PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Associate in Science (A.S.) in Nursing (R.N.) (Bridge Option for Paramedics and Licensed Practical Nurses) degree combines general education and professional courses including lecture, laboratory and clinical education components. As a limited access program, admission is based on academic performance and other criteria.

This track program is limited to employed paramedics and practical nurses with a current Florida license who have the equivalent of at least six months of work experience in the last two years as a paramedic or licensed practical nurse.

Mission/Purpose
The mission of this program is to provide nursing education for culturally diverse students, preparing them to be successful on the NCLEX-RN licensure examination and to practice as entry-level registered nurses in multi-variant settings in the health care profession.

Application
Available online at fscj.edu/admissions

Entry Requirements
• Submit completed application to the Nursing program
• Application deadline is February 15 each year with classes beginning in the Summer Term
• Check with program to learn about course or program prerequisites.

Accreditation
The Nursing (R.N.) program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Total Credit Hours: 72

JOB PROFILE
Registered Nurses

| Local employment (2016) | 13,070 |
| Number of job openings | 526/year |
| Job growth (2015-2025) | 13% |

Expected salaries:
• $25.18/hr. (entry)¹
• $30.77/hr. (average)
• $32.64/hr. (10+ years)²

Potential employers:
• Baptist Health
• Brooks Rehabilitation
• Flagler Hospital
• Mayo Clinic
• Memorial Hospital
• St. Vincent's Healthcare

¹ Average of 10th & 25th percentile salaries
² Average of 50th & 75th percentile salaries

As of 2/7/2017

Local employment data: EMSI Developer
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the program completion requirements?
To earn a Nursing (R.N.) (Bridge Option for Paramedics and Licensed Practical Nurses) A.S., students must complete the following:
1. Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
2. Earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 ("C") at Florida State College at Jacksonville in courses eligible toward the Associate in Science degree programs, excluding developmental education courses. (A.S. Florida State College at Jacksonville GPA).
3. Earn an all-college cumulative grade point average of 2.0 ("C") on a 4.0 scale on all courses attempted. This includes Florida State College at Jacksonville college-credit hours and transferred credits (excluding developmental education) in lower division courses. (All college cumulative.)
4. Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit by portfolio development do not count toward this residency requirement.
5. Complete the required credit hours, as specified by the degree, of which a minimum of 15 credit hours must be General Education requirements.
6. Earn a grade of a "C" or better in each course used to satisfy the General Education requirements and any other area designated with a "C" or better requirement.
7. Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before they may graduate.

Where are the educational courses held?
FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, 32218
FSCJ Deerwood Center, 9911 Old Baymeadows Road, 32256

When is enrollment?
Summer Term

How long is the program?
Program Length: 5 Terms
Total Credit Hours: 72

What other programs are related to this field?
Nursing B.S.N.
Nursing (R.N.) A.S.

What is the cost of the program?
The approximate cost of tuition and fees is $8,123.* Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives; students are encouraged to budget about $80 per credit hour. Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses. This program is Federal financial aid eligible. Check our website to learn more about full cost of attendance and whether you may qualify for financial assistance.

*Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.

What certificate and/or license will students be prepared to complete?
Students who complete the Nursing R.N. program may apply for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse.