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*Welcome to all New and Returning Students!*

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## TUITION FEES: 2021-2022

The Board of Governors of St. Francis Xavier University has approved the fee schedule for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year effective August 1, 2021.

<https://www.mystfx.ca/financial-services/sites/financial-services/files/2021-06/PT%20Tuition%20Fees%20Jun%202.pdf>

**For the Fall and Winter courses, tuition fee payments are due the day before the course begins.**

## PAYMENT METHODS/RECEIPTS

*All payment or receipt inquiries are to be addressed to the Student Accounts Office by emailing [studentaccounts@stfx.ca](mailto:studentaccounts@stfx.ca).*

Payments can be made through **online banking** by setting up St. Francis Xavier University as a Payee and the **Account Number** is your **StFX ID Number**.

**Cheques** are to be made payable to St. Francis Xavier University, be sure to include your student ID number on the cheque.

## COURSE WITHDRAWAL/REFUND POLICY

To drop a course without incurring **academic and financial penalty**, students are **required** to email the Distance Nursing Program Office at [distance.nursing@stfx.ca](mailto:distance.nursing@stfx.ca).

*Emailing the Instructor, or other departments, is NOT an official withdrawal from a course. Your email must be sent from your StFX email account to the Distance Nursing Program Office at [distance.nursing@stfx.ca](mailto:distance.nursing@stfx.ca).*

Without proper notification, a student remains on the class lists. Thus, absence from exams and other requirements will result in a failure on the student's university transcript.

**Not participating in a course, not logging into Moodle, or not reviewing your StFX email account does NOT remove you from the course. If you have not submitted a withdrawal email to the Distance Nursing Program Office, you are still responsible for the fees owed.**

- If a student **withdraws up to and including the day** the online course begins, and has paid the tuition fees in advance, they are eligible for a full tuition refund.
- If a student **withdraws in the first week**, 2/3 of the tuition will be refunded.
- If a student **withdraws in the second week**, 1/3 of the tuition will be refunded.
- **During or after the third week** after the course starts, no refund is issued.

If you are eligible for a refund, please email Student Accounts at [studentaccounts@stfx.ca](mailto:studentaccounts@stfx.ca) from your StFX email account and include your StFX ID and the number and name of the course(s) you have dropped.

## WINTER SCHEDULE

**Post-RN Students:** For January and February courses the deadline to register in Banner Self-Service is **November 26th**. Please select **"Full Academic Year 2021-2022"** when registering for these courses. For closed/full courses, please contact the Program Office at [distance.nursing@stfx.ca](mailto:distance.nursing@stfx.ca) to be placed on the waitlist.

**Important:** CRNs have changed for NURS 472, NURS 483, BIOL 115/115L, and BIOL 162/162L. If you already registered in any of these courses before September 26, you have been moved/re-registered into the new CRNs, and **you do not need to do anything**. For registration, between September 26 and November 26, please use the CRNs in the course schedule on Pages 3 and 4.

**NURS 237 and NURS 300**, these courses generally have limited seating each academic term, however, we are offering a second section of each course, therefore, seats are available. Please review your Post-RN Curriculum Checklist to see if these courses are still needed. Contact the Program Office for registration for NURS 300 or you can register yourself into NURS 237 by November 26, 2021.

**IEN Students:** If you are an **Internationally Educated Nurse (IEN)** student taking courses for CNO, you must email [distance.nursing@stfx.ca](mailto:distance.nursing@stfx.ca) **from your StFX email account** to request registration. **Please do not try to register yourself.**

## FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

<b>BIOL 115.77</b> <b>Microbes in Human Biology</b>  <b>CRN 57130</b> <b>Lab CRN 57131</b>  <b>V. Karunakaran</b>	<b>January 4 –</b> <b>March 18, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	An introduction to microorganisms from a human perspective, this course deals with viruses, bacteria and fungi. Topics include bacterial structure and function, bacterial genetics and antibiotic resistance, and viral structure and infection. Restricted to nursing students. Three credits.
<b>BIOL 162.77 (formerly 252.77)</b> <b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b> <b>for Registered Nurses II</b>  <b>CRN 57128</b> <b>Lab CRN 57129</b>  <b>V. Karunakaran</b>	<b>January 4 –</b> <b>March 18, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	As an integrated study of the cardiovascular, respiratory, urinary, reproductive, and digestive systems, this course provides students with a comprehensive working knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of these systems. Three credits. <b>Prerequisite: BIOL 161 (formerly BIOL 251).</b>
<b>NURS 115.77</b> <b>Health Teaching and Learning</b>  <b>CRN 56879</b>  <b>D. Vandewater</b>	<b>November 15, 2021 –</b> <b>January 28, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	In contrast to health protection and illness prevention, health promotion is a broad and holistic concept. This course explores the concept of health promotion; the nurse's role in health promotion; the teaching-learning process; population health; social action and justice; and the socio-cultural, economic, and political factors that influence health and health behaviour. Three credits.
<b>NURS 205.77</b> <b>Community Health Nursing</b>  <b>CRN 56869</b>  <b>S. Bowman</b>	<b>January 31 –</b> <b>April 8, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	This course explores the role of the community health nurse in the context of a changing health care system. Topics include population health, primary health care, community assessment, epidemiology and demography, environment and ecology, cultural competence, ethics, and community-as-partner. Three credits. <b>Prerequisites: NURS 115, 135.</b>
<b>NURS 237.77</b> <b>Nursing Concepts in the Care of</b> <b>Women, Children and Families</b>  <b>CRN 56870</b>  <b>J. Mbugua</b>	<b>January 31 –</b> <b>April 8, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	This course encompasses a contemporary overview of the health of women, children and families during the childbearing and childrearing years from a wellness-focused nursing perspective. Selected topics and issues related to health promotion and illness prevention within this population will be explored in the context of the various social, political, cultural and economic factor which impact the health and wellness of women, children and families. A strengths-based, women and family-centred care approach will be used in exploring these concepts. Three credits. <b>Prerequisites: NURS 115, 135.</b>

<b>NURS 300.77</b> <b>Research Methods</b>  <b>CRN 56874</b> <b>Lab CRN 56875</b>  <b>A. Gillis</b>	<b>November 15, 2021 – April 8, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	This course introduces students to research methods used in nursing science. Topics include conducting and appraising research; concepts of research design, implementation, analysis, and interpretation; descriptive and inferential statistics; quantitative and qualitative research design; and research ethics and biases. Six credits. <b>Prerequisites: NURS 115, 135.</b>
<b>NURS 330.77</b> <b>Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing</b>  <b>CRN 56876</b>  <b>A. Belardo</b>	<b>November 15, 2021 – April 8, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	This course examines the moral and ethical implications of various practices in the field of health care as they affect human life and the basic dignity of the person. This course also explores the moral, ethical, legal, and theological issues raised by recent developments in the life sciences. Cross-listed as RELS 300. Six credits. <b>Prerequisites: NURS 115, 135.</b>
<b>NURS 425.77</b> <b>Comprehensive Health Assessment</b>  <b>CRN 56878</b>  <b>M. MacNeil</b>	<b>January 31 – April 8, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	This theory and practice course focuses on a systematic assessment of the well adult. Students will incorporate health history and physical examination of body systems in identifying self-care requisites for a diverse population. Three credits. <b>Prerequisites: NURS 115, 135.</b>
<b>NURS 472.77</b> <b>Forensic Nursing II (3 credits)</b>  <b>CRN 57124</b>  <b>S. Wilson</b>	<b>January 4 – March 18, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	The course follows NURS 471 Forensic Nursing I: Foundations, and will focus on forensic nursing practice, including further considerations of specific populations, specialized forensic nursing roles, mechanism of injury, evidence identification and preservation, forensic documentation, and explore opportunities for advanced forensic nursing education and career opportunities. Three credits. <b>Prerequisite: NURS 471.</b>
<b>NURS 483.77</b> <b>Hospice Palliative Care Nursing</b>  <b>CRN 57126</b>  <b>D. Vandewater</b>	<b>January 4 – March 18, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	This course provides an overview of theories, current practices, and relevant issues in the field of palliative care, with a focus on the nurse's role. In line with the philosophy of nursing at StFX, students will explore concepts of self-care and health promotion as they relate to quality of life issues. Three credits.
<b>NURS 494.77</b> <b>Leadership and Management in Nursing</b>  <b>CRN 56880</b>  <b>A. Heighton</b>	<b>November 15, 2021 – January 28, 2022</b>  <b>Online</b>	This course is an examination of nursing leadership theories and management models and their relationship to client care. The course explores the changing roles and expectations for registered nurses as leaders in the health care system. Three credits. <b>Prerequisites: NURS 115, 135.</b>

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

### THELMA MAY KEMPFFER ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP

To be eligible, students **must be accepted into the full 63-credit Post-RN BScN Program** commencing studies in September 2021. Applications are individually evaluated with attention to evidence of professional competence, commitment to continuing education and involvement in professional activities.

**Value: Five awards of \$1,000 each**

**Application deadline: October 30, 2021**

Forward a resume with a letter of application by mail or email to:

Fred Allen, Program Manager  
Distance Nursing Programs  
St. Francis Xavier University  
PO Box 5000, Antigonish, NS B2G 2W5  
Email: [distance.nursing@stfx.ca](mailto:distance.nursing@stfx.ca)

### DISTANCE NURSING BScN STUDY AWARDS

The Distance Nursing BScN Program Study Award is **available to students enrolled in the 63-credit part-time Post-RN BScN Program** at St. Francis Xavier University.

**Value: Six awards of \$500 each**

**Application deadline: November 30, 2021**

Click on this link to download a copy of the award description/criteria and the application:

<https://www.mystfx.ca/continuingeducation/online-nursing-programs/forms>

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- For **registration and withdrawal requests**, email the **Program Office** at [distance.nursing@stfx.ca](mailto:distance.nursing@stfx.ca)!
- **Verification of Course Completion (VCC)** Forms must be emailed to the Program Office. If you require a VCC form, please contact CNO, StFX does not provide this document. **Note:** Only one VCC Form is needed for all the courses you have completed, therefore, only one VCC form is needed.
- **StFX Transcript Request Form** - <https://www.mystfx.ca/registrars-office/transcript-requests>. Transcript request forms must be emailed to the Registrar's Office at [registr@stfx.ca](mailto:registr@stfx.ca). **Note:** The transcript will show all the courses you have completed, therefore, only one transcript request form is needed.
- All emails to the Program Office, and other university departments, must be sent from your StFX email account. ***Emails are generally responded to within 2 business days, do not send multiple emails.***
- The CDE Support email ([cdesupport@stfx.ca](mailto:cdesupport@stfx.ca)) is **ONLY** for technical issues for **Moodle**.
- Contact **ProctorU** for all ProctorU related questions.
- Contact **Financial Services** for all student account inquiries at [studentaccounts@stfx.ca](mailto:studentaccounts@stfx.ca). The Program Office does not have access to student financial records
- The Degree Application form can now be found in Banner **(this only applies to students completing the full 63-credit BSCN Program)**.
- This program is not eligible for funding in any of the Canadian Student Loan Programs.