

# College of Nursing

MSN Program Overview

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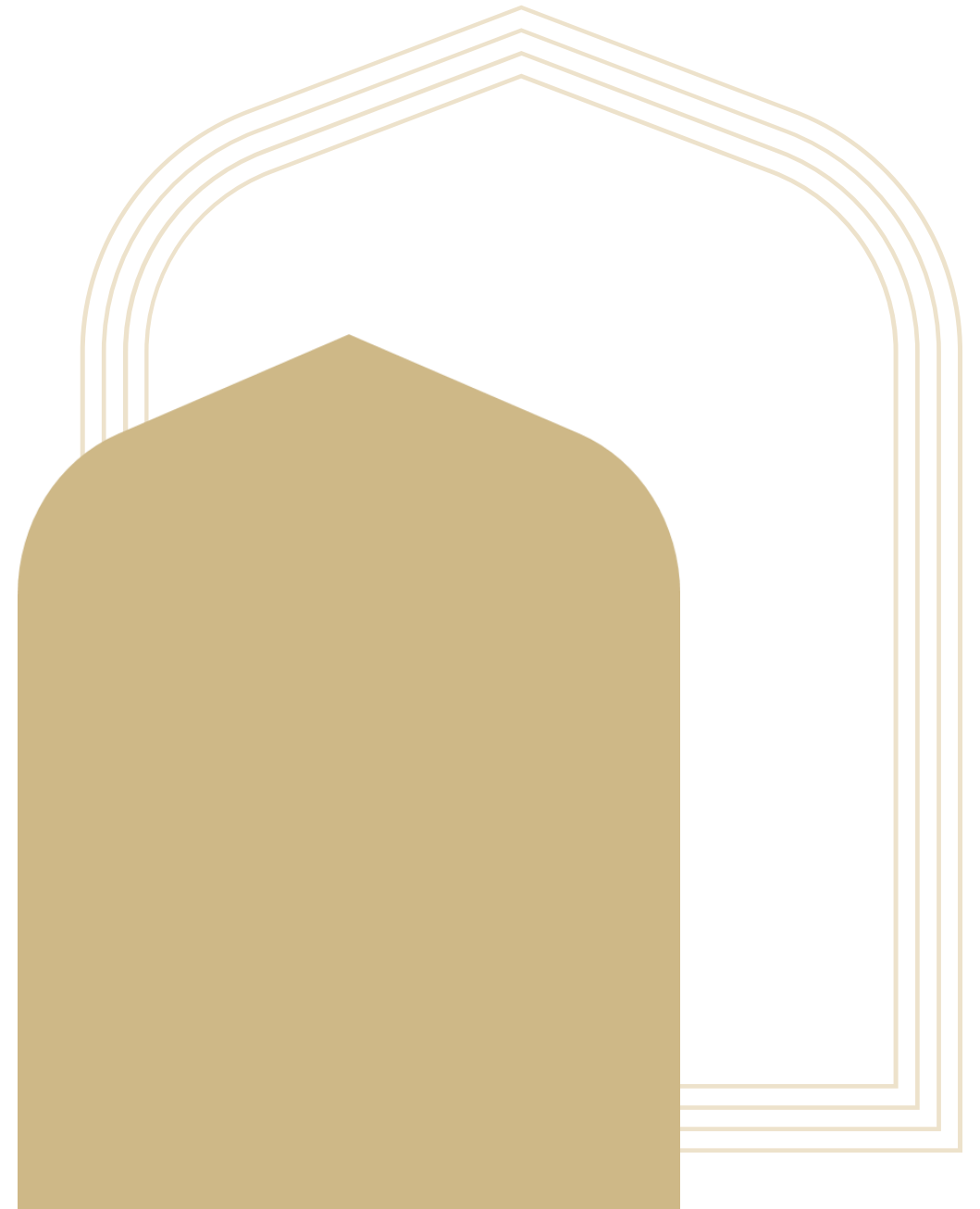
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# Why a Master of Science in Nursing?

- MSN graduates are better positioned to meet the complexities of modern health care, and they are eligible for post-masters certificate programs.
- (IOM) report called for 80 percent of nurses to hold at least a BSN by 2020. Yet, in Florida, only 51 percent of working RNs have achieved a BSN, and a mere 5.9 percent hold an MSN.
- Recognizing the growing demand for advanced nursing professionals, particularly in emerging fields like artificial intelligence in health care.
- The demand for nurse educators is at an all-time high, both in the hospital and at the college level.

# Why the FSU College of Nursing?

- The program is designed to be flexible because we realize that most students are working full-time jobs
- Classes are all asynchronous, meaning there are no required in-person sessions
- The FSU College of Nursing has a proven track record of our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of educational excellence
- Expert faculty
- Individual guidance through Student Services and a dedicated MSN coordinator



# FSU COLLEGE OF NURSING IS BOLDLY RISING!

**95.41%**

**2023 NCLEX-RN  
PASS RATE**

ACCORDING TO THE:  
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

**#1**

**IN THE NATION FOR PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS IN FEDERAL  
RESEARCH FUNDING**

ACCORDING TO THE:  
NIH REPORTER, FY23

**#2**

**IN THE NATION FOR PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS IN NIH FUNDING**

ACCORDING TO THE:  
2023 BLUE RIDGE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

**#26**

**DOCTOR OF NURSING  
PRACTICE PROGRAM IN THE  
NATION**

ACCORDING TO:  
U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT 2024-2025

# Sample Curriculum

All students will be required to take the “3 P’s,” which are Advanced Pathophysiology, Pharmacology and Health Assessment for Advanced Practitioners.

These courses help ensure that the MSN student is well-positioned to enter a certificate or DNP program.

## **BSN-MSN Full Time**

39 credit hours with 500 clinical hours. The clinical hours are an academic requirement for all MSN programs. Four semesters.

## **BSN-MSN Part Time**

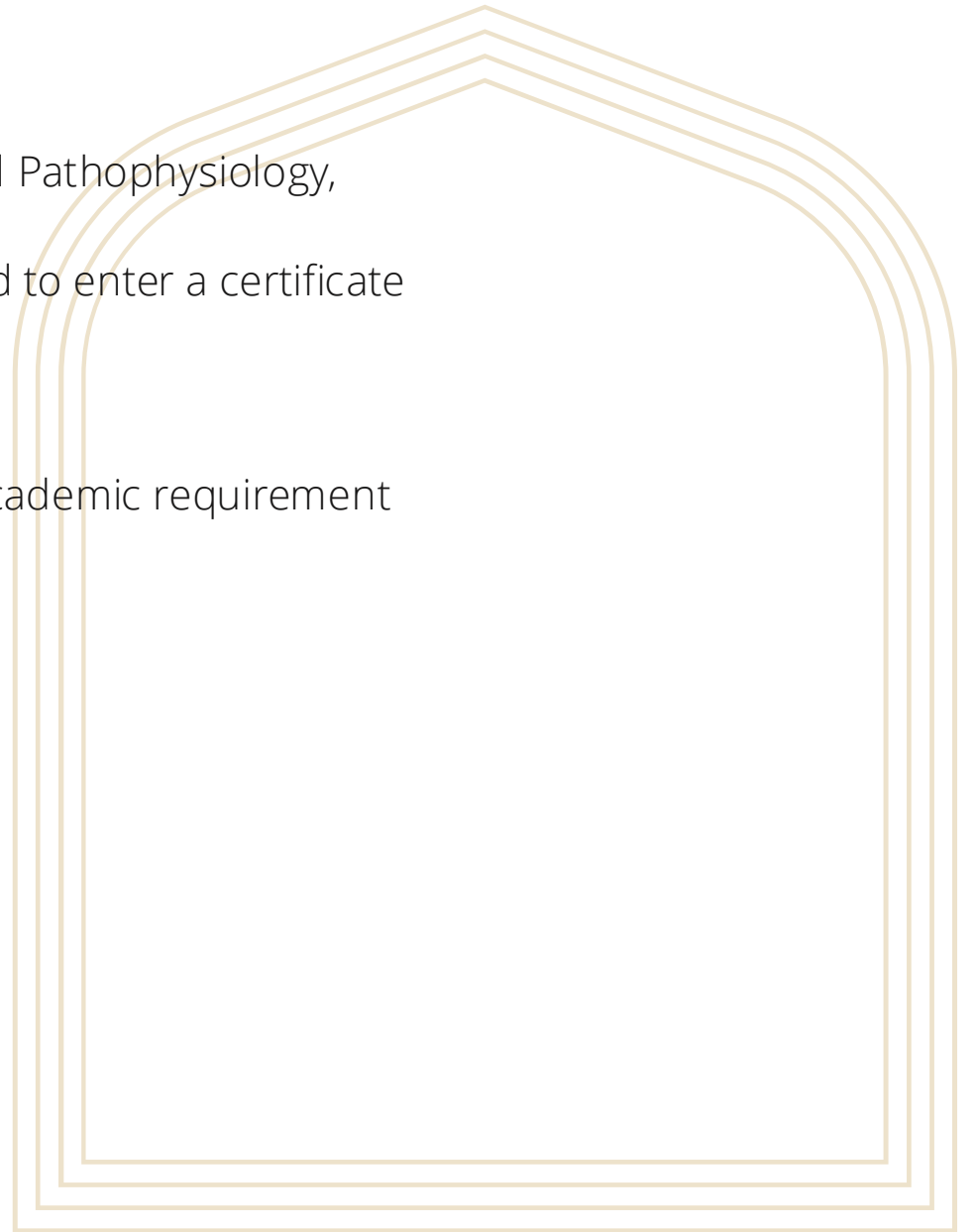
39 credit hours with 500 clinical hours. Seven semesters.

## **Combined BSN/MSN Pathway, Full-Time**

56 credits with 530 clinical hours. Four semesters.

## **Combined BSN/MSN Pathway, Part-Time**

56 credits with 530 clinical hours. Seven semesters.



## Tuition and Fees

In-state Tuition: \$444/credit hour

Out-of-State Tuition: \$1,075/credit hour

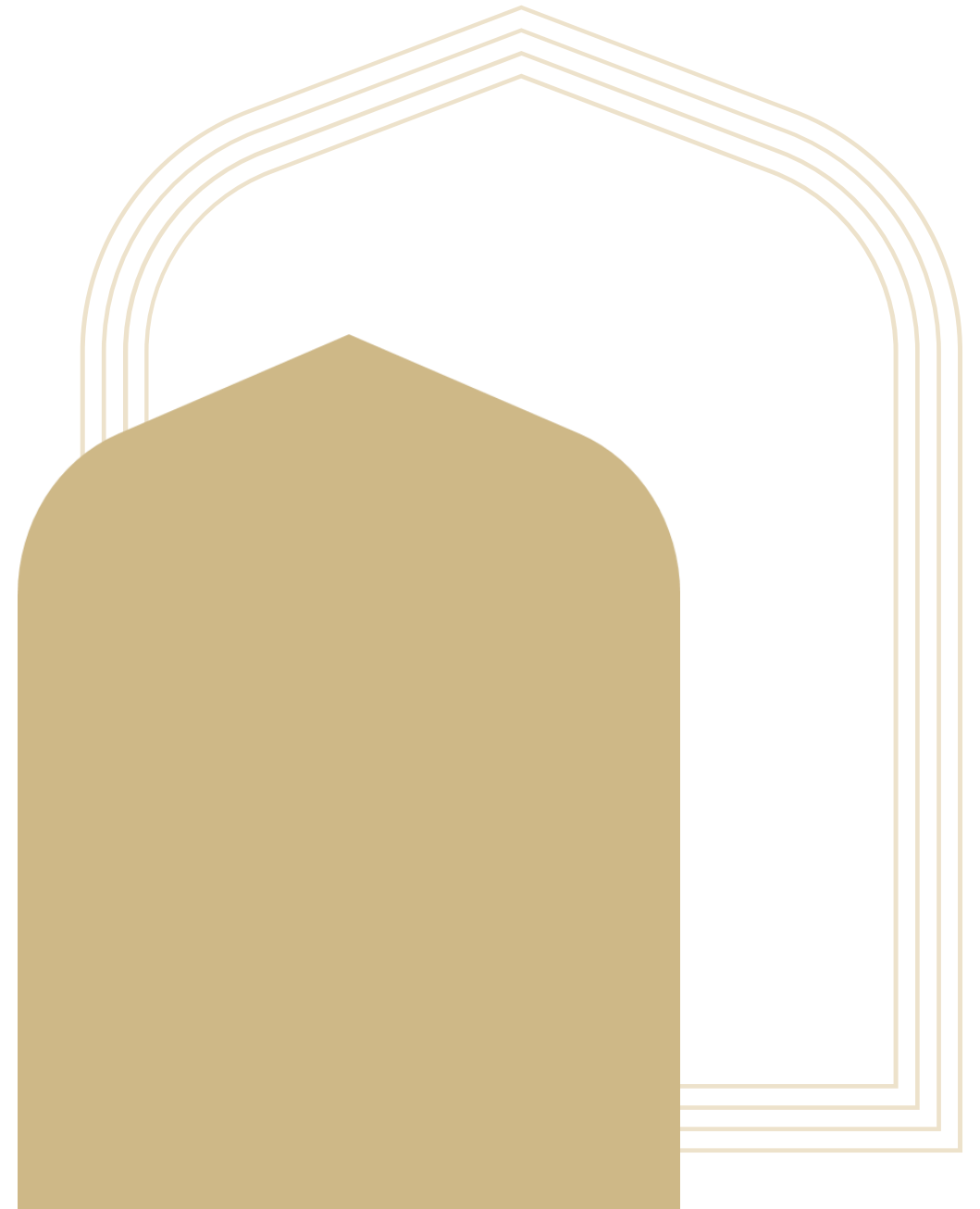
Plus additional fees



# Opportunities

After completing 18 hours in the MSN program, there may be an opportunity to become a teaching assistant, either in person at the College of Nursing or remotely. This would make you eligible for tuition reimbursement, up to six hours.

If you are or have been a preceptor for the College of Nursing, for every 300 hours done, you may get six hours of tuition cost waived.





# Five Keys for a Successful Application

1. Submit a complete application. Include all colleges and universities you have attended.
2. Check your transcript status (and frequently) so you don't miss the deadline to have everything corrected and submitted. You can call the institutions you are waiting on transcripts from to ensure they are sent over by the deadline.
3. If you opt for Professional Transcript Entry, please understand that the process takes longer than you entering the information yourself. If your transcripts are delayed, the PTE may not be completed by the application deadline.
4. Submit as soon as possible so that you can ensure you receive all your transcripts and PTE by the deadline. Waiting until October 1st may mean your transcripts are not sent by the deadline.
5. International student's transcripts are reviewed by a third party, so those transcripts will take longer to process.

# What Do Clinical Hours Mean?

- Self-assessment and identification of career goals
- Clear, measurable goals that describe deliverable outcomes you hope to achieve using the skills that you learn
- Builds on knowledge earned
- Reflective assignments
- Individualized to each student's background and knowledge base

# Questions?

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