



## **Are You Ready For the RN - BSN Online Program?**

### **❖ Program Specific Requirements**

- *In order to be eligible for the RN-BSN program you must have a valid and unencumbered RN license and the following required pre-requisite courses:*
  - *Anatomy & Physiology I with lab (4 credits)*
  - *Anatomy & Physiology II with lab (4 credits)*
  - *Microbiology (3-4 credits)*
  - *Introduction to Psychology or Lifespan (3 credits)*
  - *Science/Humanities course (3-4 credits)*

*Total of 18 college credits*
- *In addition, applicants must have an additional 42 credits of General Education courses completed, such as Math, English, Science, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Electives. (Admissions will complete degree audits from college transcripts to evaluate eligibility.)*
- The RN-BSN program is completely online and consists of 30 credit hours of Core nursing courses over three 16 weeks semesters. Each semester is divided into two 8 week sessions.
- Lower division general education courses must be completed prior to starting the RN-BSN Core coursework.
- Two upper division general education courses are required for baccalaureate programs and may be taken with Core coursework.
- Practicums are completed online. The community health nursing practicum

The leadership practicum

enables you to apply leadership principles to a patient safety project. The project may revolve around an issue at your current place of employment, but as with all courses, work should be completed outside of regular work/paid hours.

### **❖ Online Learning Expectations**

Your responsibility as an online student:

- Have adequate and reliable computer technology (See page 57, Academic Catalog)
- Have reliable and easily accessible internet access
- Be present – share your thoughts and discuss topics appropriately with faculty and peers
- Be disciplined and utilize effective time management – develop a method for completing discussions and assignments
- Get organized and have a plan for each course
- Be creative and use critical thinking skills
- Post online responses that demonstrate you have acquired knowledge from assignments
- Reflect on what you have learned from your readings and lecture presentations
- Enlist support from family, friends and employer to ensure success and flexibility

### ❖ **Participation Expectations**

- A. Taking an online course requires placing pieces of a puzzle together in a synchronized and organized manner, and consist of 3 components:
  - Completing assigned readings
  - Participating in the online discussion forums
  - Completing required projects, assignments and papers
- B. It is expected as outlined in the Academic Catalog each student is required to participate in course activities as described in the course syllabus. Methods of participation, frequency, and relation of participation to course grade are detailed in the course syllabus.
- C. As a standard, students should be “present” in the course by logging into class and participating 5 out of 7 days per week.
- D. Each course credit hour requires a minimum recommendation of 2-3 hours of outside student preparation. (Example – 3 credit hour course = 6-8 hours recommended preparation)

### ❖ **Course Pre-Requisites**

- Students are encouraged to purchase textbooks and review prior to the first day of classes. However, because faculty is always reviewing new textbooks, we do not recommend purchasing beyond the current semester.
- Before the start of the first semester students will complete the Student Moodle Navigation Course which must be complete before a student can begin the course.
- Most of the RN-BSN core courses require written assignments. Documents must be written in Word and in APA format and uploaded in Moodle. All written documents, whether an assignment or a discussion posting must include support references.