

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Vail Program of Nursing's Accelerated Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (ABSN) option at Queens University of Charlotte. Nursing is an exciting profession with great career opportunities and the noble mission to serve the healthcare needs of society. We are excited that you are considering applying to the only one- year ABSN in the Charlotte area and the fifth in the state. The Vail program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Accreditation is an indication of public approbation, attesting to the quality of the educational program and the continued commitment of the sponsoring institution to support the program.

Applicants without a bachelor's degree are not eligible for this option but can apply to our traditional BSN or ASN programs. Our ABSN option awards a BSN degree that enables graduates to qualify to write for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®).

Requirements for application include a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on all college courses attempted and an earned bachelor's degree in any field or major. Applicants may be conditionally accepted if they are in the process of completing the admission requirements, including the first bachelor's degree and prerequisites. A prerequisite must be an equivalent course to the one listed or the course description may be submitted for consideration as equivalent and we accept online courses. There are no time limits on the prerequisites. An official transcript is required from each school attended. Work experience is not required.

Prerequisites to be completed for full admission prior to enrollment include Anatomy and Physiology I and II and Microbiology. These three courses must include a laboratory component which can be online. Other prerequisites include Introduction to Psychology and Introduction to Sociology or Anthropology, Developmental Psychology, Statistics, Nutrition, and either a high school or college level Chemistry. Developmental Psychology must be a lifespan course and cover all ages and stages not just children. The course description for statistics must include descriptive and inferential statistics

Other requirements include a criminal background check, immunizations, and CPR. Applicants must be listed in the NC registry for nursing assistants as CNA1 or higher or be in process for registering. Attendance at a scheduled orientation is required in April and students are required to have remote internet enabled lap tops according to University specifications, with 9 hour batteries preferred, as many learning activities and tests are online. Information on all of these requirements may be found on our website at [www.queens.edu/nursing/absn](http://www.queens.edu/nursing/absn)).

Queens offers all of the required prerequisites and they may be found on the web site. A preferred NA course is offered through the Center for Lifelong Learning. If you are interested in the NA program you may contact director Heather Roberts at ([robertsh@queens.edu](mailto:robertsh@queens.edu)).

The ABSN curriculum is identical to the BSN curriculum. It is guided by the *Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice* by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The curriculum includes 19 hours in the summer, 21 in the fall and 18 in the spring. Because of its intensive nature we recommend that enrolled students do not work while school is in session. Classes begin the second week of May and graduation is the following first week of May. Classes may extend from morning until evening and include weekends. The academic schedule with sequence of courses is listed on the website.

Applicants who have all prerequisites completed will be considered for early notification if they apply by the September 21<sup>st</sup> deadline. The final deadline for admission to the ABSN is January

15<sup>th</sup> but we will continue to accept applications until we have filled the class with the most highly qualified applicants. This option is highly competitive and usually attracts 3-4 times the number of applicants as there are openings. An admission's team reviews the applicants' data and makes recommendation for admission.

Questions about financial aid may be directed to Student Financial Services 704 337 2225 or visit them online to identify your counselor based on your last name. This year we will be awarding Harris Scholarships for \$10,000/year to the top six students enrolled based on academic merit.

We are completing our first year and look forward to many more. Our first ABSN 2010 class has a mix of diverse backgrounds, nationalities and career paths, which creates an exciting learning environment. All classes are offered at the Fifth Street campus at 1901 East Fifth Street. Parking for this campus is at the Midtown Plaza on the corner of Randolph and Caswell above the 4<sup>th</sup> level.

Please contact admissions at 704-337-2276 option 1 for more information or to set up an appointment. The PSON Admissions Department is located in suite 100 on the first floor of the Queens University of Charlotte Fifth street campus. The application is available at [http://www.queens.edu/nursing/programs/accelerated\\_bsn\\_admissions.asp](http://www.queens.edu/nursing/programs/accelerated_bsn_admissions.asp) Email any specific ABSN option non-admission related questions to me or call 704-688-2882. Best wishes as you pursue a career in nursing. We hope to see you among the class of 2011!

For further information about the accreditation of the program, please contact the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education at the following address: Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, or call 202-887-6791.

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