



# Yorkton Nursing Program



Annual Report 2016



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## Introduction

In September 2014, the College of Nursing began offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program in Yorkton, in partnership with Parkland College and Sunrise Health Region. In order to keep our regional stakeholders informed about our programming, we provide annual reporting on program indicators, such as student numbers, success rates, clinical placements and outreach.

It is our hope that by working closely with local stakeholders we will:

- improve recruitment and retention
- provide a nursing education that is contextually relevant for our Yorkton-area students
- leverage clinical placements and other program components to positively impact regional health care
- position our graduates to be community leaders and improve regional health outcomes.

We will continue to seek and invest in relationships that are mutually beneficial for the College of Nursing, our students and our local partners.

We hope you enjoy this 2016 Annual Report. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or suggestions!







*1st BSN Class in Yorkton; first Yorkton site graduates in Spring 2017*

## ■ 2016/17 Student Admissions and Enrolment

The College of Nursing allocates 15 seats annually to the Yorkton site. However, in September 2016, we over-admitted and brought 17 qualified applicants into Year 2 (Year 1 is a pre-professional year of Arts and Science prerequisites offered by Parkland College and other institutions).

In total, the Yorkton site has 39 BSN students: 20 in Year 2, 13 in Year 3 and six in Year 4.

- Four, or 10%, are self-declared Aboriginal
- Thirty-four (83%) are female and five (13%) are male
- Two are international students
- The average age of our Yorkton cohort is 24 years, with a range of 19 - 47 years of age.

The 39 students come from 18 different high schools. Of communities with more than one student originating, 13 are from

Yorkton, three are from Preeceville, three are from Melville and two are from Esterhazy.

A relatively large number of the students – 14 – plan to complete their BSN requirements over 4.5 or five years. However, only three have withdrawn from the program since it began in 2014, resulting in a very high retention rate of 93%.

We are looking forward to our first Yorkton site graduates in the Spring of 2017!

## Clinical Placements

Clinical placements are an essential part of nursing education. While students learn many nursing skills in the classroom and lab through simulated experiences, it is important for their personal and professional development to be exposed to a variety of clinical experiences outside of the lab.

The following chart outlines the clinical experiences planned for the Yorkton students in the 2016/17 academic year.

Year in Program	Course	# of Students	# of Clinical Groups (Instructor Led)	Location of Placement	Time Frame	Clinical Hours
2	Assessment and Components of Care	16	2	Yorkton Regional Nursing Home – Long-Term Care	Nov - Dec 2017	24
2	Patient and Family Centred Care in Clinical	18	3	TBD – Medical or Surgical Unit	May & June 2017	144
3	Integrating Mental Health Nursing in Practice	14	2 - 3	TBD – In-patient Mental Health or Community Mental Health	May & June 2017	156
3	Maternal Family Centred Nursing Practice	14	3	Yorkton Regional Hospital – Obstetrical Unit	Jan - Apr 2017	78
3	Maternal Family Centred Nursing Practice	14	3	Yorkton Regional Hospital – Pediatrics	May 23 – June 23, 2017	78
				Cornerstone Therapies		
				Sunrise Health Region Health and Wellness Centre		
3	Complex Nursing Care Practice	12	2	Yorkton Regional Hospital – Medical & Surgical Units	Sept - Dec 2016	156
4	Community Health Nursing Practice	5	1	Yorkton Tribal Council	Sept - Dec 2016	260
				Yorkton Family Resource Centre		
4	Practice Integration	6	Preceptored	Variety of placements throughout Sunrise Health Region	Jan 9 - Apr 5, 2017	336
				Yorkton Regional Health Centre – ICU, Emergency, Medicine, Surgery		
				Melville – St. Peter's Hospital		
				Canora Hospital		

Currently, clinical placement needs are being met by Sunrise Health Region. As more students transition into fourth year courses, there will be a greater need for community placements and preceptor placements in 2017/2018.

The College of Nursing has deadlines set for placement requests being sent to the Health Regions in accordance with agreements with other nursing programs throughout Saskatchewan. The requests indicate if they are being sent on behalf of a Yorkton-based student.



Shelby Lang (centre) with nutritionists at Yorkton Tribal Council

## Summer Student Placement

The College of Nursing was fortunate to hire 2nd year Yorkton student Shelby Lang as a summer student in 2016. Shelby was placed with the Yorkton Tribal Council (YTC) to work with and provide support for two nutritionists and their programming within YTC First Nations.

Shelby also contributed to the Undergraduate Student Research Assistantships (USRA) poster presentation under the direction of Dr. Lynn Jansen, Associate Dean Southern Saskatchewan Campus. Her report was titled *Working Relationships: Translating Knowledge for Chronic Care Management in First Nation Communities*.

## Lunch and Learns

The College of Nursing's Professional Academic Advisor and Aboriginal Nursing Advisor work with Parkland College counsellors to organize several lunch and learn presentations on an array of topics designed to engage current nursing students at the Yorkton site. These sessions give nursing students an opportunity to network with professionals who work in the community, ask

questions and learn practical nursing content that can be applied to nursing theory and clinical or lab courses. Lunch and learn sessions are provided at key times to support the students throughout the academic year. Presentations have been shared and teleconferenced from Regina and have been very well attended by students.

## Career Fairs

Every year, College of Nursing staff and faculty attend several career fairs in Southern Saskatchewan, including those hosted at Tribal Council and First Nation band schools. Recruitment in Southern Saskatchewan is based on building relationships with schools, guidance counsellors, post-secondary counsellors, students and parents who attend these fairs. Faculty, Professional and Aboriginal Academic Advisors interact with interested high school students, adult learners and the general public who seek to know more about the University of Saskatchewan nursing program and how to apply.

If you or someone you know is interested in the College of Nursing undergraduate program, apply to the pre-professional year at Parkland College (<http://www.parkland-college.sk.ca/programs/university/firstyear/prenursing.html>) and to the College of Nursing in Year 2 (<http://www.usask.ca/nursing/bsn/admission/apply.php>). The BSN application deadline is March 31st. Contact an advisor to discuss your options.

## Community Outreach

2nd year Regina Campus student Sydney Lerat helped the College of Nursing engage with the Cowessess First Nation by hosting a community outreach event during their annual powwow. She organized hands-on activities related to early childhood literacy for children, youth and their families.



*Sydney Lerat hosts community outreach event at Cowessess First Nation*

## Learning and Discovery

The College of Nursing participated in the following events in 2016.

### Career Fairs

Yorkton Tribal Council "Working Together"	May
Career Explorations	November

### Lunch and Learns

Roles & Responsibilities	March
OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examinations) Prep	April
FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Network	October
Poster Presentations at Yorkton Hospital	November
Professional Practice	November

### Previous Reports

Our 2014 and 2015 Yorkton Program Reports are available on our website: [www.usask.ca/nursing](http://www.usask.ca/nursing).



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