

### **Why did you choose the new RN to BSN program at ASU?**

“I was drawn to this nursing program because you had a choice of completing the program in 1 or 2 years when we applied. I had family to graduate from ASU and that was another factor. Also, it seems like the instructors work with our busy schedules of working and going to school. All the instructors are very helpful and encouraging because it is a juggling act with work, family and school for all the students.”

**Tanya, part-time student in Burke County**

“I chose the program because I felt like I could only get through a short course of school having come out of my ADN program just one year earlier. Getting my BSN in 3 semesters, while working, sounded “doable” to me. Location wise, it was very convenient for me as classes are conducted at the facility in which I work, and they are only one a week.” **Faith, full-time student in Watauga County**

“When assessing universities to continue my nursing education, I wanted an institution that I felt would best enhance my critical thinking skills and best potentiate my growth as a nurse. That is exactly what I found at ASU.” **Jason, full-time student in Catawba County.**

“My name is Ernest Shock, RN and Director of the Intensive Care Unit and Respiratory Care Department at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. I have been in Nursing Management for eleven years. I have shopped around and looked at several RN to BSN programs before finally settling on Appalachian State University. I was and still am very excited about being in a program that is just getting off the ground - although being guided by seasoned educators with great vision. I have found that the faculty of the RN to BSN program has been very interested in the success of their students. The faculty realizes that we are all working RNs and are very busy in our home and work lives. The faculty is very good about helping the students understand the subject matter, the assignments, and the work that we are required to complete. There are always going to be deadlines and things come up when a working adult is going back to a university to attain a higher degree. The faculty of ASU’s RN to BSN program and the nursing department are extremely kind in helping all of the students succeed and allaying the fears of the students. I highly recommend this program to anyone who wants to further their nursing career, improve their understanding of nursing as a profession, or just gain a sense of pride in their career.” **Ernest, part-time student in Burke County.**

### **What do you like about the program?**

“I like the instructors and they make the classes interesting. I like coming one night a week which is good for my hospital schedule at work. I like the class atmosphere and meeting new people and making friends. I like the new educational data of nursing we are learning in the classes with approaching the professional concepts of nursing.”

**Tanya**

“What I like most about the program is the intimate relationships with the professors. They are caring and understanding. They are professional yet create intimate learning environments. We are respected as adult learners, allowed to be ourselves and we are all supportive of each other.” **Faith**

**How do you think your BSN degree will benefit your career plans?**

“It will affect my future in a big way involving employment and going further in my education for my masters. I will have a lot more opportunities in nursing and will have my first four year degree (I have three associate degrees currently). **Tanya**

“The first thing my BSN will do is get me a raise at my current job! The second thing it will do is open the doors to community nursing whether that is in the schools, or the health department or some yet unforeseen opportunity. The third thing my BSN will do is allow me to pursue a master’s degree/nurse practitioner license, should I desire to do so.” **Faith**