

## **Frequently Asked Questions – Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS)**

### **What can I do with this degree?**

Earning a BPS degree at Winthrop University will help you grow both personally and professionally. The goal of this program is to provide adult learners with the opportunity to build on their prior learning experiences. Graduates of the BPS Program are eminently well prepared to be leaders in their chosen professions and in their communities.

On average, students earning a bachelor's degree earn more money over their lifetime. According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), in 2018, those with some college were earning \$41,000 annually compared to those with a bachelor's degree, who were earning \$62,000 annually.

### **What is the job outlook for college graduates in the local area?**

York County is one of the nation's fastest-developing counties of significant size and adjacent to Rock Hill's Knowledge Park with close proximity to the Charlotte metropolitan region.

### **Is the BPS a 100% Online Program?**

No, courses will be taught in traditional face-to-face and blended/hybrid formats.

### **How long will it take me to complete the BPS Program?**

The desire is for BPS students to complete their program of study within two academic years. This will be dependent on how many courses you can manage each semester.

### **Will all of my college credits transfer into the BPS Program?**

The BPS program is designed to be transfer-friendly. You must take at least 30 hours at Winthrop to satisfy the residency requirement. Contact Dr. Scott Amundsen, if you'd like to meet and go over your previous coursework.

### **How many credits can I earn through Prior Learning Assessment?**

BPS students can earn up to 15 hours of academic credit for knowledge acquired from work and professional experiences using a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)?

### **When can I start the PLA process?**

You will be guided through the PLA process in PFST 301, your first BPS core course. If you want to discuss PLA in more detail prior to enrolling PFST 301, contact [Dr. Scott Amundsen](#).