

Flexibility is key for Practical Nursing student

CHARLTON — The typical Bay Path Practical nursing student



“The flexibility of the Bay Path Practical Nursing program made it possible for Kamicha to pursue her educational goals uninterrupted,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director.

“Kamicha had a caring family who was her strong support system and kind members of her clinical team from the 2023 cohort, along with her Clinical Facilitator,” she says. “And so having the format of learning that we have available at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, where we created a learning contract and weekly check-ins, Kamicha was able to complete her learning and her clinical experiences in a face-to-face format uninterrupted. It all came down to prioritization and time management for the student.”

“My professors were kind to listen and understand my situation,” said Kamicha. “I was privileged to observe the performance of evidence-based interventions and follow the nursing process of assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation. I understood that teamwork is vital in nursing care. My fellow students have been a key factor to my success on Term one, I have found moral support when I felt discouraged. I have learned that communication and teamwork are important.”

Nursing is one of the unique fields where often

students simply cannot complete 100% of their learning in a classroom.

Bolandrina emphasized that “it is required by the Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN) that nursing students complete in-person clinical training because the skills they develop are critical for patient safety.”

Said clinical skills can make all the difference to a patient facing a life-or-death situation. Some of the hands-on learning occurs at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy’s clinical affiliated facilities such as Harrington Memorial Hospital, Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital, Vibra, The Meadows, The Overlook, Webster Manor, Life Care Center of Auburn, Quaboag Rehabilitation and Southbridge Rehabilitation Center. These clinical sites as healthcare partners have proved beneficial to practical nursing students, who are able to use the facilities for training purposes.

Kamicha is enthusiastic about entering Term two in January. She stated, “I recognize the experience as

a blessing in disguise, I have discovered qualities in me – to keep an open mind, to accept and appreciate people more, and to be positive and optimistic. I look forward to more learning experiences throughout nursing school. I will always be reminded of the kindness that was extended to me by Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, the administration, professors, my fellow students, my care team, and my family on my journey to becoming a nurse.”

Nursing student is a working adult who also has a family and other responsibilities. The typical Bay Path Practical Nursing student wants to improve their chances of landing a job with greater responsibilities and higher pay. Imagine the demand and stress of a full-time evening nursing program. Add a curve ball such as an unfortunate fall resulting in a broken elbow! This is what happened to Nancy Kamicha of Worcester.

began in August, just like any other student,” said Kamicha. “I was focused on studying hard and attending clinicals which I really enjoyed because of patient interaction. I fell at home and fractured my left elbow!”

Kamicha worried that her academics would be interrupted and her goal to become a nurse derailed. She wondered how she would cope, wondered how long her recovery would take, and felt a little lost.

QCC’s winter break offers students a chance to get ahead

WORCESTER — As colleges and universities across the country gear up for winter break, Quinsigamond Community College is preparing for its Winter Intersession. Winter Intersession classes are full credit classes (three credits) that run during the winter break from Jan. 3-10. These two-week classes save students time and money towards their degree or certificate. Intersession classes at QCC are well-known in the area, not just for students already enrolled at QCC, but for students attending other colleges.

“This is a terrific way for students to catch up or get ahead on their college courses, or just experience a class they’ve always wanted to try,” said QCC’s Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. James Keane, noting that there are over 30 online and in-person courses available.

Professor Bill McCarthy, QCC criminal justice department chair, said that intersession courses are historically popular across the country and help retention and graduation rates.

“The Winter Intersession benefits visiting students because many get stuck in a situation where they need just a class or two to graduate,” McCarthy said. “This can keep them from graduating late.”

“QCC students as well as students who regularly attend college away from their homes in Central Massachusetts have benefitted from the Winter Intersessions,” added Melissa Fama, dean of the School of Public Services, Education, and Social Sciences.

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