

## University of Great Falls RN to BSN Program: Readiness Profile

The UGF RN to BSN program admits new undergraduate students once each year, summer semester. The following readiness profile is a tool to help you determine if this program is the right one for you and whether you are ready to apply.

### **READINESS PROFILE**

- ✓ Graduate of an Associate's Degree program in Nursing (or diploma program)
- ✓ Active and unencumbered RN license
- ✓ Two (2) consecutive years of full-time nursing experience as a Registered Nurse at Providence St. Joseph Health and Partners. LPN and CNA experience is not eligible.
- ✓ At time of application, RN is employed in a benefited position (0.6 FTE or greater) working part-time or full-time only. Per diem employees are not eligible for this program. RN must have already worked full-time for 2 consecutive years before moving to part-time.
- ✓ Employee is in good standing (currently not on a performance action plan nor has been on a plan for the last 12 months). Employee is not currently on a medical leave.
- ✓ Pre-requisite coursework is completed with a C or better: Microbiology (4 credits), Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits), and Nutrition (3 credits) at time of application.
- ✓ 10 or less outstanding core credits at time of application. This can be determined by a transcript evaluation (waived if you already have a Bachelor's degree in another field).

### **If you agree with the following statements, this program may be a good choice for you:**

- I am looking for a program that encompasses the Mission and Core Values of Providence St. Joseph Health.
- I am looking for a compressed, sequential program lasting 18 months with an average credit load of 9 credits per semester (nursing courses cannot be challenged).
- I like the idea of attending an on-line class with my cohort, every other week. The class is delivered through an online Microsoft Lync system. Moodle is the e-learning platform used to support the distance learning classroom.
- I can attend a 2 week summer intensive on the University campus in Great Falls in May, June or July. Employees will need to use PTO or take time off without pay to attend the summer session.
- I agree to take the healthcare statistics course and introduction to nursing leadership course while on campus (this requirement cannot be waived or challenged).
- I have a supportive manager and work team.
- My family situation allows me the opportunity to study and work on assignments approximately 20 hours/week.
- I am financially able to pay the cost of books, travel to/from Great Falls, and tuition. (Federal Financial Aid eligibility can be determined by completing the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) using UGF School Code 002527). Providence St. Joseph Health caregivers may have some tuition assistance available; they are directed to contact their local Human Resource department.
- My computer skills are adequate and I am comfortable in the Windows environment. I am competent in using Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point.
- I am excited and motivated about this opportunity to enter an RN to BSN completion program and realize that obtaining a bachelor's degree will allow me to advance my career.