

Salisbury University, School of Nursing

Second-Degree BSN Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the second-degree program considered to be an accelerated nursing program?

This program condenses the nursing content that would normally occur over 4 semesters into 3 semesters. Through extensive reading assignments, students must process and master a large amount of material in very short periods of time. This program will likely be much more challenging than your first-degree program due to the amount of content covered, the condensed program time, the self-discipline required, and the clinical time demands. In addition, if you have a family and other obligations outside of school, time management skills will be paramount to your academic success.

We currently offer two options:

1. The 16-month option begins in late August with courses offered in Fall, Spring, and the following Fall. There are no courses over the summer and graduation occurs in December. For example, if a student begins in August of 2023, they will graduate in December 2024.

2. The 12-month option begins in late August with courses offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer. Graduation occurs in August, one year after starting the program. For example, if a student begins in August 2023, they will graduate in August 2024.

2. When do the nursing courses begin?

Courses focused on nursing theory (learning about diseases and patient care) begin in your first semester and will be paired with a clinical (application) course, simulations, and a lab practicum. Theory courses are taught via a team approach with two to three faculty experts conducting classroom-based lectures/ activities.

3. What is the faculty to student ratio in classroom-based and clinical courses?

In the classroom setting, there are generally no more than 50-55 students per lect7 Tm5i(e)-4()JTIT@0.0000092 0 612 79

9. How much time per week will be expected of me to be successful in this program?

The official recommendation by faculty is two-three hours per week, per credit hour, which would equate to approximately 36-45 hours per week. Throughout each week, you will be required to complete various online assignments, readings, homework, study for exams and quizzes, prepare for clinical and complete care plans/case studies. While this volume of work may seem overwhelming at first, it is very doable by staying organized, keeping track of your assignments week-to-week and planning for their completion in advance. The workload can vary week to week, and there will be weeks where you will be able to get ahead on various assignments. This truly emphasizes the importance of staying ahead and remaining organized to be successful in this program.

10. Can I work while enrolled in the accelerated nursing program?

Due to the rigorous nature of the accelerated nursing curriculum, holding a job while enrolled in this program is highly discouraged! There are extensive time demands, a rigorous curriculum, and variable clinical schedules. There are major time commitments required for studying, as well as for classes and clinical rotations. You should expect a much greater time commitment to be successful with this .04 Tf10 0 0 G0 gn2

