FAQs for the Generic BS Program

How long is the Generic BS program?
Our generic program consists of 8 semesters (or 28 months) of full-time study, for a total of 120 credits in nursing, liberal arts, and science courses. Eligible transfer credits will be accepted.

What degree will I earn?
You will earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing. This degree will allow you to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam after graduation.

How is this degree different from a BSN?
New York State only allows colleges to grant a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (B.S. Nurs.). The B.S. Nurs. is an older degree that began when nursing schools were considered to be vocational in nature. Now that baccalaureate nurses are seen as healthcare professionals, and that nursing baccalaureate degrees should be considered on par with other baccalaureate degrees, newer institutions have renamed their degree, the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing. However, many SUNY and CUNY programs have retained the B.S. Nurs. designation.

There is no difference between the educational requirements for the two degrees. Both require an equal distribution of nursing and non-nursing courses, and both degrees are equally accepted by employers.

Is the program accredited?
For the new program, the College has requested provisional accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), which has accredited our RN to BS program since 2013. The new program is also pending approval by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, which has accredited the College since 1988.

What is the cost of the program? How does this cost compare to other programs?
HFCN’s generic program will cost $7,080 per semester. Per semester, our tuition will be the least expensive of any BS program from a New York City private college.

Will financial aid be available?
Yes. Financial aid will be available in the form of scholarships. Government grants and loans will be based on eligibility.
Who can apply to the generic program?
The generic BS program is open to applicants who are not registered nurses. Applications will be accepted from both high school graduates and individuals who already hold an associate, bachelor, or higher degree. The program is also open to LPNs.

The program will focus on learning the nursing basics, while broadening students’ understanding of the world so that they can be effective nurses. Students will learn about historical and cultural influences that impact our world, and learn how this knowledge can improve their nursing practice. As a result of this emphasis, teaching and assessment occurs through a variety of modalities; in-class and hybrid, clinical, nursing arts lab, and virtual and real-time simulations. Assessment occurs through multiple-choice exams, essay-writing, discussion boards, role-playing, skills-testing, etc.

How many days will students attend the program?
Students can expect to classes at the College two or three days a week. In semesters where nursing courses with clinical sessions are required, students will attend the clinical sessions on a fourth day.

Will there be an online component to the program?
Yes. Many of the non-nursing and upper level nursing courses will be offered in a hybrid format; meaning half of the class time is at the College, and half of the time is through online study. Ample evidence continues to demonstrate that hybrid programs yield higher completion rates compared to solely online programs.

What makes HFCN’s generic BS program unique?
- HFCN’s generic program is the least expensive program offered by a private NYC college.
- The program can be completed in less than three full years; faster than most BS nursing programs because there are three semesters per year, instead of two.
- Direct acceptance into the program. You will not need to take classes at the College before being admitted into the program.
- Individual academic advisement.
- Individualized library and technical support.
- Small classes. There will generally be less than 30 students in each classroom, with 10 students or less in each clinical group. Small classes go a long way in ensuring that you will not waste your money on a program that you begin, but do not finish.

When can I enter the program?
Full-time admission will occur each September. However, you may enroll on a non-matriculated basis and take the program’s non-nursing courses, until you are ready to matriculate. Once matriculated, you must take the remaining courses according to the curriculum plan.