



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 SASKATOON CAMPUS!

LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The Saskatoon campus is located at the U of S main campus, in the Health Sciences building. Our staff and faculty are located in the A and E wings, and the Clinical Learning Resource Centre (CLRC) is on the second floor of the Health Sciences E Wing.

<p>College of Nursing Health Science Building – 1A10, Box 6 107 Wiggins Road Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E5</p> <p>Telephone: 306-966-6221</p>	<p>Professional Academic Advisor: Sheila Watts Email: undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca</p> <p>To Book An Appointment: https://nursing.usask.ca/advicing/appointments.php</p>	<p>Academic Advisor, Indigenous Student Advisor & Huskie Athlete Advisor: Trudy Unger Email: undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca</p> <p>To Book An Appointment: https://nursing.usask.ca/advicing/appointments.php</p>
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SASKATOON STUDENT BUSINESS

CAMPUS MAPS

The University of Saskatchewan campus is a large complex space, and some students may not have had access to the Health Sciences building previously. To locate classes and labs, you can view maps on <https://healthsciences.usask.ca/building-operations/building-policies-and-maps.php#MAPS> of all wings.

You can also visit <https://maps.usask.ca/> to see where buildings are located on campus, where paid parking is available, and other amenities such as food services.

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>

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>



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>.

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND LEARNING SERVICES

Academic advising is available on-site or virtually at the College of Nursing. 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 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/clinical/health-and-safety.php>

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 SASKATOON BSN

The Health and Safety Clinical Requirements **must** be completed prior to entering a clinical setting. Full details and select forms can be found online at: nursing.usask.ca/clinical/health-and-safety.php.

See page 2 for additional details on the documents

Due Aug 15 2021:

- Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search
- HSPnet Consent Form
- CPR-C (or BLS) with AED (proof of registration)
- Transferring Lifting Repositioning (proof of registration)
- WHMIS (USask version only)
- Covid-19 Health and Safety Certificate (USask version only)
- Saskatchewan Health Authority WCB Form ('schedule B')
- Send your immunization documents and/or schedule an appointment for review per your sites guidelines (see nursing.usask.ca/clinical/immunization.php)

Due Sep 15 2021 (You **cannot** attend your clinical without these, in addition to the items previously due):

- CPR-C with AED certificate (Heartsaver and BLS also accepted)
- Transferring Lifting Repositioning certificate
- Completed immunizations
- N95 fitting (USask will facilitate some sessions)

Please send scans of the requirements **by email** to Nursing.SaskatoonClinical@usask.ca

Ensure your scan clearly shows your name, the certificate/document type, and date completed prior to sending. Please name the file per naming conventions (see page 2 for – substitute your last name instead of smith and first initial instead of j). PDFs or digital images preferred.



Requirement	Due Date	Example File Name	Notes
<i>Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Search</i>	Aug 15	Smith_J_CRC	From within 6 months. Any CRC with an embossment must also have a physical original provided.
<i>CPR-C & AED Proof of Registration</i>	Aug 15	Smith_J_CPR_reg	Proof of registration is only necessary if the course is after Aug 15
<i>CPR-C & AED Certificate</i>	Sep 15	Smith_J_CPR	The College of Nursing currently requires CPR recertification at least every 2 years.
<i>Immunizations</i>	Sep 15	Smith_J_Imm	nursing.usask.ca/clinical/immunization.php Note: if you do not currently have your Hepatitis B immunizations you should begin this series ASAP , as it takes several months to complete. Please refer to immunization document for more information.
<i>WHMIS</i>	Aug 15	Smith_J_WHMIS	U of S only (no cost from Safety Resources), renew every 3 years.
<i>Covid-19 Health and Safety Certificate</i>	Aug 15	Smith_J_Covid_Cert	U of S only (no cost from Safety Resources), renew annually.
<i>Transferring, Lifting, Repositioning (TLR) Proof of Registration</i>	Aug 15	Smith_J_TLR_reg	Proof of registration is only necessary if the course is after Dec 1
<i>Transferring, Lifting, Repositioning (TLR) Certificate</i>	Sep 15	Smith_J_TLR	Recertify every 3 years. Register ASAP through Saskatchewan Polytechnic, at: saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/part-time-studies/course/transfer-lift-repostntlrrc/SPCR-100/
<i>HSPnet Consent Form</i>	Aug 15	Smith_J_HSPnet	Information available online at: nursing.usask.ca/clinical/health-and-safety.php
<i>Saskatchewan Health Authority WCB Form</i>	Aug 15	Smith_J_WCB	Information available online at: nursing.usask.ca/clinical/health-and-safety.php
<i>N95 Mask fitting</i>	Sep 15	Smith_J_n95_fit	2 mask sizes required per SHA. USask will facilitate some sessions.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONTACTS

- Michele Loeffler michele.loeffler@usask.ca (Clinical Coordinator)
- Michelle Patterson michelle.patterson@usask.ca (Clinical Coordinator)
- Kayleigh Kazakoff kayleigh.kazakoff@usask.ca (clinical documents)

WHO TO LIST FOR WHMIS SUPERVISOR

	Saskatoon
Name	Michele Loeffler
Phone	306-966-7270
Address	104 Clinic Place Saskatoon

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK & VULNERABLE SECTOR SEARCH

Please note your Criminal Record Check must be obtained from your home community. If your home community requires a letter to issue your CRC, please contact your Clinical Coordinator.

Please note any CRC's from facilities where it states invalid without embossment or a seal is present (i.e. Saskatoon Police Services) must be provided as a physical original to your sites office as scanned copies from them are not valid. You may send a scan in before mailing your hard copy to facilitate the process.

Mail to:
 Attn: Kayleigh Kazakoff
 College of Nursing
 University of Saskatchewan
 Health Science Building 1A10 – Box #6
 107 Wiggins Road
 Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E5

IMMUNIZATION REVIEW

Please contact Student Wellness directly to schedule your immunization record review. Student Wellness can provide some outstanding immunizations and the required tuberculin skin testing (TST is subject to a fee). Please contact them at 306-966-5768 for more information.

TLR CERTIFICATES

Ensure you send both proof of registration and the certificate after completion. Register early for a course as they fill up quickly and you cannot attend clinical without this course.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- The University of Saskatchewan requires that all students attending a Health Science College provide documented proof of immunization.
- Please review <https://nursing.usask.ca/clinical/immunization.php> for the most up to date information
- 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 and provide this consent form to Student Wellness.

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. Send a **copy** of your immunization records AND Consent Form **by August 15th** (earlier is better if you can) to
 - Mail
Student.wellness@usask.ca
 - OR
 - Fax
Attn: Pam Komonoski
306-966-5786
4. Your first appointment will be a virtual / telephone appointment with the Registered Nurse. Once the Nurse has reviewed your records, the Student Health staff will contact you to book your virtual visit. If you haven't heard from them after several days you may wish to contact them directly. Your documents **must** be submitted to Student Health before your appointment.
5. Please note TST (tuberculin skin test) requires results read 48-72 hours after it is administered. Student Health charges \$40 payable by debit for this.
6. For additional questions and immunization review inquiries contact 306-966-5768.

Important: Place Riel is may be closed to the public or have limited access. Students that have an appointment to see the Nurse will enter by the foyer of the Murray Building (in between Place Riel and the Murray Library). Follow the arrows and signage from the main doors of Place Riel. You **must** have an appointment. You will be screened for Covid-19 symptoms the day before your appointment *and* when you arrive. If you are sick or have a fever, you must reschedule your appointment.

Your College requires you to have your immunizations reviewed and submitted by September 15th or it may prevent you from attending your clinical placement.

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

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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 Signed: _____ Date of Birth: _____

College of: _____ Dentistry _____ Medicine _____ Nursing _____ Nutrition _____ Pharmacy
_____ Physical Therapy _____ Vet Med _____ Public Health _____ Dental
Assistant

Graduating Year: _____

Student Information

Last Name: _____ Given Name: _____

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

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

Previous visit to Student Wellness Centre _____ Yes _____ No

Saskatoon Address/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (C) _____ (H) _____

U of S NSID: _____

Next of Kin (Name/Phone/City): _____