

Chatham University Nursing Programs: Ten Points to Ponder for Readiness Assessment

Congratulations on your decision to seek additional professional education. Going back to school is exciting and rewarding, but it also is a commitment. You are encouraged to use this information to help you determine if this online program is the right fit for you and help you prepare for your exciting adventure!

1. You will need to adhere to the curriculum plan associated with your selected enrollment status (Full-time or Part-time) and this decision will affect your time commitment and potentially financial planning.
2. The program is fast-paced and requires time management and organizational skills. You will need to develop a routine that allows for the balancing of personal, work, and school responsibilities.
3. Coursework is delivered online and requires you to be self-directed, disciplined, focused, and accountable for your own learning experiences. You will need to seek out appropriate help from your academic advisor, course instructor, and university resources when needed.
4. Strong use of computer technology is imperative. In addition to basic computer skills in regards to accessing and documenting information, you will need to become competent in using the Chatham systems and tools to navigate courses, open and download required materials, submit assignments, and participate in discussion forum activities.
5. Very strong writing skills (proper grammar, mechanics, etc.) and command of the English language are required for successful completion of online coursework. Proper use of APA writing style is also required.
6. Active communication is vital to form connections with your peers and your instructor in the online classroom. You will be highly engaged with the program during your enrollment.
7. Numerous resources are provided to help you be successful and you will need to become familiar with each resource and know how to access the resources based on your identified need. Program orientations are required.
8. Practice experiences are part of some of the courses. There are activities required in preparation for the experiences that will be completed prior to starting the course (e.g. preceptor selection, approvals, etc.). This will take additional planning and responsibility.
9. You will be held to professional standards such as respect, dignity and integrity and follow policies and processes as outlined in the Nursing Handbook.
10. You will need to participate fully in a fast paced environment and be available throughout the week to engage in the online classroom.

Thank you for considering a nursing program offered by Chatham University. Please feel free to reach out to the Admission Office at 412-365-1290 for any additional questions or to begin the application process. We look forward to being a part of your next educational journey!