Valencia Community College: RN Degree



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The Valencia Nursing Program was organized in 1970 with the first nursing class of 44 students admitted in September 1971. The nursing program was implemented in response to the closure of a local diploma program offered by Orange Memorial Hospital, now Orlando Regional Health Care System. The program added a Licensed Practical Nurse bridge option in the Fall of 1983. Today, Valencia's program is one of the best for preparing men and women for a nursing career, by connecting students directly to situations nurses face today. The program offers real-life lessons to help nurses build skills and confidence.

While all teaching programs must be approved by the State Board of Nursing, Valencia's program is also accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), which certifies that the program meets both the highest state and national standards. Many universities, including the armed forces, require transfer students to have completed their associate's degree at an NLNAC-accredited institution. Students who complete the program are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) and can go on to work in a nursing career and/or pursue higher degrees.

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Pat Woodbery, BSN, MSN, ARNP
Director of Nursing

I joined Valencia in 1978. Since that time, I have served in many capacities including Professor of Nursing, Assistant Nursing Program Director, Interim Nursing Program Director and currently as Director of Nursing.

My nursing career includes:

Instructor Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA

- RN St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond, VA
- Assistant Head Nurse Medical ICU Shands Teaching Hospital, Gainesville, FL
- RN, CCU University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA
- RN, Pediatrics Richmond Memorial Hospital, Richmond, VA

On a personal note, I am married to Bob Woodbery. We have one daughter and one grandson. I love to dance, race walk, play bunco, and quilt. I escape to the North Carolina Smoky Mountains as often as possible to walk the trails and relax in the cool mountain breeze with a favorite book!

Anita Andrews Kovalsky, RN, M.N.Ed.
Assistant Director of Nursing



GRADUATE
1978-1981 University of Pittsburgh
M.N.Ed, Nursing - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 1981

UNDERGRADUATE
1973-1977 Carlow College
BSN, Nursing - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 1977

After graduating from Carlow College (now Carlow University) in 1977, I began working at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)-Presbyterian University Hospital as a staff nurse in the Coronary Care/Cardiovascular Surgical Special Care/Cardiac Transplant/Cardiac Step-Down Units. While there, I began working on my Master's Degree in Nursing Education. I was promoted to Nurse Manager of the Cardiac Step-Down Unit in 1980.

In 1983, I began working at UPMC as a relief Critical Care Division Nursing Supervisor, and also taught nursing as an adjunct medical-surgical Clinical Instructor at the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), South Campus. In addition to that, I also worked part-time in the Transitional Care Cardiac Unit, as well as on the med-surg units, at Forbes Regional Health Center in Monroeville, PA.

In 1988, I was appointed to a full-time Associate Nursing Professor position at CCAC Boyce Campus, during which I taught medical-surgical and fundamentals of nursing. During my last five years at CCAC (1996-2001), I served as Nursing Department Chairperson at the Boyce Campus, until relocating with my family to Orlando in 2001.

I began teaching as a full-time Nursing Professor at Valencia Community College in August of 2001, primarily in the Foundations of Nursing (now Nursing 1) course. Additionally, I have also taught Health & Physical Assessment, Pharmacology, Patient Care Management/Practicum, as well as in the Advanced Track (LPN, Respiratory Therapist, Paramedic to RN) Nursing courses. I was appointed to the position of Assistant Nursing Program Director in May 2006.

I have two daughters, both of whom were transplanted to Florida. One is a graduate of the University of Central Florida, who previously worked in Public Relations and Marketing at the Orlando Sentinel, and now works in a similar capacity for the UCF Alumni Association. My other daughter is attending the University of Florida majoring in agricultural economics. My husband is an electrical engineering manager, currently working in the medical field with patient monitoring systems. We are empty-nesters except for our beloved dachshund, Marcel.



Ruby Alvarez, RN, MSN
Professor of Nursing

Prior to joining Valencia in 2006, I worked at/with the following institutions: Florida Hospital Orlando, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Travel Nursing, Scott and White Hospital of Temple, Texas, and Heart Hospital of Austin, Texas.

I have been married for thirteen years with a five year old son.

Ann Boulware Biggars, RN, MHA, MSN
Professor of Nursing



I received a Diploma in Nursing from Gaston Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1970. After having my children and working as a Head Nurse and Nursing Supervisor for 15 years, I decided to return to school. I received My

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ADMISSION CRITERIA AND CHECKLIST
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE NURSING, R.N.

The following criteria will be used for selection for the Associate in Science Degree Nursing Program, Generic Track.

Admission to the Nursing Program is limited to eligible applicants only.

Students selected enter in August (Fall term), January (Spring term) or May (Summer term) of each year based on the date of application. Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents to be eligible.

_____ **1.** Submit a completed college application for admission by the College Application Deadline. Visit Valencia's Web site at www.valenciacc.edu/admissions for specific information.

_____ **2.** Attend a group advisement session about the Nursing program prior to submitting nursing application to the program. Dates are posted on this Web site.

_____ **3.** Meet, prior to submitting the Nursing Program application, the college admission requirements for degree-seeking students. College entry testing and all mandatory courses in Reading, Student Success, Mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes must be completed prior to submitting the Nursing Program application.

_____ **4.** Have a minimum **Overall GPA of 2.5.**

_____ **5.** Complete all Science and General Education courses prior to submitting a Nursing application.

Science courses include:
BSC 2093C - Anatomy and Physiology I
BSC 2094C - Anatomy and Physiology II
MCB 2010C - Microbiology

General Education courses include:
PSY 1012 - General Psychology
DEP 2004 - Developmental Psychology
ENC 1101 - Freshman Composition
HUN 2202 - Essentials of Nutrition
PHI 2600 - Ethics and Critical Thinking **OR** PHI 2010 - Philosophy Recommended **OR** any course with HUM prefix that meets the AA degree requirement.

- ***All courses must be completed with a "C" or better.***

_____ **6.** Complete, prior to submission of the Nursing application, the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with an Overall Composite score of at least 75% and a Reading Composite score of at least 75%. The examination fee is the responsibility of the student. Scores on the NET (Nurse Entrance Test) may still be used for admission provided the NET was administered at Valencia with a Reading score of at least 65% and a Composite score of at least 65% within five years of the date of submission of the Nursing application.

After the checklist is complete, a $15.00 non-refundable nursing application fee (check or money order payable to Valencia Community College) must be submitted to the Business Office with each Nursing application.

Note: No student will be admitted into two (2) different Valencia Community College Health Sciences programs within an academic year.

- **After** acceptance and **prior** to the start of the first term of nursing courses, students will be notified of the process required to complete a criminal background check and the deadline for the completion of the check. Applicants with a positive background check may be denied admission into the Nursing Program. The fee is the responsibility of the student. Students will not begin the Nursing program until we have the background check on file.
- Applicants for Valencia's Nursing program must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a health care setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and State/Federal regulations.
- Each applicant must be screened by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal history. Each applicant must have a Social Security Verification, Residency History, Nationwide Sexual Offense Registry Search, Nationwide Healthcare Fraud/Abuse Scan, and a US Patriot Act/OFCA search. A Nationwide Criminal Search is also required if the applicant has worked, resided, or has been a student outside of Florida during the 2 year period prior to the start of any Health Science Program at Valencia. Applicants having concerns regarding these requirements are encouraged to make contact with the Health Sciences Advising Office! in advance of application to the Nursing Program.
- After acceptance and prior to the start of the first term of nursing courses, applicants must attend Nursing Orientation and have CPR certification, a physical examination, immunizations and drug screening. Students will not begin the Nursing program without these requirements being met by the deadline provided.

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Nursing Advisement Sessions are available for all students interested in applying to the Generic Nursing Program on West and Osceola Campuses. Students are welcomed on a walk-in basis and do not need an appointment to attend. Please attend one of these ***mandatory*** information sessions to have all your nursing questions answered.

"Dates and times are subject to change; please check schedule before attending your selected information session." Additional dates will be added soon.

The Nursing Advisement Sessions are available only for Generic Nursing applicants.

West Campus

Date	*Time*	*Building*	*Room*
June 29, 2010	10:00 AM - Noon	1	113
July 19 , 2010	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	1	113
August 4, 2010	10:00 AM - Noon	1	113
September 9, 2010	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	1	113

Osceola Campus

Date	*Time*	*Building*	*Room*
Mar 25 , 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium
Apr 16 , 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium
May 20 , 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium
Jun 24, 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium
Jul 28, 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium
Aug 19, 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium
Sep 29, 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium
Oct 29, 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium
Nov 18, 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium
Dec 3, 2010	3:00 - 5:00 PM	2	Auditorium

There are no deadlines to apply to the Generic Track Nursing program. Students submit applications once all of the admission criteria and Test of Essential Academic Skills requirements have been met. 120 students will be admitted in the Fall term, 120 students will be admitted in the Spring term, and 70 students in the Summer term. We are currently accepting applications for Spring 2012.

First-term Nursing students select either West or Osceola Campus from the available offerings at the time of course registration. Nursing I and II are taught on Osceola Campus; all other Nursing courses are taught only on West Campus. The nursing program is full-time during the week. We do not offer an evening or weekend program. For more information, print the forms from the link below:

Nursing, R.N. Program Information

The Valencia Nursing program, both the Generic Track and the Advanced Standing Track, have been coordinated with local health care agencies, the State Department of Education and the State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

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Advanced Standing Track (AVS) Nursing Program

Valencia offers an accelerated program for students currently working as an LPN, Paramedic, Registered Respiratory Therapist, or Cardiovascular Technologist who are working toward RN status.

Beginning Fall 2010, 24 students will be admitted each term (Fall, Spring, and Summer). The application deadline for Fall 2010 is June 1, 2010 and for Spring 2011, the deadline is September 15, 2010. The program is completed in three terms (one year).

Students will attend lab once per week on campus and attend clinical once per week. All lecture and theory courses will be completed online. Tests will be administered on campus.

The college-wide Health Science Admission Committee uses the following point system to GUIDE them in the selection of qualified students to be admitted to the Advanced Standing Nursing Program:

GPA Requirements

Overall GPA	Points
3.51- 3.60	6
3.61- 3.70	7
3.71- 3.80	8
3.81- 3.90	9
3.91- 4.00	10

Science and General Education Courses

Prerequisite courses must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" by the program application deadline.

BSC 2093C	*Human Anatomy & Physiology I (pre-requisite course)	A=10 pts, B=8 pts, C=6 pts
BSC 2094C	*Human Anatomy & Physiology II (pre-requisite course)	A=10 pts, B=8 pts, C=6 pts
MCB 2010C	*Microbiology (pre-requisite course)	A=10 pts, B=8 pts, C=6 pts
ENC 1101	*Freshman Composition I (pre-requisite course)	A=3 pts, B=2 pts, C=1 pt
HUN 2202	*Essentials of Nutrition with Diet Therapy	A=3 pts, B=2 pts, C=1 pt
PSY 1012	*General Psychology	A=3 pts, B=2 pts, C=1 pt
DEP 2004	*Developmental Psychology	A=3 pts, B=2 pts, C=1 pt
PHI 2600	*Ethics and Critical Thinking or PHI 2010 OR any course with HUM prefix that meets the AA degree requirement	A=3 pts, B=2 pts, C=1 pt

Additional Points may be awarded for the following: (These courses are not required.)

HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	1 point if completed with a grade of "C" or higher
SYG 2000 Alternate	Sociology Previous Term Applicant placed on Alternate List	1 point if completed with a grade of "C" or higher 3 points

Total Possible Points = 60

For the application print the document below:
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TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS)

Students must complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to submitting the Nursing, Advanced Standing Track program application. Applicants must earn a TEAS Composite Score of 75% and a Composite Reading Score of 75%. Students must have a Valencia College Application on file to test in a Valencia Assessment Office, and students are limited to taking the exam 3 times per year. Complete, prior to submission of the Nursing application, the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with an Overall Composite score of at least 75% and a Reading Composite score of at least 75%. The examination fee is the responsibility of the student. Scores on the NET (Nurse Entrance Test) may still be used for admission provided the NET was administered at Valencia with a Reading score of at least 65% and a Composite score of at least 65% within five years of the date of submission of the Nursing application.

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AfterCollege Healthcare
Targeted job listings for Valencia Nursing students & alumni, provided by AfterCollege.