

# NURSING, ACCELERATED TRACK IN NURSING

## Associate in Science Degree (CIP# 1351380100)

### Limited-Access

This option is designed for LPNs (Licensed Practical Nurses), Paramedics, Registered Invasive Cardiovascular Specialists (CVTs), and RRTs (Registered Respiratory Therapists) who want to earn an A.S. Nursing degree. Some Prerequisite for Admission Courses may be available online. Graduates of this track are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse. All theory components of the nursing courses (the courses with the prefix NUR) are offered primarily in an on-line format with course orientation and testing being completed on campus; all nursing courses have a clinical component to be completed in a Central Florida healthcare facility.

The R.N. Accelerated Track is a limited-access program. Admission to Valencia does not imply acceptance to the R.N. Accelerated Track of the Nursing Program; students must apply and be accepted to the program. General admission procedures for this program are found in the Admission Section of this catalog. The Division of Nursing provides specific information about the admission process to this track. Estimated program expenses are given in the Financial Section of this catalog.

This program has been coordinated with local healthcare agencies, the State Department of Education, and the State Board of Nursing.

Admission requirements that must be satisfied prior to submitting an application to the Accelerated Track A.S. Degree Program in Nursing Track are:

- Review the general admission requirements for Health Sciences programs in the Admissions section of this catalog
- Submit a completed Valencia Application for Admission; satisfy the requirements for degree-seeking status and be in active student status
- Satisfy the college entry testing requirements and satisfactorily complete all mandatory courses in reading, student success, mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes in which you are placed
- Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5 (including transfer work)
- Satisfy the designated entrance test requirements for Health Sciences programs
- Have completed an LPN, Paramedic, CVT or RRT program (by the program application deadline)
- LPNs must provide evidence of current Florida License and must document completion of a Florida Board of Nursing approved IV therapy certification course
- Paramedics must provide evidence of current certification in Florida and certification as a Nursing Assistant or evidence of equivalent work experience within the last five years prior to the date of admission
- CVTs must provide evidence of completion of a Cardiovascular Technology program, certification as a Nursing Assistant, or evidence of equivalent work experience within the last five years prior to the date of admission, completion of an IV Therapy certification and must have passed the examination and hold the current credential for the Registered Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist credential

- RRTs must provide evidence of current certification in Florida and certification as a Nursing Assistant or evidence of equivalent work experience within the last five years prior to the date of admission, and completion of an IV Therapy certification
- Complete the Nursing Program Prerequisite for Admission Courses with minimum grades of "C" prior to the deadline
- Submit the completed Valencia Accelerated Track Nursing Program application with the application fee prior to the deadline

Students are strongly encouraged to consult their campus based health sciences advisor for assistance in determining the best education plan for their career goals.

### Alternative Ways to Earn Credit toward this Degree

Graduates of the Practical Nursing programs at Orange Technical College and Osceola Technical College, as well as other institutions may be eligible to receive college credit for courses in this program based on earning your LPN certification. To learn more about Valencia's award of credit options, visit <https://valenciacollege.edu/academics/programs/as-degree/credit-industry-certification-agreements.php>. Eligible students should contact the Career Program Advisor in their academic department for more information about the requirements for the award of credit.

### Start Right

Degree-seeking students enrolling at Valencia for the first time will have a limited range of courses from which to choose for their first 18 college-level credits. Within the first 18 college credit hours, you will be required to take ENC1101 (3 credits), and if applicable, SLS 1122 (3 credits) or HSC1004 (3 credits) for students pending acceptance to a health sciences program and a mathematics course appropriate to your selected meta-major (3 credits). The remaining courses will be chosen from the General Education Core Courses in humanities (3 credits), science (3 credits), or social science (3 credits), and/or the introductory courses within the A.S. degree programs. For specific courses see the *Foundation Courses* on the "Program Requirements" tab. For course sequencing recommendations, see your Career Program Advisor or create an education plan by logging into Atlas, clicking on the LifeMap tab and clicking My Education Plan.

### Potential Careers

- Registered Nurse

### Salary & Earnings Information

For career information related to this program, please visit **O\*Net OnLine** (<https://www.onetonline.org/>).

### Contacts

#### Future Students

To learn more about this program, contact Enrollment Services at [enrollment@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:enrollment@valenciacollege.edu) or 407-582-1507 or visit [valenciacollege.edu/nursing/](https://valenciacollege.edu/nursing/) (<https://valenciacollege.edu/nursing/>).

#### Current Students

Active Valencia students who are *pending program acceptance* may meet with the pending Nursing Program Advisor in the campus Student Services department. For Information Sessions, Admission Guides, Program Applications, and the most updated information, visit the website at: <https://valenciacollege.edu/academics/programs/health-sciences/index.php> (<https://valenciacollege.edu/academics/programs/>).

health-sciences/) Accepted, in-program students will meet with their assigned Career Program Advisor after confirming acceptance.

Your Career Program Advisor contact information can be found in Atlas. Log into Atlas, click on the Courses tab, and check your Academic Profile information to find a link to your Advisor.

## Program Outcomes

- Foster open communication, mutual respect and shared decision making to achieve quality patient outcomes with respect to values, safety, preferences, needs, and diversity of patient/family and multidisciplinary teams.
- Integrate clinical decision-making that demonstrates evidence-based practice, competent delivery of patient care, and coordination of multidisciplinary teams to achieve safe patient-centered outcomes.
- Utilize technology to communicate and promote coordination of information to mitigate errors, apply knowledge when managing resources, and facilitate safe patient care.
- Promote lifelong learning and professionalism through exploration of evidence-based practice and professional development.

## Accelerated Track Curriculum

### Prerequisite for Admission

ENC 1101	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I <sup>++~</sup>	3
BSC 2093C	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I <sup>++~</sup>	4
BSC 2094C	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II <sup>++~</sup>	4
MCB 2010C	MICROBIOLOGY <sup>++~</sup>	4
PSY 2012	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY <sup>++~</sup>	3
HUN 2202	ESSENTIALS OF NUTRITION WITH DIET THERAPY <sup>++</sup>	3
MGF 1106	LIBERAL ARTS MATHEMATICS I <sup>++~</sup>	3
or	or	
	ANY GEN. ED. CORE REQUIREMENT	
Humanities	See Gen. Ed. Core Requirement <sup>++~</sup>	3
POS 2041	U.S. GOVERNMENT	3
or AMH2020	or	
BSC 1010C	GENERAL BIOLOGY I	4
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>34</b>

### Year I

Term 1		Credit Hours
NUR 2931C	ATN - HEALTH AND ILLNESS CONCEPTS OF PHYSICAL AND HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NUR 1100C	ATN-TRANSITION INTO PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS	4
NUR 2440C	ATN-CONCEPTS OF MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>10</b>

### Term 2

NUR 2933C	CONCEPTS OF ADULT HEALTH I	5
NUR 2932C	ATN - HEALTH AND ILLNESS CONCEPTS OF MENTAL HEALTH	3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>8</b>

### Term 3

NUR 2943	EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN NURSING <sup>**</sup>	10
NUR 2217C	ATN CONCEPTS OF ADULT HEALTH II	5

NUR 2000C	ATN CONCEPTS OF PATIENT CARE MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP-PRACTICUM	5
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>72</b>

+ This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.

\* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.

~ This is a general education course.

^ Students with certification as an LPN, Paramedic, CVT or RRT will be eligible to receive 12 articulated credits for this course.

### Notes:

All accepted applicants are required to submit applications through Valencia for a criminal background check and drug testing. Applicants for Valencia's Health Sciences Programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a healthcare setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and state/federal regulations.

Specialized program courses are offered on the West Campus and may not be offered every session; some are offered at the Osceola Campus.

Upon earning the A.S. degree in Nursing, eligible applicants can continue at Valencia to complete the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) (<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/bachelorofscience/bsn/#text>) or a bachelor-level Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC) in Echocardiography (<http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/advancedtechnicalcertificates/echocardiography/#text>). The Nursing BSN degree is designed to expand your knowledge on integrated care, build nursing skills and prepare you for advanced positions within the medical field.

Additional education at the bachelor's level and professional experience can enhance your skills and create more career opportunities. Students who wish to continue their education should consult with their Career Program Advisor to determine the best education plan for their career goals.