



Nursing



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The College of Nursing

The College of Nursing is a world leader in educating nurses in interprofessional health care, research, practice, innovation, capacity building and policy development. We strengthen nursing, health and the health-care system through the creation and integration of knowledge from research, education and practice.





Why U of S Nursing?

Learn Where YOU Live

We are committed to a “Learn Where You Live” philosophy. Take your program at campuses in Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon or through distributed learning (video and web conferencing, blackboard online, lecture capture and remote presence “robotics”) at sites in Ile-a-la-Crosse, La Ronge and Yorkton. Take the opportunity to complete your nursing education in your community.

Interprofessional Education

Study within a post-secondary institution offering human, animal and plant sciences, where you will benefit from an interprofessional nursing education connecting you with some of Canada’s leading experts in teaching, scholarship and research. Interact with students and faculty from a wide variety of disciplines such as Clinical Psychology, Dentistry, Kinesiology, Medicine, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Sociology and Veterinary Medicine. Build relationships with individuals who will be working in other health science professions when you become a Registered Nurse.





Graduate Studies

Take your nursing education to the next level with College of Nursing Graduate Studies in one of the following programs: Master of Nursing, Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner, Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner Certificate and Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing.

Clinical Experience

Nursing requires clinical experience. Our program includes access to clinical practice opportunities in hospitals and community agencies with exceptional nurses committed to quality patient care. Clinical practice gives you experience, empowering you to make a difference in the future of health care.

Study Abroad

The College of Nursing has a Global Health Initiative and gives students the opportunity for international clinical experience in Australia, Finland, Tanzania and the Philippines. Our curriculum focuses on helping students link their understanding of local health issues to a global context.



BSN student in La Ronge completes an oral health assessment during a pediatric clinical experience



Students studying abroad in the Philippines



Students develop nursing skills through hands-on labs and simulation practice.



Our Programs

1 + 3 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is a non-direct entry four year degree program, which includes a pre-professional year of university level courses, followed by three years of nursing education and clinical practice opportunities.

The pre-professional year may be completed at a variety of institutions, including the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina and various regional colleges in Saskatchewan. Students apply to the College of Nursing in their pre-professional year to enter year 2 of the nursing program. Admission to year 2 is based on a competitive average ranking, which is calculated using marks from the pre-professional year.

Year One: Pre-Professional Year

The pre-professional year provides a solid foundation in university education, preparation for upper-year nursing classes and transferable credits to other health science degrees.

In the pre-professional year, the following courses or their equivalents are required:

- **English (3 cu)**
- **Indigenous/Native Studies (3 cu)**
- **Chemistry 112.3**
- **Biology 120.3**
- **one of: Statistics 244.3, 245.3, 246.3 or PLSC 214.3 (formerly PLSC 314.3)**
- **Nutrition 120.3***
- **Psychology 121.3**
- **Social Science (3 cu)**
- **2 electives (3 cu each)**

* Must have been completed within the last 10 years

Pre-professional courses must be completed prior to April 30 of the application year for entrance into the College of Nursing. Students may be considered for admission with one deficiency in either Nutrition, a Social Science, Indigenous/Native Studies or Statistics. This deficiency must be completed by the end of December of the year you are admitted.

A minimum overall weighted average of 60% in the pre-professional year courses is required to be considered for admission to year 2 in the College of Nursing. Applicants will be ranked by admission average and spots will be offered to those with the highest average for each campus.

Saskatchewan High School Requirements

The following high school courses or equivalents* must be completed prior to enrolling in the pre-professional year courses in the BSN program:

- **English A30 and B30**
- **Chemistry 30**
- **Biology 30**
- **Foundations of Mathematics 30 or Pre-Calculus 30 or Mathematics B30 (C30 also recommended)**

*High school prerequisites for pre-professional year courses vary depending on where you attended high school and at which post-secondary institution you plan to complete your pre-professional year courses.

Read more:

explore.usask.ca/programs/colleges/nursing/index.php



Years 2, 3 and 4: Nursing Education and Clinical Practice

As a nursing student, you will engage in an innovative interprofessional education, challenging you to push the boundaries of knowledge in health. You will take courses in human body systems, microbiology, pharmacology and nursing topics. In years 2, 3 and 4 you will also participate in nursing practice, patient and family-centred care and clinical learning experiences.



Additional Information

We admit 345 students each year to the College of Nursing undergraduate program, with 16.6 % of these seats reserved for Aboriginal students.

English as a Second/Additional Language applicants are required to undergo English language testing to determine eligibility for admission.

The college welcomes inquiries from students with disabilities. Prospective students with disabilities should be aware there are considerable physical and cognitive demands associated with nursing care. Applicants with questions regarding essential skills and abilities required of nursing students should consult with an academic advisor to discuss the demands required to successfully complete the program.

POST-DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Turn your undergraduate degree into a BSN in just two years. Applicants with a completed degree (or at least 90 credit units toward a degree), including the following prerequisites*, may be eligible for entry into the College of Nursing Post-Degree BSN option:

- **Anatomy and Physiology (6 cu)**
- **Humanities (3 cu)**
- **Microbiology (3 cu)**
- **Native Studies (3 cu)**
- **Nutrition (3 cu)**
- **Statistics (3 cu)**
- **Social Sciences (6 cu)**

* Students can apply with one deficiency in either Nutrition, a Social Science or Native Studies. If you are admitted with a deficiency, you will need to complete the class by the end of December of the year you are admitted.





Student Support

Student Awards

There are many scholarships and bursaries available for our nursing students. Undergraduate and graduate students are recognized with more than 90 scholarships and awards at our annual awards ceremony.

Nursing Learning Community

The College of Nursing Learning Community is a way for you, in your pre-professional year, to connect with your future college, classmates, professors and colleagues. Offering both online networking and face-to-face events, the Learning Community is an opportunity to connect to nursing now, before you are in the BSN program. Through the Learning Community, you will hear from nursing professionals and senior nursing students, expand your understanding of the professional culture of nursing and cultivate the academic skills you need as a nursing student.



Donor and student recipient at annual awards ceremony



Robotics are used to teach clinical skills to nursing students in northern Saskatchewan



Pre-Health Professions Club

The Pre-Health Professions Club gives high school students—who are interested in nursing, a chance to explore health care professions hands-on. It is a partnership involving post-secondary institutions, provincial school divisions, First Nations band schools, regional health authorities, communities and independent practicing professionals. Give yourself an advantage and learn about the nursing profession and our program from current students, instructors and nurses.

Read more: usask.ca/groups/prehealth



BSN graduate mentors high school student through the Pre-Health Professions Club

Native Access Program to Nursing

The Native Access Program to Nursing (NAPN) recruits and supports Aboriginal students interested in or enrolled in the University of Saskatchewan undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. Aboriginal nursing advisors in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert work with students to build community through gatherings and peer networks, provide academic and personal advisement and facilitate tutoring, mentorship and referrals to culturally appropriate supports as requested. NAPN advisors are also available to provide information and referrals for child care, housing, funding and other concerns.

Read more:

usask.ca/nursing/aboriginal/napn.php





Career Opportunities

Nursing is a leading health-care profession, with a wide variety of career opportunities. Nurses work with their minds, hands and hearts, while using advanced technology to provide health-care services to individuals, families, groups and communities. Become a Nurse. Make a difference in the world. To become a Registered Nurse, the following are required:

- a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree (the outcome of our program);
- clinical practice (included in our program);
- successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) (as of January 2015); and
- registration with a provincial regulatory body (SRNA in Saskatchewan).

Take it to the next level with College of Nursing Graduate Studies

With graduate level nursing education, nurses may work in administration as a nursing manager, educator of patients or students, advanced practice clinician, therapist, researcher or nurse practitioner.





A Variety of Rewarding Careers

CLINICAL PRACTICE

- Hospitals – medical, surgical, pediatrics, obstetrics, etc.
- Community – public health, schools, addictions, shelter agencies, etc.
- Long-term care – secure environments, care homes, rehabilitation residences, etc.
- Nurse educator
- Administration
- Non-profit sector
- Forensics
- Air ambulance
- Occupational health
- Northern nursing
- Rural and remote communities
- International settings



GOVERNMENT

- Including development of health-care policy

MILITARY SERVICE

- Nursing officers

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AGENCIES

- Clinical and non-clinical opportunities with agencies, such as UNICEF and the World Health Organization



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