

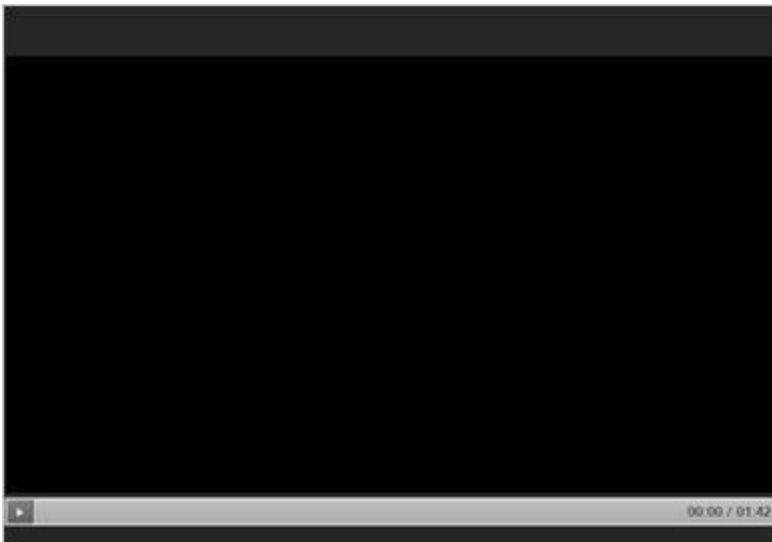
# University of South Florida VCARE Program

## Introduction

### *Overview*



### *Welcome to USF*



## Veteran to BS in Nursing Information

### *Applying Introduction*



### *How and When to Apply to USF & V-CARE*



### **Notes:**

Before applying to the V-care program your first step is to apply to the University of South Florida (Tampa Campus), one year prior to your desired semester of entry. This will allow for your USF application to have been processed, by the time you are ready to apply to the V-care program. The V-care Student-Online

Application Request (or SOAR application) opens in December. Step two is to submit all official transcripts from prior college and universities, as well as your SMART, ACE, or JOINT transcript, to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Once you have been accepted to the University and given a university ID number (or U number), your last step is to apply to the College of Nursing's V-CARE program through the SOAR application.

## Step 1



**How and When to Apply to USF and VCARE**

Submit a degree-seeking transfer application to Undergraduate Admissions online [www.usf.edu](http://www.usf.edu) at least 3 months before the VCARE College of Nursing Application opens

Apply to the Tampa campus

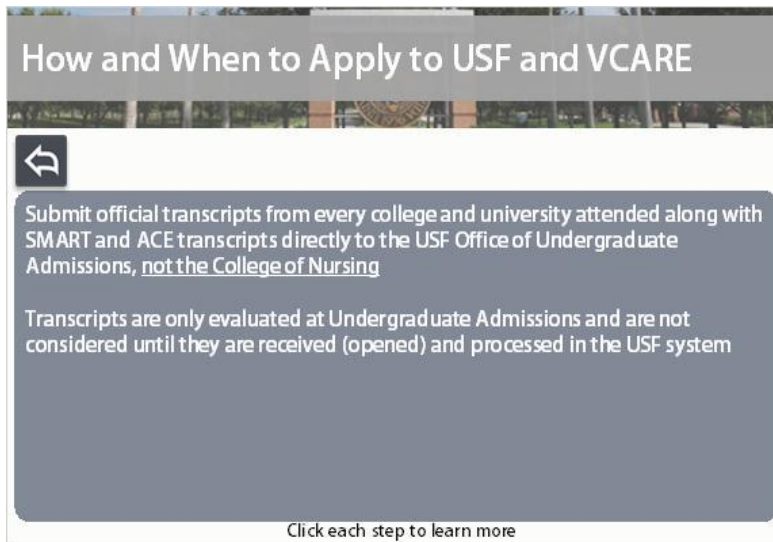
Undergraduate Admissions has separate deadlines and requirements

Only apply for the term you intend to start classes

Your application must be current with the University or you will be denied to our Nursing program

Click each step to learn more

## Step 2



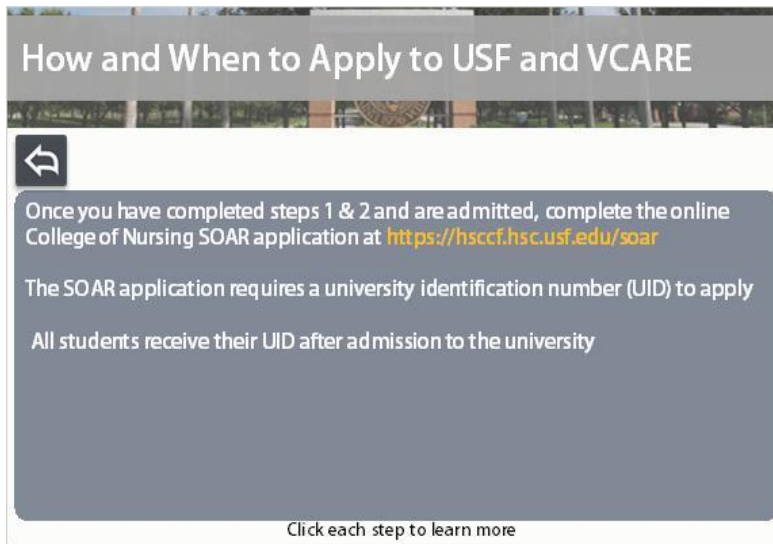
**How and When to Apply to USF and VCARE**

Submit official transcripts from every college and university attended along with SMART and ACE transcripts directly to the USF Office of Undergraduate Admissions, not the College of Nursing

Transcripts are only evaluated at Undergraduate Admissions and are not considered until they are received (opened) and processed in the USF system

Click each step to learn more

### Step 3



How and When to Apply to USF and VCARE

Once you have completed steps 1 & 2 and are admitted, complete the online College of Nursing SOAR application at <https://hscf.hsc.usf.edu/soar>

The SOAR application requires a university identification number (UID) to apply

All students receive their UID after admission to the university

Click each step to learn more

### *Admission to V-CARE*

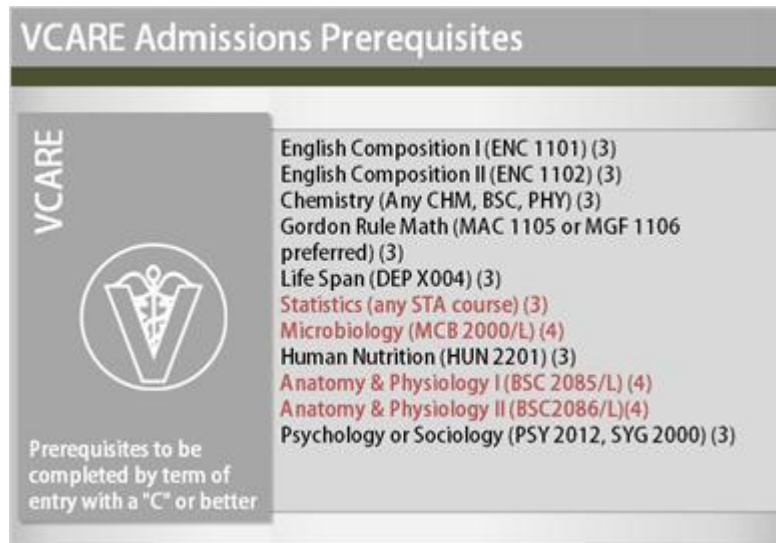


#### Notes:

At USF all admissions to the V-Care program are anonymous and determined by a committee consisting of both faculty and upper administration. Admission to the V-CARE program is calculated from your past academics and a writing sample. Admissions is based on your grades in the first-attempt pre-requisite courses, your cumulative GPA in all undergraduate coursework and on your writing sample. Applicants with the highest admission scores are invited to

participate in the V-CARE program. Additionally, we choose alternates who may be invited into the program if an accepted applicant declines his/her seat.

### ***VCARE Admissions Prerequisites***



The graphic is a rectangular box with a grey background. At the top, it has a dark grey header with the text "VCARE Admissions Prerequisites" in white. On the left side, there is a vertical grey bar containing the word "VCARE" in white, a circular logo with a caduceus, and the text "Prerequisites to be completed by term of entry with a 'C' or better" in white. To the right of this bar, a list of prerequisites is shown in black text, with some items in red text. The list includes: English Composition I (ENC 1101) (3), English Composition II (ENC 1102) (3), Chemistry (Any CHM, BSC, PHY) (3), Gordon Rule Math (MAC 1105 or MGF 1106 preferred) (3), Life Span (DEP X004) (3), Statistics (any STA course) (3), Microbiology (MCB 2000/L) (4), Human Nutrition (HUN 2201) (3), Anatomy & Physiology I (BSC 2085/L) (4), Anatomy & Physiology II (BSC2086/L)(4), and Psychology or Sociology (PSY 2012, SYG 2000) (3).

**VCARE**

Prerequisites to be completed by term of entry with a "C" or better

- English Composition I (ENC 1101) (3)
- English Composition II (ENC 1102) (3)
- Chemistry (Any CHM, BSC, PHY) (3)
- Gordon Rule Math (MAC 1105 or MGF 1106 preferred) (3)
- Life Span (DEP X004) (3)
- Statistics (any STA course) (3)
- Microbiology (MCB 2000/L) (4)
- Human Nutrition (HUN 2201) (3)
- Anatomy & Physiology I (BSC 2085/L) (4)
- Anatomy & Physiology II (BSC2086/L)(4)
- Psychology or Sociology (PSY 2012, SYG 2000) (3)

#### **Notes:**

Students who hold an Associate's or Bachelor's degree typically have their English Composition I, English Composition II and Gordon Rule Math prerequisites completed. Once a student applies to USF and sends in his or her official SMART, ACE or JOINT transcript, there is the possibility that credit may be awarded for Anatomy and Physiology I and/or Anatomy and Physiology II, which will be determined on an individual, case-by-case basis. First-attempt prerequisites, shown here in red, are evaluated when deciding admission to the VCARE program. If a student withdraws from a first-attempt pre-requisite class, the first withdrawal is forgiven. However, if the student withdraws again from that same class, an "F" is used in admissions calculation.


## ***Your Writing Sample***



### **Notes:**


Students applying to the V-CARE program are required to submit a personal statement, or writing sample. It is important to read the sample curriculum on the USF College of Nursing Website and the Philosophy statement before responding to the writing sample. Carefully read the instructions for what is required in the writing sample. Your writing sample must be submitted electronically alongside your SOAR application. Any application lacking a writing sample will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for admission to the VCARE program.

## Writing Sample



**Your Writing Sample**

Writing Sample      Writing Submission




Philosophy of Baccalaureate Nursing Programs

“The USF College of Nursing aims to raise the level of professional nursing practice through the preparation of baccalaureate graduates. This program builds on previous learning from the liberal arts and prerequisite courses. Students can expect a rigorous, fast-paced curriculum that requires full attention for all semesters. The goal of the program is to increase the number of baccalaureate-prepared nurses caring for patients in Tampa Bay.”


[Link to current V-CARE Writing Sample](#)

## Writing Submission



**Your Writing Sample**

Writing Sample      Writing Submission



Your writing sample must be submitted electronically through your College of Nursing SOAR application. The document must be downloaded into the application and the application must be submitted (not saved) no later than 5:00 pm on the posted deadline for the desired term of entry. Any application lacking a writing sample will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for admission to the V-CARE program.

[Link to current V-CARE Writing Sample](#)

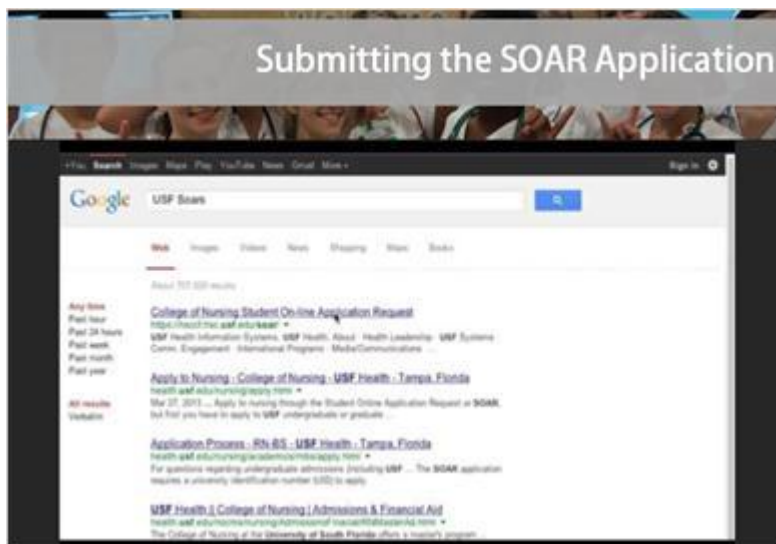
## Your Resume



### Notes:

Students are also required to submit their resumes when applying to the VCARE program. Resumes should elaborate on your experience as a medic or corpsman, and include any additional medical training you have received, as well as any leadership or civilian positions you have held. Resumes will be submitted through your SOAR application.

## Submitting the SOAR Application





**Notes:**

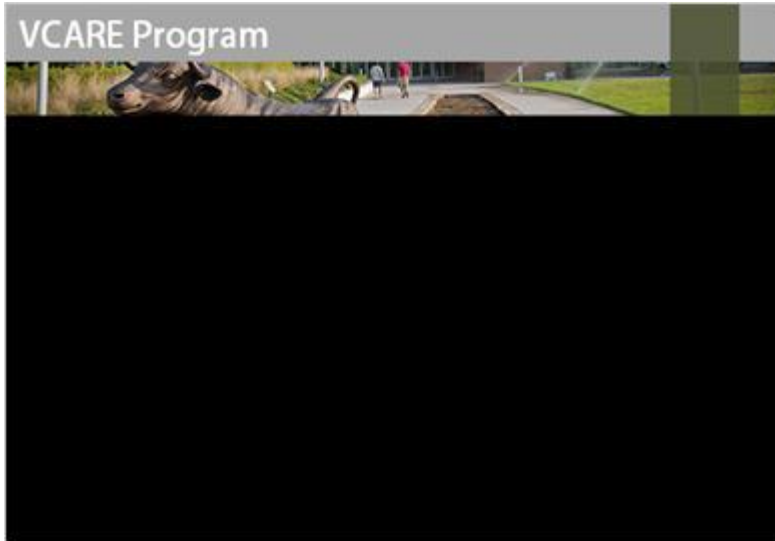
In order to be considered for the VCARE program, a SOAR application to the College of Nursing is needed. Students who are currently working on their pre-requisites are encouraged to apply to VCARE, as they can be conditionally admitted on the contingency that their pre-requisites are completed before the start of the VCARE program in the fall. You will submit your required writing sample with your SOAR application. Once your application is complete, make sure to “submit” it, not “save” it. “Saved” applications are not submitted and you will not be considered for the program. Applicants are notified of committee decisions through the SOAR application. Our VCARE program meets NECP/MECP requirements and we send out our application decisions by the end March ensuring you time to meet NECP/MECP board deadlines.

***USF Nursing Happy Video***

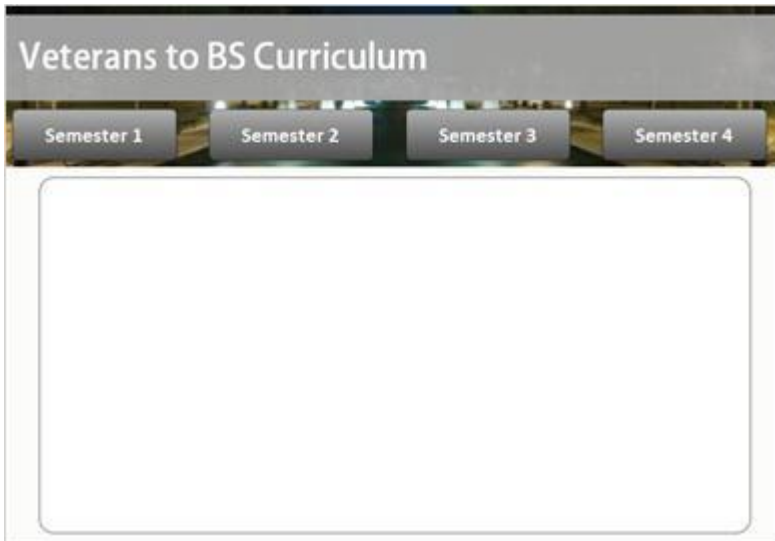


## Veterans to BS Curriculum

### *VCARE Program*



### *Veterans to BS Curriculum*



#### **Notes:**

The VBSN curriculum consists of didactic courses, which are your lectures and clinical and lab experiences. The VBSN degree has been created to be completed in 4 consecutive semesters, if all Foundations of Knowledge and Learning courses are complete. This track allows you to complete your Bachelor

of Science in nursing degree in 4 consecutive semester's .vs. 6 semesters. The total program consists of 68 credits, of which you will be awarded up to a total of 16 credits based on your military training. This will reduce the total credit hours of the program to 56 hours.

## Semester 1

Veterans to BS Curriculum				
Semester 1		Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Semester 1 (Fall) 12 credits				
Course	Number	Course Name	VCARE Credits	
NUR	3125	Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	4	
NUR	3145	Pharmacology	3	
NUR	3081	Bridge to Professional Nursing (Didactic)	3	
NUR	3081L	Bridge to Professional Nursing (Clinical)	2	

## Semester 2

Veterans to BS Curriculum				
Semester 1		Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Semester 2 (Spring) 16 credits				
Course	Number	Course Name	VCARE Credits	
NUR	3535	Psych/MH Nursing	3	
NUR	3535L	Psych/MH Nursing Clinical	2	
NUR	3215	Medical Surgical I	3	
NUR	3215L	Medical Surgical I Clinical	3	
NUR	4169C	Evidence Based Practice	3	
NUR	3826	Ethical /Legal Aspects of Nursing	2	


## Semester 3

Veterans to BS Curriculum			
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Semester 3 (Summer) 13 credits			
Course	Number	Course Name	VCARE Credits
NUR	4216	Medical Surgical II	4
NUR	4216L	Medical Surgical II Clinical	4
NUR	4467L	Clinical for Pediatrics/WH Nursing	2
NUR	4355	Child & Adol Health Nursing	3

## Semester 4

Veterans to BS Curriculum			
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Semester 4 (Fall) 16 credits			
Course	Number	Course Name	VCARE Credits
NUR	4455	Women's Health Nursing	2
NUR	4467	Clinical for Pediatrics/WH Nursing	2
NUR	4634C	Population Health	3
NUR	4827C	Leadership & Management	3
NUR	4948L	Preceptorship	5

## ***Foundations of Knowledge & Learning Core Curriculum***



Foundations of Knowledge & Learning Core Curriculum

FKLs not satisfied by Nursing prerequisites:

- 3 credit hours of Fine Arts
- 6 credit hours of Humanities
- 3 credit hours of Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context
- 3 credit hours of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 8 credit hours of Foreign Language

<http://www.ugs.usf.edu/gec/fkl/fklrequirements.html>

The slide features a title bar at the top, a list of five FKL requirements, a URL at the bottom, and several circular icons: a document with a checklist, a document with a pencil, a document with a magnifying glass, and a presentation board with a checkmark.

### **Notes:**

#### Slide 8

In order to receive your VBSN degree, completion of Foundation of Knowledge and Learning, or FKLs, are required. Prerequisite coursework satisfies many FKLs, however, you still need to complete: 3 credits of Fine Arts, 6 credits of Humanities, 3 credits of Human and Cultural Diversity in a Global Context, 3 credits of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 8 credits of Foreign Language - The Foreign Language requirement can be waived if you have successfully completed two years of the same foreign language in high school; you will need to send an official copy of your high school transcript to Undergraduate Admissions to meet this requirement. 3 credits of Natural Science - Physical are also required. This get waived in the VBSN degree. 6 credit hours of the FKL's must be completed in Human Historical Context and Process (HHCP). 3 credits are met by English Composition I (ENC 1101), therefore, you only need 3 more credits in HHCP. You should “double-dip” and find a class that will satisfy another FKL as well as the HHCP, which will allow you to take one class to meet two requirements. Students are encouraged to complete their remaining FKL's before entering the Nursing program.

## ***USF Virtual Simulation and Clinical Excellence***



### **Notes:**

The University of South Florida College of Nursing Simulation Labs enable our students to learn critical skills in a safe environment and gain a tremendous amount of experience by doing procedures and then observing their impact on the human simulator without compromising the health and safety of human patients. Students train on equipment that simulates every aspect of patient care for a much broader and intense education than any traditional program can offer. Students practice on life size robotic patients programmed with true life and death scenarios in real time. Our simulation lab includes the following Nurse Anesthesia Lab, Critical and Acute Care Simulation Lab , Women's Health and Pediatric Simulation Lab. The Center allows students to acquire the full range of skills needed for nursing, ranging from drawing blood and hanging an IV bag to delivering babies and preparing toddlers for surgery.

## ***Clinical Partners***



### **Notes:**

The College of Nursing partners with many prestigious clinical facilities. The VCARE program at USF will utilize two specific clinical locations for this program. One location is Tampa General Hospital and the second is Lakeland Regional Medical Center. Both facilities offer outstanding clinical experiences for our students. Tampa General is a level I trauma center for adults and children. TGH is the first and only program in Florida to achieve verification from the American College of Surgeons for the quality of its trauma care. Lakeland Regional became a state approved Level II trauma center in 1998 and is the only designated trauma center for Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties. Lakeland Regional will also serve the counties of Hillsborough and Polk with the majority of trauma ages between 16 and 65. The College of Nursing utilizes a preceptor model to ensure students are receiving the individual attention needed to learn the skills being studied. The preceptor model group will consist of 12 students on one clinical hospital team. The preceptor model joins the student, clinical faculty and floor nurse into an all-encompassing clinical experience.

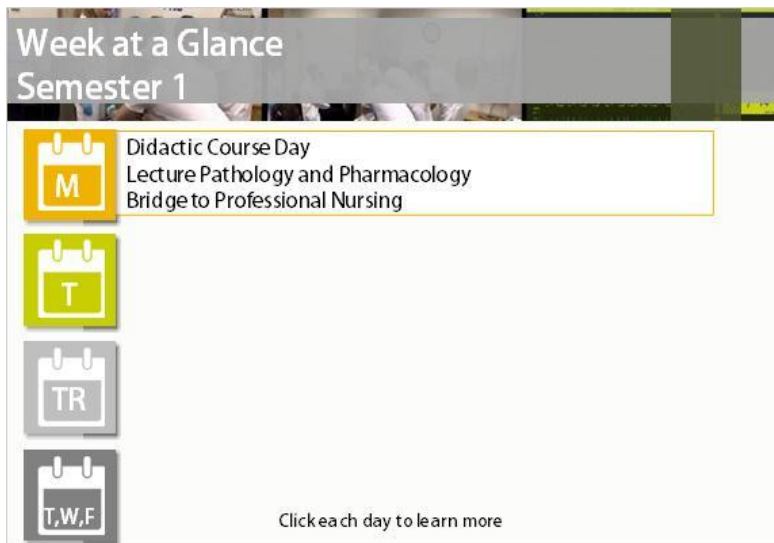
## Week at a Glance



### Notes:

This slide provides you with a glimpse into our first semester in the VCARE program. Didactic courses which are lecture days, are typically held on Mondays and Thursdays. Your lab and clinical experiences will be split into two parts. In concert with the transitions bridge course you will take, we want student to feel comfortable before entering the hospital. Students will spend the first 4 weeks of semester 1 in the simulation lab enhancing and solidifying student skills.



### Monday







## Tuesday

Week at a Glance  
Semester 1






Lab first 4 weeks of semester  
Clinical begins on the 5th week




Click each day to learn more

## Thursday

Week at a Glance  
Semester 1



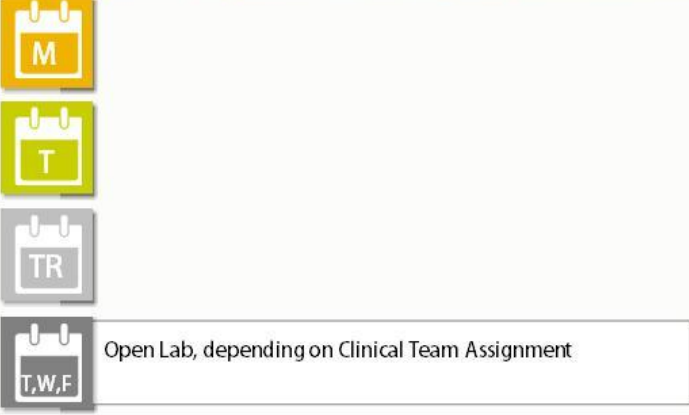
Didactic Course Day  
Lecture Pathology and Pharmacology



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**Wed, Tue, Fri**

Week at a Glance  
Semester 1



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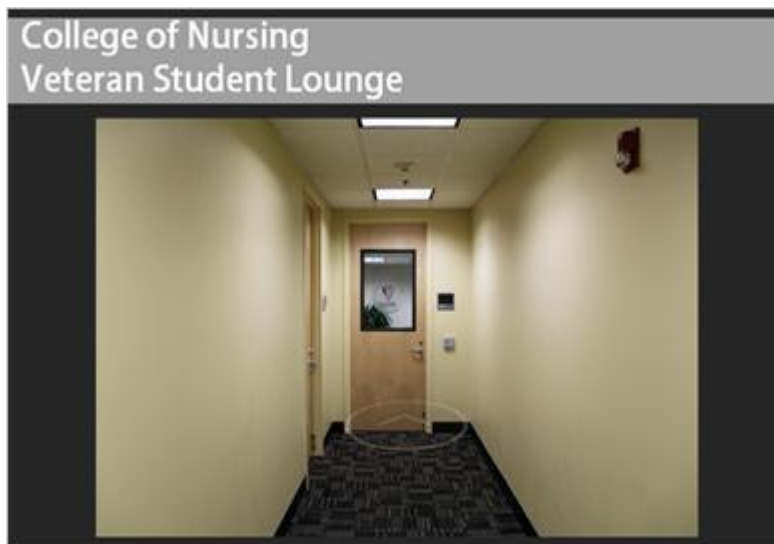
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Open Lab, depending on Clinical Team Assignment

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### ***3.7 College of Nursing Veteran Student Lounge***



**Notes:**

Our commitment to our service member students brings the College of Nursing Military & Veteran Student Lounge. In this lounge students have the opportunity to study and interact with other service members. This lounge is equipped with a computer lab, student/conference room, refrigerator, coffee maker and couches for study sessions.

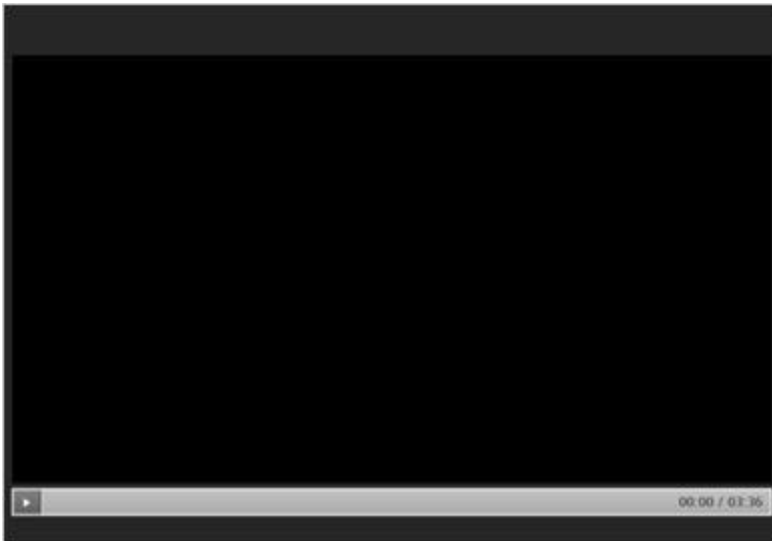
### **3.8 Mission Accomplished**



#### **Notes:**

After successfully completing all the requirements for the Bachelor of Science in nursing, students will sit for the state board exam. The University of South Florida certifies all graduates directly to The Florida Board of Nursing. Students do have the option to test in other states and abroad.

#### **V-Care Video**



## USF Office of Veterans Services

### *Office of Veterans Services*



#### **Notes:**

The USF Office of Veterans Services was designed to create a one-stop shop for all veteran and active duty personnel needs. USF is currently ranked #5 in the nation for the most Veteran Friendly campuses by Military Times Edge Magazine. The Office of Veteran Services processes all VA Education Benefits and assists with helping qualified students receive the in-state tuition rate. The state of Florida can also waive a Veteran's tuition for students who have received a Bronze Star with Valor, Purple Heart, or any other higher level award as long as the student can show 2 forms of proof of the award. Additionally, the Office of Veteran Services also has a Veteran Sponsorship Program, where new students have the opportunity to be sponsored by a more seasoned USF student veteran. For more information on the Office of Veteran Services at USF, please go to [usf.edu/veterans](http://usf.edu/veterans).

## VetSuccess



Office of Veterans Services

VetSuccess

ROTC Nursing Program

VSOC can assist with:

- Career counseling and academic planning
- Vocational Rehabilitation benefits
- Vet to Vet Tutoring
- Benefits Coaching
- Support Services (ex. employment services; readjustment counseling)
- Health care to include medical and mental health

<http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/veterans/>  
*Success Beyond Service*

VetSuccess on Campus was an initiative created between the VA and a few select public universities. USF was the first university in the US to have this program. This program places a full-time VA Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in the Office of Veterans Services. The VetSuccess on Campus Counselor assists student veterans with transition to college life and provides the support needed to improve the chances for their success. It is a comprehensive program offering support services, career counseling, mentoring, employment assistance, and guidance on a vast variety of VA benefits and health services.

## ROTC Nursing Program



Office of Veterans Services

VetSuccess

ROTC Nursing Program

Army/Air Force/Navy ROTC Nursing Program

NECP

MECP

<http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/veterans/>  
*Success Beyond Service*

The University of South Florida offers 3 different ROTC nursing program options that will allow students to become commissioned nursing officers in the US Army, Air Force, or Navy. All three ROTC programs offers scholarships that can help pay for your nursing degree. USF is also a NECP and MECP school. The Air Force Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program (NECP) and the Navy Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program allow enlisted members of their services to attend a university as their current duty station. The military students are paid as an active military member while attending school and are then commissioned as nursing officers after they graduate from college. Enlisted members have to apply for this program and their packet is approved by a member board. Application decisions to the VCARE program by the end of March ensures time to meet NECP/MECP board deadlines.

### ***End of Presentation***

