



WHY COME TO
CCSU FOR YOUR
RN-BSN DEGREE??



We have a long-standing history of success!

- Established in 1981, our RN-BSN program has a solid reputation in the State of Connecticut and has graduated hundreds of students



Full time faculty who are active in clinical practice...

- We are RNs who are active in clinical practice. Because we also teach in the Nursing Department full time, we have experienced the challenges of juggling many roles. We are committed to **working with you** and will be flexible about coursework deadlines when necessary
- We appreciate that many of you have challenging work-school-family responsibilities

Meet our Faculty



Dr. Christine Kirk has 47 years of direct client care in the emergency department. Has had experience as a hospital wide resource nurse, unit manager of an endoscopy department, and preceptor of newly hired nurses in the emergency department setting. CCSU faculty since 2012 in the roles of clinical instructor, lab coordinator, and classroom faculty.



Professor Adam Bourgoin has worked as a nurse since 2014. His areas of expertise include cardiac and thoracic surgical care, emergency, and trauma. In practice, his primary setting has been acute care, however, he has also held per diem positions in wound care, home care, clinical education, as well as a current per diem position in outpatient GI health. He has taught the leadership course in the RN-BSN program and is looking forward to teaching more courses in the future.



Dr Catherine Thomas teaches NRSE 496 Synthesis course which is the course where students employ of the concepts and knowledge that they have learned in the RN-courses to design a project proposal. This course brings all of the learning to life! Dr Thomas has a clinical background in acute care that spans several specialties (cardiac, medical and critical care) and advanced practice roles, and currently practices in the community setting as a camp nurse each summer.

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Dr. Michele McKelvey has been teaching at CCSU since 2015. She teaches in the RN to BSN, BSN and MSN programs at CCUS. She has taught Maternal/Newborn Nursing, Nursing Research, Nursing Theory, Capstone, Maternity clinical and Community Health clinical. Dr. McKelvey is a practicing Registered Nurse in Maternity, Labor/Delivery and the Neonatal Intensive Care.



Dr. Stacy Christensen has worked as an Adult Nurse Practitioner since 1989. Her areas of expertise include women's health, adolescent health, and population-based care. She has worked in a wide variety of healthcare settings, including primary care, OB-GYN, prison, community health, college health, and geriatric homecare. She has volunteered at numerous free health care events over the years and has a passion for working with vulnerable populations. Dr. Christensen currently teaches the Community Health course



Dr. Levvis is a bioethics consultant for area health care institutions. She received both her RN and MSN in Nursing from the University of Connecticut, her Ph.D. in Bioethics and Philosophy from the University of Tennessee, and her MA in Philosophy from Boston College. She is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Leadership for Academic Nursing as well as several other professional organizations. Her research interests include ethical issues connected to biomedical research, geriatrics, palliative care, and human trafficking and has presented and published locally, nationally, and internationally.

We maximize
your previous
coursework!



We will work with you to maximize transfer credits!!



There is no expiration on previous science courses



Our coordinator and/or advisor will meet with you in person, over the phone, or virtually, BEFORE you apply to help you understand your proposed plan of study

No formal
clinicals (but
we can
arrange one
for you if you
want!!!)

- Traditional clinical experiences have been replaced with a "Community Immersion Experience"
- The community immersion experience will allow you to apply nursing knowledge to enhance the health and wellbeing of the vulnerable population served by the agency you will be working with.
- These are student driven experiences!!! You have a choice in what your immersion experience will look like; Some examples...
- Soup kitchen, Homeless shelter, Houses of worship, Head start programs, American Red Cross, YMCA, YWCA, Meals on Wheels, Public health department, Senior housing, Senior Centers, American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association, etc..
- Also, if you are interested, we can provide experiences in school health, occupational health, home care, public health, informatics, quality improvement, etc!
- **Let us know and we will work to make it happen!**



Finish as fast or slow as you want!

- The Nursing courses can be completed in 1 academic year - or over two years if that works best for you
- The RN to BSN coordinator works with each student to determine what works best for everyone
- We recognize that life happens!! We will **work with you** to finish the program, even if this means you need to take a semester or two off

Support, support, support!!!



- Upon acceptance and enrollment in the first nursing course, CCSU will provide students with a FREE one-year subscription to Grammarly, an excellent source to assist with scholarly writing.
- Access to the writing center!! A wonderful source of support!
<https://youtu.be/VY3qbogh2Qw>
- Childcare available for when you are on campus! We are a family friendly campus <https://www.ccsu.edu/familyresources/>

State of the art lab access and clinical skill refresher opportunities!

- RN to BSN students have access to our labs and equipment if looking to practice or brush up on skills



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Paul L. Jones Foundation Scholarship. Students will be notified via CCSU email when application opens. Requires GPA of 3.0 + and be a resident of state of CT.
- Keith & Rose S. Bernhardt Nursing Scholarship
- Many of CCSU Nursing Programs Practice Based Clinical Partners share scholarships with us throughout the year - those notifications will be shared with students via email.





Bridge easily (if you want!) to our MSN program

- Use your CCSU BSN to easily transition into our MSN in Hospice & Palliative Care Program.
- All BSN graduates are given **priority acceptance** into our MSN program
- An MSN in Hospice & Palliative Care will allow you to deliver active, holistic therapies to end-of-life and chronic care patients and their support network. Build the skills to become a leader and patient advocate as you gain the qualifications to meet the criteria for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials for Masters Education Nursing.
- **Program Features**
 - Starts every January and August
 - 26- to 45-credit program
 - Attend full- or part-time
 - Financial aid is available
 - No GMAT/GRE required

- ***From our students:***
- *Thank you for a great semester and I really enjoyed the class content.*
- *Thank you for an awesome course I have learned so much.*
- *Thank you so much. Without you up-beat lecture and positive outlook this semester would be a tough one.*
- *Thank you so much for being so understanding, it has helped decrease my stress level about this course*
- *Thank you so much for inspiring me to become a great nurse. Thank you for being there every step of the way. You have truly made a difference in my life*





A BSN can sharpen your professional skills, increase your career opportunities and boost your salary.

Hope to see YOU
at CCSU!!!