



## Why Choose U of S College of Nursing: **Nurse Practitioner Program**

### NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP) GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner  
Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner Certificate

The Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner program was introduced in September 2006. In 2009, the college introduced the Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner Certificate for those who had already completed a Master of Nursing degree.

### ADVANTAGES OF THE U OF S NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

**Excellence.** 100% pass rate on the national NP licensure examination (CNPE Family/All Ages).

**Learn Where You Live.** Web-based classes allow students to participate and actively engage in learning from their home community.

**Affordability.** One of the most favourable tuition rates for distributed Nurse Practitioner education in Canada.

**Flexibility.** Full and part-time study options. Students studying full-time can complete the program in 18 months and students studying part-time over 3 - 4 years.

**Quality & Relevance.** The program begins with foundational classes in advanced practice nursing, followed by clinical practice in the second half of the program, providing opportunity for students to apply, refine and consolidate knowledge.

**Clinical Experiences That Help Launch Your Career.** Clinical placements in a variety of primary care settings across the province and country, supervised by experienced faculty and preceptors. These clinical placements provide opportunity for students to participate in interprofessional learning, develop essential Nurse Practitioner competencies and network with other health care providers.

**Exceptional Faculty.** Qualified Nurse Practitioners with clinical expertise who are actively engaged in regular clinical practice.

**Professional Support with a Personal Touch.** Professional instruction and support, such as academic advising, clinical placement coordination and IT help, founded on student-centred approaches.



**Learn Where YOU Live**

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## WHAT SERVICES DO NURSE PRACTITIONERS PROVIDE?

- Assess and manage common health concerns, such as diabetes, ear infections, arthritis and asthma
- Consult, refer to and collaborate with specialists as required
- Complete annual physicals
- Offer prenatal care, well-baby and well-child visits
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests, such as labs and x-rays
- Prescribe medications
- Recommend non-drug management options
- Perform minor surgical procedures, such as stitches
- Provide health education, counselling and screening
- Deliver community health programs
- Coordinate client care and help patients and families navigate the health system

## MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree in Nursing, or equivalent, from a recognized college or university
- A cumulative weighted average of at least 70% (U of S grade system equivalent) in the last two years of study (e.g. 60 credit units)
- Proof of English language proficiency may be required for international applicants and for applicants whose first language is not English
- The equivalent of three credit units in each of physical assessment, pharmacology, physiology, statistics and research methods at the undergraduate level
- 3600 hours of clinical practice as a Registered Nurse in the last five years
- Current CPR certificate at health care provider level
- Current licensure as a Registered Nurse in a Canadian province or territory

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Admission is competitive.**

**Applications Due: April 1**

**Supporting Documents Due: April 15**

“ I always had a goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner through undergraduate training in physiology and nursing. My dream has been fully realized with support of the U of S College of Nursing graduate programs. ”

*Erin Boyce, RN, BSc (Physiology), BSN, MN (NP)*



Looking for more information on our Nurse Practitioner programs? Contact us today.

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