



RN-to-BS Degree-Completion Program

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This program, offered by the Wegmans School of Nursing at St. John Fisher College, is designed for working nurses who already have an RN license with a nursing degree from a diploma or associate degree program and are seeking career advancement.

We understand that nurses in the workplace often have competing priorities. That is why we have designed this degree-completion program to fit conveniently into their busy schedules.

The RN/BS Program seeks to attract adult learners by offering a sound and rigorous professional education that is delivered in a modular, blended (on-line and in-class) learning format. Given that nurses typically have many competing demands on their time, this learning format is both efficient and accessible.

The program builds on the study of nursing in associate degree and nursing diploma programs. Coursework focuses on advancement and refinement of knowledge and skills in such areas as:

- Leadership
- Ethics
- Physical assessment
- Theoretical foundations of practice
- Informatics
- Evidence-based practice
- Patient-centered care
- Professional portfolio development
- Caring for populations

There are two program options for RN students:

- RN-to-BS: Students can complete the RN/BS Program for a Bachelor of Science degree.
- RN-to-BS with MS Fast-Track Option: Qualified students can substitute two masters-level courses in nursing for two bachelors-level courses to fulfill undergraduate requirements. This accelerated approach allows students to shorten graduate degree requirements by seven credits.

Program Design

- The RN-to-BS Program consists of *nine* seven-week modules. (The RN-to-MS Program consists of *ten* seven-week modules.)
- Each module consists of two courses—one nursing and one liberal arts—both delivered in a blended (on-line and in-class) learning format. In-class courses take place in the new state-of-the-art Wegmans School of Nursing facility on Wednesday evenings.
- The convenient scheduling is geared toward the working nurse.
- Course projects are coordinated with the needs of individual employers.
- Coursework contains cutting-edge content that prepares the health care worker of the future.
- Students learn technology and information literacy skills so that they can be competitive in the work environment.
- The program can be completed in as little as 18 months.

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Contact Information

For more information regarding the RN-to-BS Degree-Completion Program at St. John Fisher College, please contact Dr. Char Smith, Wegmans School of Nursing, at (585) 899-3877 or cmsmith@sjfc.edu.

To learn more about the College or to obtain an application, please contact the Office of Transfer Admissions at (585) 385-8172 or (800) 444-4640. Information is also available on our web site at www.sjfc.edu/transfer.

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Program Amenities

- Students in the RN-to-BS Program pay a discounted tuition rate.
- Books are included in the tuition.
- Students in the program may qualify for federal and state grants and loans.

Why Study Nursing at Fisher?

There are numerous reasons why St. John Fisher College is the best place to pursue a degree in nursing. Among them are:

- **Great Facilities:** The building that houses the Wegmans School of Nursing is a state-of-the-art facility that opened in fall 2007. It is equipped with high tech classrooms and practice labs, a simulation laboratory, computer labs, conference rooms, and student gathering spaces. A full-time Learning Resource Coordinator is on staff to facilitate student learning needs.
- **Committed Faculty:** Faculty members are expert nurses. All of the full-time faculty hold master's degrees in nursing and a majority of the faculty are doctorally prepared. Many faculty members hold certification in specialty areas, practice in a variety of settings, and are engaged in many professional and community activities.
- **Faculty Advisors:** The faculty of the Wegmans School of Nursing provide mentoring and support student-directed learning.
- **Accredited Program:** All programs—undergraduate, graduate, and RN/BS completion—are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the New York State Education Department.

About St. John Fisher College

St. John Fisher College is a coeducational liberal arts college located in Pittsford, New York. The campus is situated on 154 park-like acres—a beautiful setting for 24 modern buildings and a warm, friendly campus community of 2,600 full-time undergraduates over 1,000 graduate students.

Founded in 1948 by the Congregation of St. Basil as a Catholic college for men, St. John Fisher College became independent in 1968 and coeducational in 1971. As it enters the twenty-first century, the College remains true to its Catholic and Basilian heritage. Fisher offers 31 academic majors in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, business, and nursing, as well as 10 pre-professional programs. The College also offers 11 master's and three doctoral programs.

