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# Florida A&M University (FAMU) School of Nursing Program Nursing: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

The School of Nursing is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The FAMU BSN program prepares students to practice in a field with professional licensure or certification available.

Specific licensure and certification requirements vary by state<sup>1</sup>. State requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential in the field from an institution and program that meet certain eligibility requirements in that state (e.g., curricular requirements, accredited status, approval by the state licensing board); passing a state or national exam; working in the field for a minimum period of time; and/or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification in your chosen field, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you hope to practice. Click here for Professional Licensure Directory for State Boards of Nursing.

# **FAMU Program Preparation in the State of Florida**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at FAMU meets the educational requirements for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the state of Florida. The program is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Students who are graduated from the BSN program at FAMU will meet the educational eligibility criteria for the National Council for Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) for obtaining their license to practice as a registered nurse in Florida.

The Registrar's Office at FAMU will first verify and confirm all degree requirements have been satisfied. Then, FAMU School of Nursing will

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provide a list of NCLEX-RN BSN degree candidates to Florida's State Board of Nursing. If you have an interest in pursuing licensure or certification outside the state of Florida, we advise you to determine whether or not this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply in that location. Click here for Professional Licensure Directory for State Boards of Nursing. You are welcome to reach out to the FAMU program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

#### **FAMU Program Preparation in Other U.S. States**

As a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), FAMU is authorized to provide BSN education to students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Click here to view information on FAMU NC-SARA participation and disclosure statement. Our program and certificates may not meet the licensing requirements in every state. Therefore, we advise non-Florida residents who are considering our program for professional licensure or certification, to determine whether or not this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply in your location. Click here for Professional Licensure Directory for State Boards of Nursing.

# **Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) Information**

As Florida is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), nurses with a RN license in the state of Florida may additionally apply for a compact license to be eligible to practice in 34 U.S. states without obtaining additional licenses for those states: AL, AZ, AR, CO, DE, FL, GA, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MS, MO, MT, NE, NJ, NM, NC, ND, OK, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WI, and WY. States currently pending NLC legislation include: AK, CA, GU, IL, MA, MI, MN, PA, RI and VT.

States and territories that are not part of the NLC include: AS, CNMI, CT, DC, HI, NV, NY, OH, OR, VI and WA.

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The most up-to-date information on the NLC can be found on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website at <a href="https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm">https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm</a>.

#### **Enrollment Eligibility Outside of Florida**

The BSN program at FAMU is primarily a face-to-face program taught in Florida. FAMU is actively working to update our approval status as it pertains to enrollment of students in our programs when they are not physically located in a NLC state

The FAMU School of Nursing faculty are authorized to teach in NLC states. Due to nursing education restrictions imposed by non-NLC states, currently, FAMU is actively working to update our approval status as it pertains to faculty teaching in programs when they are not physically located in a NLC state. Additional information about teaching involving non-NLC states can be found on the <a href="NCSBN website">NCSBN website</a>.

## **FAMU Program Eligibility Outside the United States**

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We are unable to determine whether or not FAMU MSN program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. It is important to be educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you hope to practice.

## **Program Contact Information**

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