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Undergraduate Nursing

Are you ready for the 16 month Accelerated Baccalaureate Option?

1. The 16-month option is demanding requiring a self-directed, disciplined person who takes responsibility for their own learning.
2. The 16-month option requires planning. It is, therefore, imperative to have strong back up plans for childcare and family needs in case something unexpected arises.
3. The 16 option program is fast-paced requiring students to be organized and have good time management skills.
4. The 16-month option requires integrity. Students must adhere to all university and program policies.
5. The 16-month option requires flexibility. Class, clinical, and simulation require availability seven days a week (including nights, evenings, and weekends). Changes in the schedule will occur and require adaptability with little notice.
6. The intense nature of the accelerated option may prohibit employment while in the 16-month option.
7. Financial planning should be addressed prior to the start of the program. An appointment with the financial aid office is encouraged.
8. Reliable transportation is required in getting to and from clinical settings. Some clinical experiences are outside the Colorado Springs area.
9. The ability to use a computer for online learning, communication, documentation, and accessing information is imperative.
10. Students will learn in a variety of venues (including simulation- both low and high fidelity, laboratory, clinical, classroom, and online) engaging in both individual and collaborative group work.
11. The 16-month option is rigorous offering little opportunity for review or remediation.