

Nursing

Nursing programs can be diploma, post-diploma, degree, after-degree, accelerated and post-RN. They may be offered in more than one location by an institution.

Nursing Post-Diploma Programs

Nursing Diploma graduates may receive 2 years program credit upon admission to a university post-RN baccalaureate nursing degree program. Post-RN baccalaureate nursing programs are offered by:

- Athabasca University
- University of Alberta (the program will be offered for a limited time - contact the Faculty for more information)
- University of Calgary
- University of Lethbridge
- Grande Prairie Regional College (offers UofA post-diploma program on a part-time basis; program will be offered for a limited time; contact the Faculty for more information)

Nursing Degree Programs

University of Alberta Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The UofA offers a Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program; the full four years of which can be taken at the following institutions:

- Grande Prairie Regional College
- Keyano College
- Red Deer College

The goal of the UofA Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Collaborative Program is to prepare nurses to provide nursing services in complex and rapidly changing practice environments. Students receive instruction from leading nurses, scholars, and clinicians. Graduates will be able to provide and to coordinate quality care to individuals, families, groups, and communities in a variety of settings. The collaborative BScN program provides the necessary background for the national licensure examination for Registered Nurses (RN), which is a requirement for nursing practice in Canada.

The predominant method of instruction is Context-Based Learning (CBL) which is an active and participatory approach designed to build knowledge and skills. With clearly established

learning goals and under the guidance of a tutor, the students work in small groups, exploring a series of real life situations. Each situation is designed as a story and provides information about a client, his or her life situation, and various health issues or problems. This approach helps students integrate content knowledge from nursing, physical sciences, medical sciences, social sciences and humanities.

Our Learning Resource Centre provides opportunities for students to learn and practice nursing skills in an environment that is real to life. This learning is experienced in our skills and simulation labs.

Each term, nursing practice occurs in concentrated blocks of time in a variety of community and institutional settings. These experiences enable graduates to be comfortable and competent in a variety of health care settings.

University of Calgary

The University of Calgary offers a flexible, innovative, Bachelor of Nursing degree to prepare students for the opportunities and challenges of a nursing career in a changing health care system. Throughout the program, students are provided with a sound theoretical base and supervised clinical experience in a variety of nursing practice settings. As of Fall 2010, the Faculty of Nursing is anticipating curriculum changes for the following undergraduate programs:

- Bachelor of Nursing Regular Track Program
- Bachelor of Nursing Accelerated Track Program
- Combined Bachelor of Kinesiology (General)/ Bachelor of Nursing Regular Track Program.

Students are advised to contact the Student Advising Office in the Faculty of Nursing or refer to www.ucalgary.ca/nu for more details.

University of Calgary Bachelor of Nursing at Medicine Hat College

The University of Calgary (UofC) Bachelor of Nursing at Medicine Hat College (MHC) Site offers two routes leading to a Bachelor of Nursing Degree, both which are offered entirely on the MHC campus. The first route is a three-and-a-

half calendar year program offered entirely on the MHC campus. Students apply through MHC and are MHC students for their first two years.

Students apply to the UofC for the third year and are guaranteed acceptance if they successfully complete the first two years of the program and meet all other UofC Faculty of Nursing admission criteria. They complete their third and fourth year as UofC students, but remain on the MHC campus. The second route is a BN Transitioning Program at Medicine Hat College for Licensed Practical Nurses and Emergency Medical Technicians-Paramedics who have graduated from the PN Certificate Program at Bow Valley College, the PN Diploma Program at Bow Valley College or the EMT-P Program at Medicine Hat College. These students apply to MHC for the transitioning year of their program and then to UofC for the remainder of the program.

Nursing Education in southwestern Alberta (NESA)

NESA is a collaborative 32-month Bachelor of Nursing program offered by the University of Lethbridge (UofL) and Lethbridge College. The first two years of the program are offered at the UofL. Students seeking admission to the Bachelor of Nursing program apply directly to the UofL.

Mount Royal College Bachelor of Nursing

This 4-year degree program is offered by Mount Royal. Applicants may enter directly from high school or as mature students or as transfer students with prior post-secondary courses. Graduates may elect to write the Canadian Registered Nurses Examination upon completion of the program.

Grant MacEwan College Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program comprises 132 credits over four years. The program is offered at the City Centre Campus of Grant MacEwan College and students have the option of a September or January entry into first year. The curriculum is designed to prepare graduates who are committed to excellence and have the knowledge and skills to practice in diverse settings.

Graduates are eligible to write the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE) to become Registered Nurses (RNs). This is a highly competitive program with strict intake limits.

Applicants are advised to carefully review the competitive admission requirements outlined in the MacEwan Academic Calendar and further details at www.macewan.ca/nursing.

After Degree Nursing Programs

University of Alberta Bachelor of Science in Nursing After Degree

BScN After Degree program at the UofA is available for students with a completed undergraduate or graduate degree in another field. The Faculty of Nursing recognizes that students who already hold a degree have developed critical thinking and analytical skills. These skills, combined with career and life experience and, in many cases, additional education, make these individuals excellent candidates for this program. Courses completed in a previous degree will be considered for credit if they are equivalent to courses in Nursing. The program can be completed in 23 months. The University of Alberta After Degree Program is also offered in Camrose, Alberta and has a rural/urban focus.

University of Lethbridge Bachelor of Nursing After Degree

The Bachelor of Nursing After Degree program is designed for students who have completed an approved baccalaureate degree in another discipline, from a post-secondary institution recognized by the University of Lethbridge. This is a 23-month continuous program starting in September of each year.

University of Lethbridge Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing for Registered Nurses with Specialty Certification

This is a 15-course program for graduates of a recognized diploma program who also hold a Canadian Nursing Association Certificate in a recognized nursing specialty or a certificate in a recognized nursing specialty from an approved School of Nursing.