HISTORY

The University of Saskatchewan (U of S) College of Nursing was established as a department in the School of Medical Sciences (now the College of Medicine) in 1938. The School of Nursing then became the College of Nursing in 1973. In 1996, the Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS) was formed through a partnership with the U of S, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST) and First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv). The NEPS program continued until the decision was made by the Government of Saskatchewan in February 2009 to increase the number of undergraduate nursing student seats in the province to 690 and to divide these seats equally among two providers – the U of S, and a partnership between the University of Regina and Saskatchewan Polytechnic. The last NEPS students entered the program in 2010. Following the dissolution of NEPS, the U of S College of Nursing developed a non-direct entry, four year baccalaureate program. The first students to enroll in the new U of S Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program began taking courses in September 2012. The College of Nursing created its first graduate program, Master of Nursing, in 1986.

VISION

The College of Nursing is a world leader in educating nurses in interprofessional health care, research, practice, innovation, capacity building and policy development.

MISSION

As University nursing faculty in Saskatchewan, the College of Nursing strengthens nursing, health and the health care system through the creation and integration of knowledge from research, education and practice.
The College of Nursing offers the following programs:

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Post-Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing (PDBSN)

The U of S College of Nursing offers a non-direct entry, four year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program consisting of a pre-professional year, followed by three years of nursing education.

For those students who have already completed a baccalaureate degree, or have made significant progress toward a degree in another field (at least 90 credit units towards a degree), the College offers a full-time intensive study Post-Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree option.

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Master of Nursing (MN) (Course-Based and Thesis)
Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (NP)
Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner Certificate (NP)
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)

The first Master of Nursing (MN) program was introduced in 1986, with the addition of the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (NP) program in September 2006. In 2008, the first students graduated from the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Nursing Program. In 2009, the College introduced the Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner (NP) Certificate.

**LEARN WHERE YOU LIVE**

The College of Nursing has campuses in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert. As well, in order to address the critical shortage of Registered Nurses in rural and remote communities, the college uses distributed learning (video and web conferencing, blackboard online, lecture capture and remote presence “robotics”) to deliver its undergraduate BSN program to students in Yorkton, La Ronge and Ile-a-la-Crosse.

**INTERPROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

Students in the U of S College of Nursing are required to take a variety of health science classes in our undergraduate BSN program, which prepares them to work on an interprofessional team when they become a Registered Nurse. Throughout the program, students work with other health science disciplines, such as Clinical Psychology, Dentistry, Kinesiology, Medicine, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Public Health and Veterinary Medicine.

**UCAN**

The University of Saskatchewan Community of Aboriginal Nursing (UCAN) recruits and supports First Nations and Métis students interested in the College of Nursing. The College has a long history of First Nations and Métis student success and is recognized as having the highest number of First Nations and Métis nursing students in the country.