

## **Winston-Salem State University RN-to-BSN Competency Based Education Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the Competency Based Education (CBE) Program?**

The WSSU RN-to-BSN CBE program provides an alternative RN-to-BSN education following the standard curriculum in the nursing program, but connects the course to competencies that are individually assigned to each student. This allows the learner to customize their pace of the RN-to-BSN program, and advance at their own rate as they master each of the competencies for each of the courses.

### **What is the length of the CBE program?**

The CBE program is learned-paced, so the completion time will vary. The standard online/seated site options at WSSU are completed in 3-semesters for FT students. It is expected that many students will be able to complete the CBE program at a faster pace, but it will vary by student.

### **What learning management system is used for the CBE program?**

The Spring 2018 pilot cohort will be using the Motivis system to complete their competencies for the RN-to-BSN program. It is a user-friendly system, and student support will be provided throughout the program.

### **What is the tuition for CBE?**

The tuition for the January 2018 pilot cohort will be at a reduced cost of \$5,500 plus Educational and Tech fees for the subscription period of January-December 2018. The cost will be more expensive for future cohorts due to the additional faculty and staff that support the CBE program.

### **When will I register for my classes?**

The process for CBE class registration is different, and will be handled by your nursing faculty.

### **How often will I be billed?**

The tuition rate for the first cohort pilot will be \$5,500 with quarterly charges/billing of \$1,375. The charges/billing will be in line with the release of new courses/competencies for student enrollment that will occur with every 3-month subscription.

### **Is the CBE program set-up on a semester system?**

No, the CBE program follows the traditional subscription model for CBE programs. One subscription covers a 3-month period with the cycle starting in January. Successive subscription periods begin in April, July, and October.

### **Are payment plans available to help manage tuition costs?**

Yes, there are payment plans available. You should reach out to the Office of Student Accounts for more information.

### **How long will it take me to complete the program?**

CBE is a learner-paced education model, and it will vary from student-to-student. The courses are connected to competencies that meet the course objectives. After the student successfully masters all competencies for the course, they officially pass the course, and will advance to the next course.

### **What faculty will be available to guide me through the CBE process?**

The CBE program is supported by fully credentialed nursing faculty that meet the North Carolina State Board of Nursing requirements to teach in nursing programs. They are experienced faculty in online

learning, with the mentors having years of expertise in the nursing CBE educational space. All CBE students are supported by a student mentor/competency evaluator and a course/faculty mentor. The student mentor/evaluator will conduct weekly meetings with students via email, phone, or via webinar to ensure the student is progressing through the CBE program. The course/faculty mentor is available to guide you through each course, and available to answer questions about the competencies connected to each course.