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**Post-RN BScN Program**

The Part-time Post RN BScN Program curriculum reflects the preexisting competencies and knowledge that Post-RN students bring to professional educational experiences. The curriculum is designed around core nursing competencies, with extensive flexibility that allows students to select courses meeting professional interests and practice needs. The science and humanities requirements also support the educational needs of nurses, and provide knowledge and decision-making models that are relevant to professional nursing practice. Students are accepted on a regular basis, and generally progress through the program as a body.

**Admission Requirements**

Minimum requirements include a current RN registration, one year clinical experience, and high school certification. Applicants will be considered if they have credit for five Grade XII university preparatory subjects (English, mathematics, chemistry, another science, and one other subject), with no mark below 50 and a minimum average of 60. Applications are individually evaluated, with attention to evidence of professional competence, commitment to continuing education, and involvement in professional activities. Call the Program Office for additional information.

**Program Requirements**

The core program consists of 14 required courses (either 3 or 6 credits each) totaling 51 credits. Students are also required to complete 12 credits of nursing electives and an additional 12 credits of elective courses, for a total of 75 credits required for graduation. Courses are delivered through distance education, which allows students to complete their entire degree while living and working in their own communities. To support students with their studies and transition back to university, toll-free telephone lines are provided to enhance access to distance library services, course professors and program staff. An on-line writing centre is also available to assist with paper writing and formatting skills. Courses are offered through printed manuals with web resources, which contain all necessary course information (including required readings), except the course text. The program has a limited and fixed entry. Core courses are offered on a cyclical schedule, with electives offered on variable schedules.

**Required Nursing Courses**

Students are required to complete a total of 33 credits in nursing. Seven courses are required courses, accounting for 21 credits (three credits each). Students are free to select the remaining 12 credits from the list of nursing electives.

**I. REQUIRED NURSING COURSES**

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B. REQUIRED NON-NURSING COURSES (30 CREDITS)

Students are required to complete a total of 30 non-nursing credits in specific disciplines. These represent a combination of humanities and sciences.

1. HUMANITIES COURSES (12 CREDITS)
- Sociology 300 - Research Methods (6 CREDITS)
- Psychology 101 - Introduction to Psychology (6 CREDITS)

2. SCIENCE COURSES (48 CREDITS)
- Chemistry 150 - Fundamentals of General & Biological Chemistry (6 CREDITS)
- Biology 105 - Introductory Cell & Molecular Biology (3 CREDITS)
- Biology 115 - Microbes in Human Health (3 CREDITS)

C. ELECTIVES (12 CREDITS)

Open Elective (6 CREDITS)
Any university-accredited course; may be one 6-credit course or two 3-credit courses.

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I have taken courses from other institutions. How do I go about getting credit for these?

You must arrange for official transcripts to be forwarded to StFX. When these are received, an evaluation will be conducted by the Dean of Science and Program Director regarding transfer credit.

How many hours per week should I plan for studies?

The degree of reading and work varies between courses. It’s best to plan for 10-12 hours of study per week, with additional time budgeted for assignments.

What happens if I miss or fail one of the courses?

You will have to acquire the missed or failed course the next time it is offered in the program schedule.

Do I have to complete any preparatory courses before I am accepted into the Program?

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COMMITMENT

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