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## LPN to BScN Update July 2016

### **StFX is launching a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)–Bachelor of Science Nursing (BScN) Pathway**

As part of the Nova Scotia Nursing Education Review, the Departments of Labour and Advanced Education and Health and Wellness, Nova Scotia's University Schools of Nursing, the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) and the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia have worked together to find a way to fairly and consistently recognize prior learning and experience of qualified LPNs who choose to enter Nova Scotia's BScN programs.

St. Francis Xavier University and Cape Breton University have been collaborating to develop a pathway that will offer qualified LPNs (those who have graduated with a PN Diploma from NSCC from 2008 onward) block credit for their prior education and work experience and bridging courses that would allow them to apply to our Accelerated BScN Program. StFX is offering this LPN to BScN pathway with the first cohort of LPN students joining the Accelerated BScN Program in May 2017. There will be 20 seats available for students at StFX.

For further information about the LPN-BScN pathway, please refer to the StFX Admissions department website under Admission Requirement [www.stfx.ca/apply/requirements](http://www.stfx.ca/apply/requirements).

Inquiries may be directed to [admit@stfx.ca](mailto:admit@stfx.ca). Applications will be accepted up to August 1, 2016.

### **Athabasca University**

The Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) has initiated discussions with Athabasca University in Alberta to explore the possibility of permitting LPNs admitted into the [LPN to Bachelor of Nursing \(BN\)](#) bridging program to complete their clinical education locally. Currently those in the bridging program are required to be registered to practice in, and travel to Alberta for their clinical. Details will be released as soon as available

### **Dalhousie University**

At this time, Dalhousie University has not developed a LPN to BScN Bridging Program; however they have changed the delivery of its baccalaureate degree. They have developed a 6 semester program over 2-years for [advanced standing](#) students (those with previous university credit or degree). LPNs with previous university education may be interested in this pathway. The School of Nursing is implementing the modified BScN curriculum in the fall of 2016. Click [HERE](#) for more information.