



WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF NURSING

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

You are entering a nursing program that is approved by the [College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan](#) and accredited by the [Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing](#).

Through the integration of research, education, and practice, USask 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.

You will be taught by exceptional registered nurses who are committed to collaborative practice and patient-centered care. You will be supported throughout your program by College of Nursing staff who are here to help you along your way with everything from academic advising to ensuring you fulfill your clinical requirements.

GETTING STARTED

It is now time to take the next steps to prepare for your exciting journey ahead. Please visit the College of Nursing website – [Student Section](#) to review the following:

- Orientation Agenda (available mid-August)
- 2023-2024 Student Handbook (available in July)
- Clinical Requirements, Uniforms, and Supply List
- Technology Requirements

CLASS REGISTRATION

Register now for your 2023-2024 Fall and Winter Term classes through [PAWS](#).

Information about your courses can be found online [here](#).

BSN PROGRAM ORIENTATION - MANDATORY

Mark your calendars for the **BSN Program Orientation on Tuesday, September 5, 2023**. Your attendance at this orientation is **mandatory**, as it will provide important information for your continued success in your program.

When it is finalized, the orientation agenda will available [here](#).

COLLEGE OF NURSING CONTACT INFORMATION

Addresses and contact information for the College of Nursing is available at [Contact Us](#)

ACADEMIC ADVISING

If you have questions or wish to speak to an academic advisor, please visit the College on Nursing website – [Academic Advising page](#) or book an appointment [online](#).

YOUR USASK EMAIL ADDRESS

All emails from USask 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 look forward to meeting you on **Tuesday September 5, 2023**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. A. Richter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Solina Richter DCur, RN
Dean and Professor, College of Nursing



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.

College of Nursing Telephone: 306-966-6221	Mailing Address: Health Science Bldg. – 1A10, Box #6 107 Wiggins Road University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E5	Undergraduate Office: Health Science Building Room 1A30
Academic Advisors: Email: undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca	Professional Academic Advisor Kim Lytle, RN, BScN, B.Ed. Health Science Room 1A50 To Book An Appointment: https://nursing.usask.ca/advising/appointments.php	BSN Nursing Advisor, (UCAN) U of S Community of Aboriginal Nursing Advisor Gina DiPaolo. MA Global Studies & Education Health Science Room 1A50 To Book An Appointment: https://nursing.usask.ca/advising/appointments.php

SASKATOON STUDENT BUSINESS

ORIENTATION

You are required to attend a **MANDATORY ORIENTATION** to the BSN program **on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Location and time information will follow.**

CLASS REGISTRATION - *IMPORTANT*

You will need to register for the following classes:

- **Fall Semester:** MCIM 223, NURS 200, NURS 202 (plus lab) NURS 204 (plus seminar), NURS 207, NURS 206 (plus required link) plus **any deficient class must be completed by December or you will be required to discontinue studies.**
- **Winter Semester:** PHAR 250, NURS 208, NURS 220 (plus lab), NURS 203 (plus lab), NURS 201

Registration tips: Prior to attempting to register clear your browser history, restart your device and register for **ALL CLASSES** at once; do not hit submit between classes.

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 Aboriginal students is offered in 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>.

Be advised that your clinical shifts can occur on evenings, weekends, and stat holidays plus the schedule can change with short notice. Do not plan any event during clinical – exceptions will not be made.

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.



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.

Ensure your scan clearly shows your name, the certificate/document type, and date completed prior to sending. **Please name the file with your NSID** (example: abc123). **Please only send .pdf, .jpg, or .png files.**

PLEASE send all clinical requirement documents to: nursing.saskatoonclinical@usask.ca
Mailing address: College of Nursing, Health Science Building
 1A10 – Box #6, 107 Wiggins Road, Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E5

Required Certificates & Records	Due Date	Example File Name Your NSID	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Search – must obtain both</i> <i>If your CRC-VSC is positive, please complete and send ASAP. Additional steps will be required.</i>	Sep 1	abc123 CRC	Current within 6 months from your home community. Need a <u>Vulnerable Sector Search</u> letter? Please include name and birth date when contacting: nursing.saskatoonclinical@usask.ca . Any CRC with an embossment, you must provide an original copy.
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>WHMIS – online through USASK only</i>	Sep 1	abc123 WHMIS	Renew every 3 years. No cost - https://usask.ca-central.catalog.canvaslms.com/browse/safety?query=whmis
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Phone Number</i>	Sep 1		Personal cell phone number required in case of a clinical placement emergency
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>CPR & AED Certificate (required every 2 years)</i>	Sep 29	abc123 CPR	Recertification every 2 years. Must include theory and hands on skills training for choking, CPR, and AED for infant, child, and adult. Accepted: CPR-C with AED, CPR-B with AED, Heartsaver, BLS (HCP)



<input type="checkbox"/> N95 Mask fitting Note: Respirator use waiver form is required for medical, personal and religious reasons (https://nursing.usask.ca/documents/clinical/usask-fit-testing-waiver-form.pdf)	Sep 29	abc123 FIT	USask will facilitate sessions in September. Please watch your email for further details. 2 SHA approved mask sizes required. Re-fit every 2 years. Alternative Options available: SK SIMS, Advanced First Aid Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Transferring, Lifting, Repositioning (TLR) Certificate	Sep 29	abc123 TLR	Recertify every 3 years. Register ASAP – courses accepted from Sask Polytech, SK SIMS, and SHA
Required Forms	Due Date	Example File Name	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Immunization Consent Form & Immunization Records	Aug 1	abc123 IMM.pdf	READ INFORMATION BELOW Immunization Requirements for Nursing Students
<input type="checkbox"/> HSPnet Consent Form	Sep 5		Forms will be provided for signing at the Mandatory Orientation Day – Sept 5, 2023
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Confidentiality Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> SHA Confidentiality Agreement	Sep 5		Forms will be provided for signing at the Mandatory Orientation Day – Sept 5, 2023
<input type="checkbox"/> WCB Agreement Schedule C	Sep 5		Forms will be provided for signing at the Mandatory Orientation Day – Sept 5, 2023

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING STUDENTS SASKATOON BSN

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 6.3](#) (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. Please send your immunization records and consent form via PDF format.

IMMUNIZATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review your immunization requirements (see page 4).
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 a 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 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:
<https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/facilities-locations>
3. Send a **copy** of your immunization records AND Consent Form via PDF format by August 1 (earlier is better if you can) to
Email: Student.wellness@usask.ca OR Fax: Pam Komonoski at 306-966-5786
 - a. Note: Your documents **must** be submitted to Student Health before your appointment.
 - b. The TST (tuberculin skin test) requires results read 48-72 hours after it is administered. Student Health charges \$40 payable by debit or credit. This means two appointments, two days apart for most students.
4. Please contact Student Wellness directly to schedule your appointments with them after sending in your immunization records: <https://students.usask.ca/health/centres/wellness-centre.php>.
5. For additional questions and immunization review inquiries contact 306-966-5768.

Important: You **must** have an appointment.

After you have received your documents from Student Wellness, please send those to the College of Nursing.

Your College requires you to have your immunizations reviewed and submitted to the College of Nursing **by October 7, 2023**. We recognize this may be “in progress” as of this date. New or updated immunization is required, but we require the initial review to be complete 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 Tdap or Tdap – Pertussis booster

Polio:

- Primary series, booster if travelling in endemic areas

Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR):

- Proof of vaccination (2 doses) OR proof of immunity by serological evidence

Tuberculin skin test (TST):

- Two step TST required prior to client contact

Hepatitis B:

- Two or three doses followed by an antibody check
- If you have already received the series, lab evidence of immunity is required
 - o If the Hepatitis B Surface Antibody is non-immune, Student Wellness will provide further direction
 - o **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 OR proof of two doses of varicella vaccination

Influenza

- Strongly recommended

Covid-19

- Strongly 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 Information

Last Name: _____ Given Name: _____
 DOB (dd/mm/yr): _____ Phone Number: _____
 Health Card Number: _____ Province: _____ Exp: _____ M/F
 Saskatoon Address & Postal Code: _____
 Next of Kin (name/phone #/relation): _____
 U of S Student Number: _____
 USASK NSID & Email: _____
 Previous visit to Student Wellness Centre: ____ Yes ____ No

<i>College</i>	<i>Saskatoon Campus</i>	<i>Regina Campus</i>	<i>Prince Albert</i>
Dentistry			
Dental Assisting			
Nutrition			
Pharmacy			
Masters of Public Health			
Physical Therapy			
Veterinary Medicine			
Medicine			
Nursing			
Nursing Post Degree			
Nurse Practitioner			

Graduating Year: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____