



NURSING



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INTERESTED IN USASK NURSING?



Our roots run deep. By choosing the University of Saskatchewan for your nursing education, you are choosing a University that's been delivering degree level nursing education since 1938.

As a University of Saskatchewan (uSask) nursing student, you will be studying at one of Canada's top 15 research-intensive universities, which offers a full range of human, animal and plant sciences.

Engaged faculty and staff at our campuses in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Regina, and at our distributed sites in Île-à-la-Crosse, La Ronge and Yorkton, are interested in creating an innovative and creative student education experience for all of our students.

As a nursing student, you will benefit from an interprofessional education designed to connect you with some of Canada's leading experts in teaching, scholarship and research, including expert nursing professors, the majority of whom have PhDs.

You will also have many opportunities to build relationships with individuals who will be working in other health science professions when you become a registered nurse, including students and faculty from a wide range of disciplines, such as: clinical psychology, dentistry, kinesiology, medicine, nutrition, pharmacy, physical therapy, public health and veterinary medicine.



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College of Nursing



Learn where you live

The College of Nursing is committed to a “learn where you live” philosophy. Take your program at campuses in Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon or through distributed learning (video and web conferencing, blackboard online, lecture capture and remote presence “robotics”) at sites in Île-à-la-Crosse, La Ronge and Yorkton. Take the opportunity to complete your nursing education in your community.

YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

Nursing is a leading health-care profession, with a wide variety of career opportunities. Nurses work with their minds, hands and hearts, while using advanced technology to provide health-care services to individuals, families, groups and communities.

Nurses can choose from a variety of rewarding careers, including:



GOVERNMENT

- Development of health-care policy



INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AGENCIES

- Clinical and non-clinical opportunities with agencies, such as UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO)



CLINICAL PRACTICE

- Hospitals – medical, surgical, pediatrics, obstetrics, etc.
- Community – public health, schools, addictions, shelter agencies, etc.
- Long-term care – secure environments, care homes, rehabilitation residences, etc.
- Nurse educator
- Administration
- Non-profit sector
- Forensics
- Air ambulance
- Occupational health
- Northern nursing
- Rural and remote communities
- International settings



MILITARY SERVICE

- Nursing officers



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Take your nursing education to the next level with College of Nursing graduate studies in one of the following programs:

- Master of Nursing (MN)
- Master of Nursing – Nurse Practitioner (MN – NP)
- Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner Certificate (MN – NP)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing



To become a registered nurse, you need:

- a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree (the outcome of our program)
- clinical practice (included in our program)
- successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)
- registration with a provincial regulatory body (such as the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association)

OUR PROGRAMS



Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is a non-direct entry four-year degree program, which includes a pre-professional year of university-level courses, followed by three years of nursing education and clinical practice opportunities.

YEAR 1: PRE-PROFESSIONAL YEAR

Including courses in the humanities, natural, social and health sciences, the pre-professional year builds the foundation of the nursing program and prepares students for upper-year nursing classes. These courses may also be applied toward other health science degrees.

The pre-professional year is made up of the following University of Saskatchewan courses, or their transferable equivalents from other institutions. Please visit nursing.usask.ca for a listing of approved prerequisite equivalents.

- English (3 credit units)
- Indigenous Studies (3 credit units)
- Chemistry (3 credit units)
- Biology (3 credit units)
- Statistics (3 credit units)
- Nutrition (3 credit units)*
- Psychology (3 credit units)
- Social Science elective (3 credit units)
- Open electives (6 credit units)

* Must have been completed within the last 10 years.

Note: Courses that exceed the number of required subject credits may be used to fulfill social science or open elective requirements, as applicable.

YEARS 2, 3 AND 4: NURSING EDUCATION AND CLINICAL PRACTICE

In Years 2, 3 and 4 of your program, you will engage in an innovative interprofessional education, challenging you to push the boundaries of knowledge in health. You will take courses in human body systems, microbiology, pharmacology and nursing topics. You will also participate in nursing practice, patient- and family-centred care and clinical learning experiences.



Post-Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Post-Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is an undergraduate degree option at the College of Nursing, which recognizes previous university achievements and provides the opportunity for students to earn a BSN in a condensed period of time. It is available to students who have completed a baccalaureate degree in another field or who have made significant progress toward a degree.

This option provides the opportunity for full-time intensive study with program completion in less than two calendar years.

YOUR USASK EXPERIENCE



At the University of Saskatchewan (uSask), your path to becoming a registered nurse is supported every step of the way through innovative teaching methods, a strong community of support and many opportunities for personal and professional development.

Awards and scholarships

There are many scholarships and bursaries available for nursing students. Undergraduate and graduate students are recognized with more than 100 scholarships and awards at our annual awards ceremony.

Clinical experience

Nursing requires clinical experience. Our program includes access to clinical practice opportunities in hospitals and community agencies with exceptional nurses committed to quality patient care. Clinical practice gives you experience, empowering you to make a difference in the future of health care.

Learn abroad

In our globalized world, there is a growing need to develop our understanding of universal health issues. Expanding our reach beyond our borders is an important theme in the College of Nursing. We encourage faculty, staff and students to participate in research projects around the world.

Pathway for Indigenous students

We know that your journey to become a registered nurse starts before your first day of classes and continues after you write your last exam. To help First Nations and Métis nursing students become successful nurses, we will help you learn about careers in the field of health, find support and advising while you complete your BSN, participate in a mentorship program when you are ready to transition to the workforce and access continuing education as you further your career.

University of Saskatchewan Community of Aboriginal Nursing (UCAN)

As you work toward completing your degree, you will find unparalleled personal, tutorial and academic support through the University of Saskatchewan Community of Aboriginal Nursing (UCAN), formerly known as the Native Access Program to Nursing (NAPN).

Aboriginal nursing advisors based in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert will work with you and your classmates at all of our sites to build community, and to provide advice and support throughout your program.

Although UCAN primarily supports First Nations and Métis students in the College of Nursing, support is extended to all nursing students, when needed.

Through UCAN, students can access the following services:

- Academic and personal advising in a culturally sensitive environment
- Referrals/advisement for childcare, housing and funding concerns
- Access to emergency loans
- Tutoring for various classes, when needed
- Student space with computer, printing and internet access (may vary by site)
- Scholarships to complete the science and math requirements towards, and in, the pre-professional year
- Gatherings and lunches
- Access to Elders
- Assistance with applications and course registration
- Partnering with post-secondary coordinators and communities

Wherever you are on your pathway to a nursing career, you are welcome to contact a UCAN advisor to help you on your way.

READY TO APPLY?



Pre-professional year

At the University of Saskatchewan, your pre-professional year courses can be completed in the College of Arts and Science.

The pre-professional year can also be completed through a variety of institutions, including the University of Regina and various regional colleges throughout the province.

While not required for admission at uSask, high school prerequisites for pre-professional year courses include the following Saskatchewan curriculum subjects, or equivalents:

- English A30 and B30
- Chemistry 30
- Biology 30
- Foundations of Mathematics 30 or Pre-Calculus 30 or Mathematics B30 or Mathematics C30

For up-to-date and province-specific admission requirements for the College of Arts and Science at uSask, visit:

admissions.usask.ca

For more information about the pre-professional year and nursing admission requirements, visit:

nursing.usask.ca

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You should apply to the College of Nursing to enter Year 2 of the degree program while completing the pre-professional courses in Year 1.

Admission to Year 2 is competitive; applicants are ranked according to average and the top candidates are selected.

Your pre-professional courses must be completed before April 30 of the application year for entrance into the College of Nursing, and you will need to attain a minimum weighted average of 60% in the 30 credit units* of required pre-professional courses to apply.

*One subject deficiency in Nutrition, Indigenous Studies, Statistics or a Social Science elective is permitted. However, for the admission average calculation, a grade of 50% will be assigned in place of a mark for the deficient course. If you are admitted with a deficiency, you will need to complete the class by December 31 of the year you are admitted.

Post-Degree BSN

You can apply to the Post-Degree BSN program if you have completed a baccalaureate degree or have made significant progress (at least 90 credit units) toward a degree, including these prerequisites*:

- Indigenous Studies (3 cu)
- Statistics (3 cu)
- Humanities (3 cu)
- Social Sciences (6 cu)

Must have been completed within the last 10 years:

- Anatomy and Physiology (6 cu)
- Microbiology (3 cu)
- Nutrition (3 cu)

*One subject deficiency in Nutrition, Indigenous Studies, or Social Science is permitted if the deficient course is completed by the end of December of the year you are admitted.

Admission to the Post-Degree BSN option is competitive. A minimum average of 70% (calculated on the last 60 credit units towards a degree) is required. A competitive average will be calculated based on post-secondary coursework completed before December 31 of the year prior to the desired entrance date.

English language proficiency

Applicants whose primary language is not English must present evidence of proficiency in English in the form of acceptable English language test results.

Students with disabilities

The college welcomes inquiries from students with disabilities. Prospective students with disabilities should be aware there are considerable physical and cognitive demands associated with nursing care. Applicants with questions regarding essential skills and abilities required of nursing students should consult with an academic advisor to discuss the demands required to successfully complete the program.

Entry statistics

We admit 345 students each year to the College of Nursing undergraduate program, with 16.6% of these seats reserved for Indigenous students.

	Quota	Total applicants (2017-2018)	Admission average
Four-year BSN	295 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 125: Saskatoon ■ 100: Regina ■ 15: Yorkton ■ 40: Prince Albert ■ 15: La Ronge and Île-à-la-Crosse 	605	≥75%
Post-Degree BSN	50	152	≥75%

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