If approved for specialized admissions status, what will be the program's admissions

requirements? Additionally, please indicate how these requirements and procedures ensure equal access for qualified Florida College System Associates in Arts graduates competing for available space in the program.

Our current admission requirements will remain as described below.

**Traditional BSN track** (including transfer students):

Pre-requisite courses:

- 3 credits of social and behavioral science with prefix of PSY, SOP or SYG
- 3 credits of physical or biological sciences with prefix of BSC, CHM or PHY
- 4 credits of Anatomy & Physiology 1 (including a lab component)
- 4 credits of Anatomy & Physiology 2 (including a lab component)
- 4 credits of Microbiology (including a lab component)
- 3 credits of Statistics
- 3 credits of Human Growth and Development or Developmental Psychology
- 3 credits of Human Nutrition

The following additional criteria must be met:

- Completion of two sequential courses of foreign language in secondary school or 8-10 semester hours at the post-secondary level, or documentation of an equivalent level of proficiency.
  - OR 8-10 semester hours at the post-secondary level
  - OR documentation of an equivalent level of proficiency
- An overall GPA of at least 3.0
- A GPA of at least 3.0 in all required pre-professional courses
- A grade of C or better in all required pre-professional courses
- Satisfactory completion of communication and computation requirements

**Second degree (post-baccalaureate) track** for students holding a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university in a field other than nursing:

Pre-requisite courses:

- 4 credits of Anatomy & Physiology 1 (including a lab component)
- 4 credits of Anatomy & Physiology 2 (including a lab component)
- 4 credits of Microbiology (including a lab component)
- 3 credits of Statistics
- 3 credits of Human Growth and Development or Developmental Psychology
- 3 credits of Human Nutrition

The following additional criteria must be met:

- A GPA of a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, calculated using the most recent 60 credits taken toward the bachelor's degree or cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale on masters or doctoral degree.

6. What is the current race and gender profile of the program? Describe the potential impact on the race and gender profiles of the program. What strategies will be implemented to promote and maintain diversity in the program?

Enrollment by race and ethnicity for undergraduate students (as of fall, 2020)

Race/Ethnicity	Headcount	Percentage
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	0.17

Asian	59	9.78
Black or African America	46	7.63
Hispanic/Latino	106	17.58
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	0.33
Nonresident Alien	2	0.33
Unknown	17	2.82
Two or More Races	26	4.31
White	344	57.05

Gender distribution was 91.04% female and 8.96% male.

Increasing our enrollment at our Jacksonville campus (post-baccalaureate) is likely to promote more diversity by drawing from the more highly diverse Duvall County area..

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## Required Signatures

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Requestor/Initiator

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Date

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Signature of College Dean

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Signature of Campus EO Officer

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Signature of Provost

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Signature of Chair of the  
Board of Trustees

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Date Approved by the Board of Trustees