



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

College of Nursing

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WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

On behalf of the College of Nursing, we are pleased to welcome you to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (BSN) at the University of Saskatchewan!

We are proud to inform you that you are entering a BSN program that is approved by the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association (<https://www.srna.org>) and accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (<https://www.casn.ca>). Through the integration of research, education, and practice, the College of Nursing strengthens nursing, health, and the health care system. We value integrity, social justice, unconditional positive regard, achieving one's potential, and have high expectations of our faculty, staff, and students. Your learning experiences will be facilitated by exceptional registered nurses who are committed to collaborative practice and patient-centered care.

Please note that as Public Health orders allow, the College of Nursing will transition back to in-person classroom delivery in the fall of 2021. During the fall term, theory courses will be delivered remotely, however course faculty may arrange occasional on-campus lectures and exams. Please review course communication and syllabi on Canvas for remote or on-campus scheduling. All 2nd year labs and seminars will be in-person in both the fall and winter terms and all clinical experiences will continue as scheduled.

We anticipate that all classes will resume on-campus in the winter term of 2022.

We want to reassure you that the college has almost a decade of experience facilitating remote learning and you will receive a high-quality education and will be well supported as you progress through your program.

In general, remote courses are scheduled within a timetable and are delivered either *synchronously* or *asynchronously*. In synchronous classes, the instructor and the learners interact in real-time (either in-person or online), while in asynchronous classes, there is no real-time interaction between instructors and learners. In the latter, content and learning activities are posted online and learners engage with these materials on their own schedule. Some courses blend synchronous and asynchronous approaches. For this reason, you should assume that every class will have a synchronous aspect and avoid scheduling other commitments that conflict with class times.

An example of a blended event is the BSN Orientation. You will participate in some portions of the orientation via WebEx (synchronously) and other portions will be self-study (asynchronous).

The orientation schedule and format will be posted on the College of Nursing website later in the summer.

A stable internet connection and a reliable device are essential to your remote studies. Please see the following link for recommended technology requirements for remote/online learning <https://students.usask.ca/remote-learning/tech-requirements.php#LaptopRecommendations>

COVID-19 Directives

All students must complete the USask Covid-19 safety training [[Health and Safety Requirements - COVID-19 | Protect the Pack - University of Saskatchewan \(usask.ca\)](#)]. Please email the certificate of completion to your site-specific administrative support person listed below.*

All students are expected to follow all Public Health and USask COVID-19 orders. Students will be subject to the same precautions as Saskatchewan Health Authority staff while in the clinical setting (e.g., the continuous mask and other personal protective equipment (PPE) policies). 3 ply masks will be provided for on-campus use.

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Students should strongly consider receiving a COVID-19 and the annual influenza vaccinations.

While year two students will not be caring for patients who are COVID positive, receiving a COVID-19 vaccination is strongly recommended.

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Please review the College's policy on attendance: <https://nursing.usask.ca/policies/overview.php>

GETTING STARTED

It is now time to take the next steps to prepare for the exciting journey ahead. Please visit the College of Nursing webpage (nursing.usask.ca/students/bsn/getting-started.php) to review the following:

- Orientation Agenda (available mid-August)
- 2021-2022 Student Handbook (available in July)
- Clinical Requirements, Uniforms and Supply List
- Technology Requirements

CLASS REGISTRATION

Register now for your 2021-2022 Fall and Winter Term classes through PAWS. Information about your courses can be found online at:

<https://nursing.usask.ca/documents/about/resources/brochures/bsn-sample-course-organization.pdf>

BSN PROGRAM ORIENTATION – REMOTE WEBEX ONLY

Mark your calendars for the **BSN Program Orientation** on **Wednesday September 1, 2021**. Your attendance at this orientation is mandatory as it will provide important information for your continued success in the program. When it is finalized, the agenda will be available at <https://nursing.usask.ca/students/bsn/getting-started.php>

College of Nursing Campuses & Distributed Sites: Contact Information

Saskatoon:

Health Science Building - 1A10

107 Wiggins Road

Tel: 306-966-6221

Email:

undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca

Regina:

Regina Campus

4400-4th Avenue

Tel: 1-306-337-3800

Email:

undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca

Yorkton:

Parkland College

200 Prystai Way

Tel: 1-306-337-3800

Email:

undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca

Prince Albert:

Prince Albert Campus

1061 Central Avenue

Tel: 306-765-3870

Email:

undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca

Île-à-la-Crosse:

Integrated Services Centre

Lajeunesse Avenue

Tel: 1-306-765-3870

Email:

undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca

La Ronge:

Mistasinihk Place

1328 La Ronge Ave

Tel: 1-306-765-3870

Email:

undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca

ACADEMIC ADVISING

If you have questions or wish to speak to an academic advisor, please visit nursing.usask.ca/advising/contact.php or book an appointment through <https://nursing.usask.ca/advising/appointments.php>.

YOUR USASK EMAIL ADDRESS

All emails from the College of Nursing will be sent to your USask NSID email address (e.g. abc123@mail.usask.ca); therefore, please check it daily.

We wish to extend our best wishes for a rewarding learning experience, and we look forward to meeting you on Wednesday September 1st, 2021.



Dr. Hope Bilinski RN PhD
Associate Dean, Academic
Saskatoon Campus



Dr. Gerri Lasiuk RPN RN PhD
CPMHN(C)
Assistant Dean, Regina & South



Dr. Lynn Jansen RN PhD
Assistant, Dean Prince Albert &
North



WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING PRINCE ALBERT, LA RONGE, AND ILE A LA CROSSE CAMPUSES!

LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The **Prince Albert** campus is located at 1061 Central Avenue. Parking is available through the City of Prince Albert. Please see the following link <https://www.citypa.ca/en/parking-streets-and-transportation/resources/Documents/2021-Parking-in-Prince-Albert---2021-RATES.pdf>

<p>College of Nursing 1061 Central Ave Prince Albert SK</p> <p>Telephone: 306-765-3870</p>	<p>Professional Academic Advisor: Stephanie Beauchesne Email: stephanie.beauchesne@usask.ca</p> <p>To Book An Appointment: https://nursing.usask.ca/advising/appointments.php</p>	<p>Aboriginal Advisor: Tracy Gobeil</p> <p>Email: tracy.gobeil@usask.ca</p> <p>To Book an Appointment: https://nursing.usask.ca/advising/appointments.php</p>	<p>Academic Advising Email: undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca</p> <p>Website: https://nursing.usask.ca/about/prince-albert.php</p>
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The **La Ronge** campus is located at Northlands College, Mistasinihk Place, 1328 La Ronge Avenue. The **Ile-a-la-Crosse** campus is located on Main Street at the Integrated Health Services building.

<p>Northlands College Mistasinihk Place 1328 La Ronge Avenue La Ronge SK S0J 1L0</p> <p>Integrated Health Services Building Main Street Ile a la Crosse SK S0M 1C0</p>	<p>Contact: Northlands College – Pearl Gardiner, University Coordinator</p> <p>Email: gardiner.pearl@northlandscollege.sk.ca</p> <p>Telephone: 306-425-4312 or 306-425-0775</p>
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PRINCE ALBERT & NORTHERN STUDENT BUSINESS

TEXTBOOKS

You can order your textbooks and medical supplies from the Shop USASK Bookstore website at <https://bookstore.usask.ca/>. Under *Course Materials*, select *My Textbooks* to access your textbook list. You will need to enter your NSID (e.g. abc123) and password.

La Ronge and Ile-a-la-Crosse students can purchase textbooks directly from Northlands College. La Ronge students can pick up books from the Northlands College administration office at Mistasinihk Place. Ile-a-la-Crosse students can get books at the classroom in the Integrated Health Services Building.



Secondhand books may also be purchased from former or upper-year students. Textbooks can also be ordered through amazon.ca. However, please check that the ISBN number is the same as posted by the professor for the class.

LIBRARY SERVICES

As a University of Saskatchewan student, you have remote access to a number of electronic resources through the University of Saskatchewan Library. These can be accessed through the Library Resources channel in your PAWS account or at <https://library.usask.ca>.

Distance and Distributed Library Services (DDLS) are available at no charge to all University of Saskatchewan students, faculty, and staff living outside Saskatoon. The library will supply materials from our collections in response to requests submitted electronically. Books will be mailed with a postage paid return label. Copies of journal articles do not have to be returned.

<https://library.usask.ca/ddls/index.php>.

STUDENT WELLNESS-HEALTH PLAN

Full-time, on-campus students automatically pay for a health and dental plan provided through their student association (the USSU for undergraduate students and the GSA for graduate students). You must have a Saskatchewan health card, (or health coverage equal to or greater than that provided by a Saskatchewan health card) in order to make a claim on this extended health coverage. See the details in the link below.

<http://students.usask.ca/health/health-plans.php#StudentHealthandDentalPlan>

Students who are off campus (Regina, **Prince Albert**, Yorkton and the **North**) and those in Saskatoon who are taking NURS 450 and NURS 441 in term 1 will not be paying into the plan. This Health Insurance fee is charged to your fall student fees only. If you are off-campus in term 1, you will not be assessed the fee. **If you wish to have coverage, you must opt in.**

Please contact I have a Plan: <http://www.studentcare.ca/> for more details.

GUIDANCE RESOURCES FOR OFF CAMPUS STUDENTS

Through USask's **free** Guidance Resources program, off-campus and distance students can speak with financial experts, health coaches, mental-health clinicians, and lawyers.

Specialists are also available to provide pre-screened referrals and resources for just about anything on your to-do list. See details in the link below.

<https://students.usask.ca/index.php>



ACCESS AND EQUITY SERVICES

Students with disabilities such as Medical-based or learning, or requiring services or accommodation based on other prohibited grounds of discrimination — including religion, family status (including pregnancy) or gender identity—can access further information and support through University of Saskatchewan Access and Equity Services at <https://students.usask.ca/health/centres/access-equity-services.php> as well, through on-site advising services at the Prince Albert campus.

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND LEARNING SERVICES

Academic advising is available on-site or virtually at the College of Nursing, Prince Albert Campus. Book an appointment and access frequently used forms at: <https://nursing.usask.ca/advising/overview.php>

Additionally, academic advising and support for Indigenous students is offered in **Prince Albert and North** through the University of Saskatchewan Community of Aboriginal Nursing (UCAN) program: <https://nursing.usask.ca/indigenousinitiatives/ucan.php>

University of Saskatchewan Student Learning Services are available to all students throughout the academic year at <https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/>

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

Please review the document titled **Important Clinical Requirements** included with this package. This document includes a checklist of requirements and deadlines that must be completed for term 1. This document is also available through this link <https://nursing.usask.ca/documents/clinical/ClinicalRequirementsPA.pdf>

ORIENTATION

You are required to attend a virtual mandatory orientation to the nursing program on September 1, 2021. Connection and time information will follow.



Important Clinical Requirements – Prince Albert & Northern Campuses

The following Health and Safety Requirements must be completed prior to entering a clinical setting. Full details can be found at <http://www.usask.ca/nursing/clinical/healthandsafety.php>.

Please send **scans/and or photos** of the requirements **by email** to Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca. Ensure your **scan/and or photo** clearly states your name, the certificate/document type, and date completed.

It is your responsibility to keep your clinical requirements up-to-date. PLEASE KEEP ALL YOUR ORIGINAL RECORDS.

Important Information		
Requirements	LastName_FirstName_Doc Name	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Record Check (CRC) & Vulnerable Sector Search (VSC) – require both Due Date: Aug 15, 2021	LastName_FirstName_CRC-VSC	Current within 6 months. Please contact your home police department or RCMP detachment. Saskatoon Police Letter – embossment must be visible. Should they require a letter please email Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca .
<input type="checkbox"/> CPR-C & AED Due Date: Aug 15, 2021	LastName_FirstName_CPR	Requires re-certification every 2 years. PA: Training centres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parkland Ambulance - https://www.parklandambulance.com/item/264-first-aid-and-cpr – registration 306-953-8350 ❖ St. John Ambulance - https://www.sja.ca/en/first-aid-training ❖ React and Respond First Aid – please email Jan Cej at reactandrespond@sasktel.net La Ronge & Ile a la Crosse: contact Pearl Gardiner, University Coordinator, Northlands College – gardiner.pearl@northlandscollege.sk.ca or 306-425-4314 for information on locations and times
<input type="checkbox"/> TLR – Transferring Lifting Repositioning Due Date: Proof of registration by Aug 15, 2021	LastName_FirstName_TLR	Re-certify every 3 years. PA: Training available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Saskatchewan PolyTech- register ASAP online https://saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/part-time-studies/course/transfer-lift-repostntrlrc/SPCR-100/ ❖ (Saskatoon) SIMS (Saskatoon Institute for Medical Simulation) - register at TLR Provider - Saskatoon Institute for Medical Simulation (sksims.ca) La Ronge & Ile a la Crosse: contact Pearl Gardiner, University Coordinator, Northlands College – gardiner.pearl@northlandscollege.sk.ca or 306-425-4314 for information on locations and times

<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Mask Fit Testing Due Date: August 30, 2021	LastName_FirstName_FIT	Re-fit every 2 years. PA: Dates Available: August 24, 25, 26, 27 2021 by David Mandeville. Sign-up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948A4AB29AAF58-bsnn951 La Ronge & Ile a la Crosse: contact Pearl Gardiner, University Coordinator, Northlands College – gardiner.pearl@northlandscollege.sk.ca or 306-425-4314 for information on locations and times
<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Photo ID Due Date: Aug 15, 2021 (or upon acceptance)	Lastname_FirstName_NSID	Please email a picture of yourself that meets the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The photo must be a close-up of your head and shoulders shot on a plain light-coloured background with a direct view of your face – similar to a driver’s license photo • The photo must be in a .jpg file format and should be less than 2MB • Provide your First name, Last name, and NSID • Headwear must be removed unless it is worn for medical or religious reasons
<input type="checkbox"/> HSPnet Consent Form Due Date: Aug 15, 2021	LastName_FirstName_HSPnet	Please complete HSPnet consent form: https://nursing.usask.ca/documents/programs/bsn/hspnet_consent.pdf email: Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca
Immunization Requirements		
<input type="checkbox"/> Immunization Requirements Consent Form with records – Due Date: Aug 15, 2021	LastName_FirstName_IMM Form	Please send signed consent form along with your immunization records (see below) https://nursing.usask.ca/documents/clinical/ClinicalRequirementsPA.pdf
<input type="checkbox"/> Immunization Records Include: Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td): Primary series of 3-5 doses, then a booster every 10 years. Pertussis: Primary series and adults are encouraged to have a Td booster with the pertussis component once in their adult lifetime. Polio: Primary series, booster if travelling in endemic areas. Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR): Proof of immunity by serological evidence (please attach) OR by documented proof of vaccination with 2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella. Tuberculin skin test (TST): Initial base line skin test required prior to client contact. If there is	LastName_FirstName_IMM	https://nursing.usask.ca/clinical/health-and-safety.php#Requirements Note: Your records can be obtained from public health or through your doctor. If you do not currently have your *Hepatitis B immunizations you should begin this series ASAP, as it takes several months to complete. PA & Northern students: email a completed copy of your immunization records to bonnie.fisher@usask.ca or Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca . You will be contacted ONLY if you have outstanding immunizations.

<p>a history of a positive Tuberculin, a CXR is required.</p> <p>*Hepatitis B: A series of two or three doses followed by an antibody check. If you have already received the series, lab evidence of immunity is required (please attach). If the Hepatitis B Surface Antibody is non-immune (0 mIU/ml), a Hepatitis B surface antigen test must be done. If the antigen test is positive, consult your Health Care Provider. Refer to your specific College Policy for guidelines regarding clinical practice. If the antigen test is negative, (and antibody non-immune); revaccination and reassessment for immunity must be done.</p> <p>Varicella (Chickenpox): Serological evidence of immunity (please attach) OR proof of one or two doses of varicella vaccination.</p> <p>Influenza: Recommended annually</p> <p>COVID-19 Vaccine: Recommended</p> <p>Due Date: Aug 15, 2021</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Health & Safety Training</p> <p>Due Date: Sept 15, 2021</p>	<p>LastName_FirstName_COVID</p>	<p>Must be taken on-line from the USASK website. Re-certify every year. Register here: https://safetyresources.usask.ca/services/training/index.php Email your completed certificate to: Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> WHMIS 2015</p> <p>Due Date: Sep 15, 2021</p>	<p>LastName_FirstName_WHMIS</p>	<p>Must be taken on-line from the USASK website. Re-certify every 3 years. Register here: http://safetyresources.usask.ca/services/training/index.php (list your Clinical Coordinator as supervisor – Kim Lavoie, telephone 306-765-3877). email your completed certificate to: Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Uniforms & Supplies</p>	<p>No proof required</p>	<p>https://nursing.usask.ca/uniforms/overview.php for locations</p>
Consent Forms		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Student Confidentiality Agreement</p> <p>Due Date: Sep 15, 2021</p>	<p>LastName_FirstName_SCA</p>	<p>Form will be forwarded to your USASK email account. Fill out, sign, and return to: Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> Patient Confidentiality Agreement (Saskatchewan Health Authority) Due Date: Sep 15, 2021	LastName_FirstName_SHACA	Form will be forwarded to your USASK email account. Fill out, sign, and return to: Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca
<input type="checkbox"/> WCB Coverage Form (SHA) Due Date: Sep 15, 2021	LastName_FirstName_WCB	Form will be forwarded to your USASK email account. Fill out, sign, and return to: Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca

Should you have any questions regarding clinical requirements or clinical placements during your program, please contact your Clinical Coordinator at the Prince Albert Campus, Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca.



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

PRINCE ALBERT & NORTHERN NURSING STUDENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The University of Saskatchewan requires that all students attending a Health Science College provide documented proof of immunization.
- All nursing students are required to complete the recommended immunizations for health care workers as outlined in the Saskatchewan Immunization Manual, Chapter 7 Section 6.4 (available online at: www.ehealthsask.ca/services/manuals/Pages/SIM.aspx) prior to any contact between students and patients/clients.
- Students are required to submit to the College of Nursing proof of immunizations prior to participation in clinical experience.
- Failure to maintain recommended immunizations may delay a student's progress in their studies.
- Specific immunizations will be required for certain clinical placements and in specific circumstances, such as disease outbreaks. Students who refuse or are unable to comply with this requirement may be at risk of not being able to complete required components of their program.
- Any applicable costs of immunization are the responsibility of the student.
- **CONSENT:** Immunization records and/or serology results will be shared from Student Wellness and/or the Nurse reviewing your records with your College and clinical placements throughout your studies as required – this is to ensure your safety and the safety of your clients. You are required to sign a consent form to authorize sharing of this information.

IMMUNIZATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review your immunization requirements (see page 3).
2. Locate your childhood and adult immunization records. If you do not have these records, contact your Public Health Unit or Family Doctor.
 - a. If you were immunized in and around the Saskatoon area, please visit this website: www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca/locations_services/Services/Immunization/Pages/Immunization-Record-Requests.aspx or call the immunization record line at 306-655-4090. There is \$25.00 charge to get your records.
 - b. If you were immunized in and around the Regina area, call the Immunization Office at 306-766-7904. There is a \$25.00 charge to get your records.
 - c. For all other regions, contact your Home Public Health region. If you need to determine which region to contact, please visit: www.saskhealthauthority.ca/services-locations/Pages/Home.aspx.





3. Where to send:
 - a. For **Prince Albert and Northern students**, send a **completed copy** (including tuberculin skin test) of your immunizations to bonnie.fisher@usask.ca or Nursing.PrinceAlbertClinical@usask.ca. You will be contacted **ONLY** if you have outstanding immunizations. **Note:** The Immunization Requirements Consent form must be completed.
4. You may choose to see your Family Physician to begin and/or complete your immunization review, however please note the following:
 - a. For **Prince Albert and Northern students**, you are responsible for ensuring your immunizations are fully complete prior to submitting them.



SPECIFIC IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td):

- Primary series of 3-5 doses, then a booster every 10 years

Pertussis:

- Primary series and adults are encouraged to have a Td booster with the pertussis component once in their adult lifetime. Some colleges mandate this.

Polio:

- Primary series, booster if travelling in endemic areas

Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR):

- Proof of immunity by serological evidence (please attach) OR by documented proof of vaccination with **2 doses** of measles, mumps and rubella.

Tuberculin skin test (TST):

- Initial base line skin test required prior to client contact
- If there is a history of a positive Tuberculin, a CXR is required.

Hepatitis B:

- A series of two or three doses followed by an antibody check
- If you have already received the series, lab evidence of immunity is required (please attach).
- If the Hepatitis B Surface Antibody is non-immune (0 mIU/ml), a Hepatitis B surface antigen test must be done. If the antigen test is positive, consult your Health Care Provider. Refer to your specific College Policy for guidelines regarding clinical practice.
- If the antigen test is negative, (and antibody non-immune); revaccination and reassessment for immunity must be done.
- **Note:** if you do not currently have your Hepatitis B immunizations you should begin this series as soon as possible, as it takes several months to complete.

Varicella (Chickenpox)

- Serological evidence of immunity (please attach) OR proof of one or two doses of varicella vaccination

Influenza

- Recommended annually

COVID-19

- Recommended



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS CONSENT

I agree to comply with all immunization requirements of the University of Saskatchewan. I give consent for my immunization records and/or serology results to be shared with my college, clinical placements and administrative staff, as appropriate.

Student Signature: _____

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

College of: Dentistry Medicine **Nursing** Pharmacy & Nutrition WCVM

Graduating Year: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ **Given Name(s):** _____

U of S Student Number: _____ **DOB (dd/mm/yr):** _____ **M/F**

Health Card Number: _____ **Province:** _____ **Expiry Date:** _____

Address/City/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (C) _____ **(H)** _____

U of S NSID: _____

Emergency Contact (Name/Phone/Address): _____
