

## **Dedicated Education Units**

According to the American Nurses Association, "In the dedicated education unit (DEU) model, academic institutions and health care organizations join as partners to offer nursing students a unique clinical experience. The basic tenets are peer teaching, collaboration between educators and clinical service providers to enhance student learning and improved clinical experiences. The goals of the DEU model are to:

- Enhance collaboration between nursing academia and professional practice
- Encourage students to apply theory to practice, using professional nursing staff as clinical preceptors
- Increase learning opportunities by immersing students in the nursing role
- Expose staff nurses to the educator role as a way to address the faculty shortage."

Bellarmine University's Lansing School of Nursing has partnered with Norton Healthcare's Institute for Education and Development to create a DEU model allowing Norton Healthcare Scholar Program participants to complete clinical rotations at these Norton Healthcare facilities:

- Norton Audubon Hospital
- Norton Brownsboro Hospital
- Norton Children's Hospital
- Norton Hospital
- Norton Women's & Children's Hospital
- Norton Medical Group
- Norton Cancer Institute

Students participating in the Norton Healthcare Scholar Program will have varied clinical experiences rotating through a wide variety of units and facilities.

