Frequently Asked Questions about the RN to BSN Program

Can I pursue my BSN on a part-time basis while working as a Registered Nurse (RN)?

Yes, nearly all of the nurses in our program are working full time while taking one or two classes each semester and summer toward the completion of their BSN degree. Our program is designed to accommodate working nurses and their various schedules.

Will class times be convenient?

In general, classes meet one evening per week on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. The final two courses involve nurses in a practicum, which takes place in a community setting. Our nursing programs utilize the homeless shelters in Hartford, the Hartford schools, and other agencies or organizations that support underserved populations in the greater Hartford area. This community outreach has evolved into a program called Project Horizon.

What happens if I need to take a semester off?

We recognize that as adult learners, nurses have many competing responsibilities. Periodically, our students need to stop out for a semester or two to deal with a family situation or ease the pressure when assuming a new professional role. You are permitted to take up to a year-and-a-half leave from your program of study without having to reapply to the program.

Can I take some courses at a community college?

You may continue to take courses toward your BSN at your local community college. Many nurses prefer to do this, as it is often convenient to home or work. You will be expected to complete your final 30 credits at the University of Hartford. During that period of enrollment, you will not be permitted to take courses at another institution or to earn credits through CLEP, DANTES, etc. If you intend to complete prerequisite or general education courses at another institution, it is important that you do this early on in your program of study and obtain the approval of your faculty advisor.

How long will it take me to complete my BSN?

It will depend upon the number of general education courses you will need to complete your BSN. If you have completed all your general education requirements and prerequisite courses, you will complete the program over two years attending part-time. (A 3-year option is also available). Call our Office Coordinator at (860) 768-4213 to register for an information session.