

Distance Education Programs for Registered Nurses

The Distance Nursing Program at St. Francis Xavier University offers distance education programs and courses for Registered Nurses. The Post RN, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at St. Francis Xavier University is a part-time distance education program designed to enable adult learners to pursue university study while continuing their careers. The Program began in 1988 as a direct response to the mandate set by the Canadian Nurses Association that an Entry to Practice be a degree in nursing by the year 2000.

Courses in the Post-RN BScN distance education schedule are built around print-based and online materials. They provide a strong foundation in the physical, biological and social sciences, critical thinking, health promotion strategies, ability to deal with rapid advances in knowledge and technology, and the ability to deal with increasingly complex ethical issues in health care. All required credits are provided for students in a distance delivery format. Nursing certificate programs are also available through distance education. The certificate programs are designed specifically for practicing nurses. The courses enable nurses to develop a stronger theory base, enhance their nursing practice, and address health care needs across nursing practice and life continuums. The Certificate in Continuing Care is designed to prepare registered nurses to move into the home health care area. This program enables nurses to move from acute care to home health care and expand their professional competencies and

knowledge. The Certificate in Gerontological Nursing is designed to prepare registered nurses to deliver holistic, effective care to older adults. Developing knowledge and practice skills enables nurses to address comprehensive needs of the older client populations, identifying strengths as well as professional care needs. All courses are three-credits and transferable into the Post-RN BScN Program.

Specialty nursing courses are offered on an individual basis to registered nurses seeking courses in particular areas of interest such as: Computers in Nursing, Forensic Nursing, Hospice Palliative Care Nursing, and Challenges in Aging. Distance biology courses include: Cell Biology, Microbiology and Anatomy and Physiology.

Support services within the program are a vital factor in the success of the program. These include toll-free telephone access to course professors, distance librarian, writing center, program office staff, bookstore, bi-monthly newsletter, StFX email accounts, and on-line support and access to StFX website for grades and student information.

The StFX University distance nursing programs are offered nationally and internationally. Applications are being accepted until June 30th.

For any inquires contact the Program Office at 1.800.565.4371 or email distance.nursing@stfx.ca



DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR REGISTERED NURSES

Applications are being accepted until June 30th for classes beginning in September. The Post RN-BScN program was awarded a 7-year accreditation by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) in 2006.

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Certificate in Gerontological Nursing
- Certificate in Continuing Care Nursing
- Stand alone Nursing Courses
 - N483 Hospice Palliative Care Nursing
 - N490 Forensic Nursing
 - N497 Computers in Nursing



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 Email: distance.nursing@stfx.ca
<http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation>

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- **Master of Nursing**
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 - Generalist

Application Deadline:

PMD:ANP & MN:ANP - December 1, MHS & MN: GEN - March 1



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