Education

The University of Florida College of Nursing is dedicated to high-quality programs of education, research, patient care and public service. The college is a major provider of baccalaureate-prepared (BSN) nurses in the state. The college has innovative education programs designed to address the national shortage of nurses and nursing faculty, including the BSN to PhD program, and Accelerated BSN program for college graduates from other fields.

In 2015, it restarted its RN to BSN program with online coursework, allowing registered nurses to obtain a BSN degree from UF. It also expanded its accelerated BSN program to its Jacksonville campus. Overall undergraduate enrollment has increased 22% since 2013.

The college’s Doctor of Nursing Practice, or DNP, program prepares advanced practice nurses in five clinical specialties. UF had one of the state’s first BSN to DNP programs, allowing direct entry into the DNP program for baccalaureate graduates. The college uses online learning delivery for its DNP program.

As part of UF Health, the University of Florida academic health center, the College of Nursing collaborates with other health-related colleges and the UF Health family of hospitals, as well as clinical partners across the state. The College of Nursing has a strong partnership with the UF Health nursing division to support the college’s missions of education, research and patient care. Strategic goals and activities focus on efforts to ensure nurses are best prepared to meet today’s health care needs. New joint faculty appointments have been forged between the college and the teaching hospital. Additionally, the College has an innovative model of clinical education where a cohort of BSN students are assigned to Academic Partnership Units at UF Health Shands Hospital. Plans are to continue this program and partnership at UF Health Jacksonville as well.

**UF CON FY2015 actuals:**

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<th>Grants/Contracts</th>
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**3 degree programs**

(Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice and PhD in Nursing Science)

**752 baccalaureate nursing students**

(includes 352 upper division majors)

**336 graduate nursing students**

(includes Clinical Certificate, DNP and PhD programs)

**80%**

of all undergraduate students go to graduate school within three years of completing the BSN
Research

The College of Nursing research portfolio is diverse and includes projects focused on three areas of excellence: management of symptoms associated with aging and chronic illnesses; disparities in health and health services; and translational research for families. Faculty members receive funding from a number of sources, including the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and private foundations. This research has resulted in improvements in health promotion, disease prevention and symptom management for young and old, alike. Students are actively involved with faculty members in research, helping them understand and value clinical research.

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Patient Care/Outreach

The College of Nursing maintains and participates in nursing and patient care for women, children, adults and the elderly, with special emphasis on underserved and rural populations. Community health faculty members and students provide health screenings and education and serve as a vital link between the primary care setting and families in the community. As part of UF Health, the College of Nursing is more closely integrated with the health system's clinical mission in order to strengthen the link between education and practice.

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