

# Return to Nursing

## Course Description

The Nurse Re-Entry Course is designed for nurses who have been away from the nursing field for several years. The course is a combination of traditional classroom activities, online coursework, laboratory simulations, and clinical experiences with a preceptor at a local hospital. Upon completion of the 10 week course, the nurse will feel prepared to re-enter acute care nursing settings and will function effectively as a nurse.

Start Date: open ended  
Length – 10 weeks usually

Instructors: Linda Edwards  
Times: Self Paced

## Admission Requirements

- Current unrestricted licensure in the state of VA
- Current CPR
- Agree to abide by practice guidelines at the participating hospital
- Access to a computer and internet
- Completion of a background check, drug screen, 2 Step PPD, and documentation of immunizations. These are hospital required and are at participant's cost.

The class involves review and interaction with 6 modules

Module 1 Professional Nursing Practice

HIPAA, legal and ethical issues, malpractice

Module 2 Pharmacology – what's new

Module 3 Physical Assessment – 2 sessions on improving skills

Module 4 Body Systems Review – what's new

Module 5 Management, Delegation, and Prioritizing – self governance, clinical ladders, magnet hospital status

Module 6 Dealing with Challenging People

In addition, there is 80 hours of clinical at a local hospital with a preceptor.

## **Participant Guidelines**

### Competency Self Assessment

*A tool for participants to assess areas for refreshing and areas of competency. The Nurse Educator will also assess the participant for competency and assistance in identifying areas for improvement.*

### Guided learning modules

*A listing of detailed modules for both online and traditional coursework. Each module will have pre and post tests to validate learning.*

### Nurse educator

*The course will be led by nursing educators who will provide professional guidance and support throughout the course.*

### Preceptorship Experience

*Each participant will be assigned to a staff nurse at local hospitals. The preceptor will guide clinical learning experiences and evaluate participant progression through the course. 80 Hours of direct patient care is required. This clinical experience can be completed in any block of time during the course dates.*

*Certificate of Completion – awarded upon completion of course and clinical requirements.*

Welcome to the BRCC Return to Nursing program! We are extremely glad of your interest and are excited for your return to the field of nursing. There are some requirements that must be completed prior to beginning the clinical portion.

- PPD 2 step
- Current CPR card
- Copy of Malpractice Insurance if you have it
- Criminal Background Check
- Drug Screen

The healthcare agencies require all people working in healthcare settings to be drug free. The RMH Center for Corporate Health will complete a drug screen for you.

Please find enclosed an instruction sheet for your criminal background check. The company has a website, <http://www.certifiedbackground.com> that you can access to have your background check completed. The company will notify the school secretary if anything should appear that will keep you from recertifying.

Drug screens and PPD can be done at RMH Corporate Health.