

Faculty of Nursing

Summary of Degree Programs

Degrees Offered



Undergraduate

Bachelor of Nursing Program

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. Two BN routes are available: a two-year Accelerated Track for degree holders and a three- to four-year Regular Track for high school and transfer students.

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

This five-year program sponsored jointly by the Faculties of Kinesiology and Nursing (and administered by the Faculty of Nursing) leads to both the Bachelor of Kinesiology (General) and Bachelor of Nursing degrees.

Bachelor of Nursing Program at Medicine Hat College Site

The BN program at the Medicine Hat College Site is a collaborative program offered entirely on the Medicine Hat College Site. It was developed jointly by the nursing faculty at the University of Calgary and Medicine Hat College in order to allow students in the Medicine Hat area increased access to a

baccalaureate program without having to relocate.

Post Diploma BN Program for Registered Nurses

The Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing program is designed for persons who have completed a diploma nursing program in either a hospital school of nursing or a community college. To meet demands for flexible, accessible programming, the Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing program is delivered exclusively through the Internet/World Wide Web.

Graduate

See the Faculty of Graduate Studies calendar.

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Introduction

The University of Calgary Faculty of Nursing was established in 1969 as an independent unit within the University administrative framework, having equivalent status with other faculties of the University. The purpose of the Faculty is to prepare, at the undergraduate level, nurses who are qualified to assume first level positions in professional nursing, and at the graduate level, nurses who are qualified to assume leadership positions in professional nursing. It is recognized that professional nursing services are required in a variety of community health agencies, and learning experiences are provided for students in a number of significant areas.

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Pattern

The Faculty of Nursing offers a two-year baccalaureate accelerated track program, a three- to four-year baccalaureate regular track program, a two-year post diploma baccalaureate program, and an on-site program at Medicine Hat College, at the completion of which the student is awarded a Bachelor of Nursing degree. The Faculty also offers a two-year Master of Nursing program and a PhD program (refer to the Faculty of Graduate Studies calendar).

Objectives

BN Program at the University of Calgary and BN Program at Medicine Hat College

Upon completion of the BN program, the graduate will be able to:

- practice in a variety of settings including health care agencies/institutions, the home and the community
- consider factors influencing health and illness
- use knowledge, critical thinking and clinical skills for making sound judgments and providing competent care
- act to promote health, prevent disease, and care for individuals with acute, long-term, and anticipated terminal illnesses
- communicate effectively and develop professional relationships with clients
- practice with cultural awareness and sensitivity to the influences of racial and ethnic diversity on health
- participate in the advancement of nursing practice through research
- possess leadership abilities and organizational skills that make an effective contribution as a member of the health care team
- integrate changing technologies into health care
- be committed to the pursuit of knowledge, lifelong learning and professional development
- have a professional sense of social responsibility and be an active participant in influencing health, health care policy, and reform

Post Diploma BN Program

Upon completion of the Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing program, the graduate will be able to:

- synthesize concepts from the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences with nursing knowledge in the practice of nursing.
- demonstrate caring in nursing practice.
- apply the nursing process based upon conceptual frameworks of nursing.
- provide nursing care throughout the life cycles of individuals, families, groups and communities.
- demonstrate independent, interdependent and collaborative roles in the practice of nursing to promote, maintain and restore health of individuals, families, groups and communities, and when life is no longer sustainable, to assist in coping with the dying process.
- demonstrate accountability for the professional practice of nursing within current legal, ethical and professional standards.
- apply research findings in the practice of and for the advancement of nursing.
- accept responsibility for self-directed, continuous professional development.

Opportunities

Career opportunities in nursing are many and varied. Staff nurse positions are found in acute care (hospital) settings, extended care, home care, and community/rural settings. Nurses are also employed in occupational health nursing and in various government services such as outpost nursing, penitentiaries, international nursing or the Canadian Armed Forces. Once you are a Registered Nurse, you are eligible to work anywhere in Canada.

Student Affairs

Undergraduate Nursing Society (U.N.S.)

The U.N.S. is a society consisting of elected representatives from the Nursing student body. U.N.S. serves students by providing faculty-student liaisons, information on current nursing issues, graduation and yearbook funding, social functions and a support network for Nursing students.

Resources

The Faculty of Nursing is located on the first and second floors of the Professional Faculties Building on the main campus of the University of Calgary. The Faculty houses a Learning Centre which is designed as an interactive environment to advance excellence in Nursing. Within it, the acquisition of knowledge and skills is facilitated through a variety of resources which link nursing education, practice and research. A multi-media laboratory is also available for student use.

Courses in the Faculty of Nursing may be provided through computer based education, independent self-study and distance learning modalities as well as by the more usual classroom and clinical teaching strategies.

Nursing is a practice based profession. Clinical courses or "practice of nursing" courses occur in each session beginning in Winter of first year. Students complete their clinical experiences in a variety of institutional and community settings, including rural and urban centres, with a variety of client populations. Examples of facilities and agencies utilized by the Faculty of Nursing include: Alberta Children's Hospital, Alberta Hospital Ponoka, Alexandra Community Health Centre, Calgary Correctional Centre, Calgary Health Services, Claresholm Hospital, Colonel Belcher Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Home Care, High River Hospital, Peter Loughheed Centre, Rockyview Hospital, Stoney Tribal Health Centre, Strathmore Public Health Unit, Wood's Homes, etc. Many other community health agencies contribute in a variety of ways to the programs of the Faculty of Nursing. Out of region and international placements are arranged on an individual basis.

Faculty Regulations

Admissions

Deadlines

Refer to the Applications for Admission Schedule in this Calendar for application deadlines.

BN Regular Track program

- June 30 for documents from transfer students
- August 1 for documents from high school students

BN Accelerated Track program

- June 30 for documents

Combined BKin (General)/BN (Regular Track) program

- June 30 for documents
- (Note: First Year - apply by March 1 to Faculty of Kinesiology for admission, Second Year - apply by March 1 to transfer to combined BKin/BN program)*

BN program at the Medicine Hat College Site

- December 1 for applications to the University of Calgary (Students will apply by November 1 through the Medicine Hat College Registrar's Office; completed applications will be forwarded to the University of Calgary by December 1)
- June 30 for documents

Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing program for Registered Nurses

- June 30 for documents

New applicants should refer to "Admission Requirements" in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar for regulations regarding University admission requirements.

General Requirements

Students wishing to begin a Bachelor of Nursing degree program must meet minimum admission requirements as set out in the Program Details section. Also see the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

Applicants wishing to enter the Bachelor of Nursing degree program must commence their degree program course of study in September (Fall Session).

An interview may be required by the Faculty of Nursing.

Health Regulations

Applicants are required to complete a Health Questionnaire. In addition, all nursing students are requested to have completed a program of immunization and a chest x-ray as required. The necessary report forms will be mailed out by the Faculty of Nursing with the offer of admission.

Throughout their BN program, students are expected to keep their immunizations up to date and must provide proof of such updates to the Faculty of Nursing. Failure to do so may result in students being removed from their clinical course work until such time as adequate proof has been provided.

Academic Accommodating Policy

It is important for students with documented disabilities, who have met the admission criteria, to note that the Academic Accommodating Policy does not require the University to lower or substantially modify standards in order to accommodate students with disabilities. Adaptive technology and/or academic accommodations are available to facilitate learning, but they do not relieve students of their responsibilities to develop the essential skills and abilities expected of all other students.

Security Clearance/Criminal Record Check

Upon admission, all nursing students are required to provide proof of a current security clearance (also referred to as a criminal record check). In order to be considered "current" the security clearance must be completed during the three months prior to admission, i.e. June 1 - August 31. The original security clearance letter must be presented to the Faculty of Nursing Student Advisor no later than September 15 of the year of admission. Without this proof, students will not be allowed to participate in clinical practice courses.

Students who have lived in Calgary for at least six months may contact the Calgary Police Service Security Clearance Unit for information on how to obtain a security clearance check (403-206-2052). Students who are from outside of Calgary must contact the nearest Police Service in the area in which they have been living in order to obtain a security clearance check. Students who are concerned about the presence of a criminal record should contact the police department

to discuss the process for eliminating or erasing such a record. It is important that students keep the original security check for future employment purposes.

Students whose clinical placements are in health care agencies that do not require a criminal record check may be exempted from this policy.

Registration

Students should refer to the Registration section of this Calendar for registration procedures.

Accuracy of Registration

All students are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their registration and for arranging their course selections to meet all program requirements as detailed in this Calendar.

Interruption of Program Leading to a Degree

Students who interrupt their degree program in the Faculty of Nursing are warned that after an absence of one calendar year from academic study at university level, they may be required to comply with any regulations which may have come into effect in regard to their program and requirements. Students who choose to withdraw for a year will not be required to re-apply for admission. However, they must notify the Faculty of Nursing in writing by March 1 of their intention to return. Students who are required to withdraw for academic reasons must re-apply for admission.

Effective Writing Requirement

All BN Regular Track students and students in the BN at Medicine Hat College must satisfy the Effective Writing Requirement as outlined in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Certification

All BN students will be required to submit proof of current CPR Certification at the Basic Rescuer or Basic Cardiac Life Support or "C" level prior to the commencement of clinical practice courses. Evidence of such certification is to be shown to the clinical instructor.

Students will be responsible for obtaining course training and certification.

Course Work

Course Load

Only those students who attain a grade point average of 3.00 in a Fall or Winter Session will be permitted to register for one additional course in the next session. It should be noted that extra courses represent a substantial burden and may influence overall performance. Opportunities for accelerated progress in non-nursing courses exist

through credit courses in the Spring and Summer Sessions.

Transfer Credit

Core Nursing courses considered for advanced credit must have been completed within the last five years. There is no time limit on completion of support courses which include non-core Nursing options.

Students should be aware that advanced credits awarded to them are part of the basis on which they have been admitted to the Faculty of Nursing, and therefore are not used in the calculation of grade point averages for promotion purposes. However, in the case of Post Diploma students, advanced credits will be used for graduation purposes in the calculation of Degrees with Distinction and the Gold Medal Award.

Students refused transfer credit may wish to seek credit "by special assessment" (see below).

Prospective students should consult with the Faculty of Nursing if they are planning to take courses through the Faculty of Communication and Culture or through another institution such as Athabasca University.

See Program Details section for specific program regulations.

Course Work at Other Institutions for Transfer of Credit - Visiting Student Status

Students may be authorized to take some of their program course work at another institution if their registration as a Visiting Student is acceptable to that institution, and if they are in good academic standing in the Faculty of Nursing. Permission for such authorization will be given on a Letter of Permission form and requires the approval of the Faculty of Nursing. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each Letter of Permission.

On completion of studies, it will be the responsibility of the student to ensure that official transcripts of grades are forwarded directly to the Student Advisor in the Faculty of Nursing so that appropriate credit may be awarded. Students are advised that taking courses at the end of their program may affect their graduation date. Please contact the Student Advisor for more information.

Credit in Courses "By Special Assessment"

Students are referred to the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar for University regulations on obtaining course credits "by special assessment."

Students wishing to complete nursing courses "by special assessment" must obtain written permission from the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs), on the appropriate form headed "Permission to Take Courses By Special Assessment." Students wishing to complete non-nursing courses "by special assessment" require the final approval of the Associate Dean (Under-

graduate Programs) in addition to that of the Department offering the course.

Courses previously failed or one in which a higher grade is sought may not be taken subsequently "by special assessment," nor may any course be attempted more than once in this way. Not more than the equivalent of ten half courses (both Nursing and other courses) completed "by special assessment" may be counted towards a BN degree.

Extra to Degree Courses

Students may wish to register in non required courses which are extra to their Bachelor of Nursing degree. These courses may be taken by students pursuing a second degree (e.g. BA in Psychology), or may be taken just for interest's sake. Students must indicate at the time of their initial registration, courses which will be considered as extra to degree.

The grades obtained in extra to degree courses are calculated in the annual Faculty review of students' grade point averages, although they are not part of the BN program. All grades are included in the Registrar's Office calculations, and will appear on the student's statement of grades and official transcript of record. Students should be aware that the grades obtained in extra to degree courses may affect their overall standing and promotion from one year to the next.

Students who are interested in pursuing a second degree should consult the Faculty of Nursing.

Student Standing

General Requirements

The academic performance of students registered in the Faculty of Nursing is assessed at the end of each Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer Session except as indicated within specific program requirements listed below.

In order to obtain satisfactory standing in the Faculty of Nursing, students must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all clinical nursing courses. Students may carry a maximum of one "D" grade (i.e., "D+" or "D") in all non-clinical nursing courses.

A grade of "C-" or lower in a clinical nursing course must be cleared and satisfactory standing achieved before students may progress to any further nursing courses.

Students who receive a second "D" grade in non-clinical nursing courses must clear one of these two "D" grades before progressing to any further nursing courses.

Students who fail to attain satisfactory standing as defined above in either a clinical nursing course or a corequisite theory nursing course may be required to repeat both courses, and will meet with the Course Co-ordinator and the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs) to determine their progress through the program.

"F" grades in all required nursing courses must be cleared by repeating those courses before students may progress to any further nursing courses. "F" grades in required support courses must be cleared by repeating those courses. "F" grades in optional support courses must be cleared by repeating those courses or by substituting other approved options in their place.

Students may repeat a course previously failed or one in which a higher grade is sought. However, students usually will be permitted to repeat a particular course only once. Exceptions to this regulation may be made only in unusual circumstances and at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs).

Students will not be permitted to withdraw more than once from a particular course. Students will be required to withdraw if they have accumulated a total of more than ten half-course equivalent withdrawals while in attendance at the University of Calgary.

All grades (including original grades in repeated courses) are used in the calculation of grade point averages for purposes of the official University transcript of record and for progression in the Nursing programs as outlined in the sections "Students Previously in Satisfactory Standing" and "Students on Probation."

Policies Relative to Clinical Experience

Students are advised to read the general University regulations regarding attendance in the section of this Calendar headed "Academic Regulations."

Students may be required to complete clinical experience at sites other than the location of their residence. Students' clinical experience may also be scheduled at various hours, including evenings, nights and weekends.

Students must demonstrate satisfactory clinical performance as delineated in the behavioural objectives of the course. Participation in all activities that are related to clinical courses is mandatory.

Failure to fully participate in clinical and tutorial sessions will be reviewed by the faculty members teaching the course. Students are advised that evaluation will be based in large measure on their day-to-day performance.

A student who does not meet the course objectives due to absence may apply to the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs) for a deferral of term work. Students are cautioned that, even under extenuating circumstances, added clinical or tutorial experience is not always available, and therefore, in such cases, permission to defer term work will be denied.

Normally, a student will not be permitted to withdraw from a clinical course in order to avoid a failing grade in that course.

An instructor may prohibit a student from attending or completing a clinical experience if there is evidence that the student has

acted in a manner that is detrimental to patient care or that patient safety is at risk. The Associate Dean will be consulted or informed about any such situation or action. A student who wishes to appeal such a decision will follow the appeals process as outlined below under Appeals Process.

Students Previously in Satisfactory Standing

1. Will retain that standing if they have achieved a grade point average of at least 2.00 (first and second years) or at least 2.50 (third and fourth years and Post Diploma students) on all courses taken since their previous review.
2. Will be placed on probation for a maximum of one academic year if they have achieved a grade point average of 1.70 to 1.99 (first and second years) and 2.00 to 2.49 (third and fourth years and Post Diploma students) since their last review.
3. Will be placed on probation if they are required to repeat any nursing course, regardless of their grade point average.
4. Will be required to withdraw if they have a grade point average of less than 1.70 (first and second years) or less than 2.00 (third and fourth years and Post Diploma students) since their last review.
5. Will be allowed academic probationary status only once while registered in the Faculty of Nursing.

Students on Probation

1. May be permitted to proceed to higher level non-clinical nursing courses with the consent of the Associate Dean and Administrator (Undergraduate Programs), and as space permits.
2. Will be reinstated in satisfactory standing if they have achieved the required cumulative grade point average over all courses taken since and including those on their previous review.
3. Will be required to withdraw if they fail to achieve the required cumulative grade point average over all courses taken since and including those on their previous review.
4. Will be required to withdraw if they fail to obtain satisfactory standing in any subsequent nursing course, regardless of cumulative grade point average.

Students placed on probation or required to withdraw will be advised in writing.

Students required to withdraw may not apply for readmission in the twelve-month period following their withdrawal. Written application must then be made to the Dean.

Unsatisfactory Standing

The Faculty Council may refuse permission to a student or prospective student to enter any year of any course, if, in the opinion of the Council, the student shows a lack of general educational attainment. Further, a

student whose performance in the clinical area, in the classroom, in tests, or in final examinations is unsatisfactory, may at any time be required to withdraw from the Faculty.

Aegrotat Standing

Aegrotat standing (i.e., standing granted to a candidate who is prevented by illness from attending examinations) may be granted by the Faculty Council to a student registered in either of the last two years of the program.

Any student wishing to take advantage of this privilege should apply to the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing.

Dean's List

The Dean's List recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of all BN students in the Faculty. It is compiled annually at the end of the Winter Session and a statement of inclusion on the Dean's List will be recorded on the student's transcript. To be included on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.60 or higher in four or more half courses or equivalent in each of the previous Fall and Winter Sessions.

Graduation Requirements

To be awarded the Bachelor of Nursing degree from the University of Calgary, all BN students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.00 in first and second years and 2.50 in third and fourth years as set out in the Academic Performance Regulations section above.

BN students at the Medicine Hat College Site who opt for the nursing diploma exit at the end of third year will graduate from Medicine Hat College. Students who choose to exit with an RN diploma are required to complete all Nursing and support courses in the first three years of the curriculum.

Students in the fourth year of the program who are in unsatisfactory standing may not retroactively apply for the RN diploma exit.

Degrees with Distinction

The notation "With Distinction" will be inscribed on the permanent record and graduation parchment of all BN students whose grade point average is 3.60 or better in their most recent ten full-course equivalents taken through the University of Calgary Faculty of Nursing.

Students who have taken part of their course work at another institution or who have transferred into the Faculty with fewer than ten full-course equivalents remaining to be completed for BN requirements may be granted a degree with distinction at the discretion of the Faculty.

Appeals Process

Reappraisal/Appeals

Appeals initiated by students in the BN, BN at Medicine Hat College Site and Post Diploma programs will be governed by the University's regulations and procedures. Appeals at the Faculty level must be in writing, directed to the Dean and submitted within 15 days of the event or ruling giving rise to the appeal. Any such appeal must specify (a) exactly what is being appealed, (b) grounds for the appeal, and (c) the remedy sought. If sufficient grounds are not specified in the letter of appeal, the Chairperson of the Committee on Appeals may refuse to entertain the appeal.

Also see section on Reappraisal of Grades and Academic Appeals in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

Fees and Expenses

Tuition

Please refer to the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar for a breakdown of tuition fees. BN students who take courses in Spring/Summer Sessions to complete degree requirements will be assessed standard University tuition fees for these courses.

Non-Refundable Admission Deposit

Upon admission to the BN program students are required to pay a \$200 deposit to hold their position in the class. This deposit is applied to the Fall Session tuition fees and is non-refundable after August 1.

Residence

Students may obtain a brochure with up-to-date information on residence costs by contacting the University Housing Office.

Miscellaneous Expenses

Additional expenses will include:

- Uniforms, Shoes
- Laboratory Coat
- Laboratory Kits, Stethoscope
- Textbooks, Course Syllabi, Reading Packages
- Security Clearance/Criminal Record Check
- CPR Certification/Re-certification
- Immunizations
- Travel to and from Clinical Areas
- Parking Fees at Clinical Locations
- Sundry (Name Badges, etc.)
- Nurse Registration Examinations
- Letters of Permission for Visiting Student Status

Program Details

Bachelor of Nursing Regular Track (BNRT) Program at the University of Calgary

Introduction

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. Students entering the Regular Track program directly from high school will likely take four academic years to complete the program. However, transfer students with prior post-secondary course work may be able to complete the Regular Track program in three or three and one half years depending on availability of clinical and faculty resources and student demand.

Admission to the Program

See admission regulations in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

- (a) Standard (high school) Admission: English 30, Pure Mathematics 30 (or Mathematics 30), Biology 30, Chemistry 30 and one other "30" level 5-credit subject.
- (b) Adult Student Admission: English 30, Pure Mathematics 30 (or Mathematics 30), Biology 30 and Chemistry 30. The fifth 5-credit subject is waived.
- (c) Transfer Admission: This shall be determined on the basis of the grade point average calculated over the most recent course work to a maximum of five full-course equivalents (University of Calgary courses and/or transferable courses taken at other institutions). All grades within a session will be included except where the number of courses taken within a session exceeds that required to fulfill (to a maximum of) five full-course equivalents, in which case the highest grades will be used. Transfer students must also present the required matriculation subjects as outlined in (a) or (b) above.

Limitation of Enrollment

Enrollment in the BN program is limited. Applicants will be accepted on the basis of academic standing in high school and/or previous post-secondary education completed. As a consequence of the limitation on enrollment the following procedures apply: Preference is given to Alberta residents.

Course Requirements

The four-year curriculum outlined below is intended primarily for high school students. Transfer students who have prior post-secondary credit in non-nursing support courses may be eligible to complete the BN

in a shorter timeframe. Details will be made available to students as this program is phased in, and will be dependent on clinical and faculty resources and student demand.

1st Year

Fall Session

Nursing 201/203/205
Zooology 269
Science option (Biology 231 recommended)

Winter Session

Nursing 207/209/211
Humanities option (Jr. English recommended)
Social Sciences option (Psychology 205 or Sociology 201 recommended)

Spring Session

Nursing 213 (2 week consolidation)

2nd Year

Fall Session

Nursing 301/302¹
Nursing 311
Statistics²

Winter Session

Nursing 303/305¹
Nursing 309
Nursing 307
Open option

3rd Year

Fall Session

Nursing 401/402¹
Senior open option
Philosophy option

Winter Session

Nursing 403/404¹
Nursing 405
Senior open option

Spring/Summer Sessions

Nursing 406 (4 week consolidation)³
Nursing 501/502³

4th Year

Fall Session

Nursing 406 (13 week consolidation)³
Senior open option
Senior open option
Senior open option

Winter Session

Nursing 501/502³
Senior open option

¹Corequisite Theory/Practice courses in second and third years will run back to back (one-half class each session).

²Students may take any one of the following statistics courses: Anthropology 307, Applied Psychology 301, Political Science 399, Psychology 312, Sociology 311/315, Statistics 201, 211, 217, 333, or 357. Students who complete a full-year course or equivalent (e.g., Psychology 312 or Sociology 311/315) may also receive credit for a half

senior Social Sciences option or a half senior open option in the BN program.

Fast Track Option

Transfer students who have completed all of their support course options may be able to complete Nursing 406/501/502 within Spring/Summer Sessions, or Spring/Fall Sessions and complete the BN degree in three or three and one half years.

Other Requirements

Students who are unable to complete Nursing 201/203/205 in the Fall Session will be required to apply for readmission in a subsequent year. Students who complete Nursing 201/203/205 in the Fall Session but who are unable to complete Nursing 207/209/211 in the Winter Session and Nursing 213 in the Spring Session will not have to apply for readmission, but will be registered in subsequent sessions of these courses only as space permits.

Promotion from year to year is by recommendation of the Faculty of Nursing. For purposes of promotion, the academic year is considered to be from September 1 of one year to August 31 of the next. Hence, Spring/Summer Session grades are calculated with the previous Fall/Winter Session grades. The minimum requirement is a grade point average of 2.00 in each of the first two years and 2.50 in each of the last two years.

Program Regulations

Duration of Degree Program

Except with special permission of the Dean, the BN degree must be completed within seven calendar years from the date of initial registration in the program.

Transfer Credit

Students transferring from other institutions or faculties within the University are considered on an individual basis. However, students will be required to complete the equivalent of not fewer than ten half courses, at least six of which must be Nursing courses taken as a BN student.

Nurse Registration Examinations

In order to be considered eligible to write the nurse registration examinations, BN students are required to complete the fourth year program requirements with a minimum 2.50 grade point average.

Bachelor of Nursing Accelerated Track (BNAT) Program

Introduction

The two-year Bachelor of Nursing Accelerated Track (BNAT) program was developed in response to an expressed need by transfer students, particularly degree holders, to be able to complete a degree in Nursing in a shortened timeframe. The BNAT is a flexible, innovative program that will prepare students for the opportunities and challenges of a nursing career in a changing health care system. Students will receive a sound theoretical base and supervised

clinical experience in a variety of practice settings throughout the program.

Admission

The BNAT program is intended for students who hold an approved baccalaureate degree with at least 15 full courses from an accredited post-secondary institution recognized by the University of Calgary. Admission will be granted on a competitive GPA basis (calculated on the most recent five full-course equivalents), and in the case of equivalent applications, preference will be given to degree holders who have completed the Anatomy/Physiology and Statistics courses. Due to the extremely heavy nature of the program, it is recommended that students plan not to work while they are taking this program. Hence, students should ensure that they have financial resources in place prior to starting this program.

Requirements

Following is a list of the support courses that must be presented upon admission to BNAT or, in the event of a deficiency, must be completed prior to graduation. Students will not be admitted to BNAT if they are deficient more than four half-course equivalent support courses.

H Zoology 269

H Statistics¹

H Science option

H Philosophy option

H Humanities option

H Social Sciences option

4 H open options

6 H senior open options

Please note that Nursing courses in each Session will not necessarily be taught concurrently; most courses will be taught in a block. Students are admitted to third year.

3rd Year

Fall Session

Nursing 201/203

Nursing 207/209/211

Zoology 269

13 week session (normal timeframe)
22-27 hrs./week

Winter Session

Nursing 205

Nursing 301/302

Nursing 307

Nursing 311

13 week session (normal timeframe) 28
hrs./week

Spring Session

Nursing 303/305

6 week session (early May - mid June)
28 hrs./week

Summer Session

Nursing 403/404

9-10 week session (mid June - mid August) 27-30 hrs./week

4th Year

Fall Session

Nursing 401/402

Nursing 309

Statistics¹

13 week session (normal timeframe)
25-28 hrs./week

Winter Session

Nursing 405

Nursing 501/502

13 week session (normal timeframe) 30
hrs./week

¹ Students may take any one of the following statistics courses: Anthropology 307, Applied Psychology 301, Political Science 399, Statistics 201, 211, 217, 333 or 357.

Other Requirements

Students who are unable to complete the Fall Session of third year will be required to apply for readmission in a subsequent year, or will be considered for transfer to the BN Regular Track program only as space permits. BNAT students who complete the Fall Session of third year but are unable to complete any of the remaining sessions will be registered in those remaining sessions of BNAT only as space permits, or will be considered for transfer to the BN Regular Track program, again only as space permits.

Promotion from year to year is by recommendation of the Faculty of Nursing. For purposes of promotion, the academic year is considered to be from September 1 of one year to August 31 of the next. Hence, Spring/Summer Session grades are calculated with the previous Fall/Winter Session grades. Students must achieve a minimum 2.00 GPA in third year (first and second years in the Regular Track program) and a minimum 2.50 GPA in fourth year (third and fourth years in the Regular Track program).

Conditions and Regulations

BNAT students will be subject to the standard Faculty of Nursing conditions and regulations found in this section of the Calendar, e.g. Health Regulations, Criminal Record Checks, CPR Certification, Clinical Policies, Dean's List, Degrees with Distinction, Gold Medal Award, etc.

Duration of Degree Program

Except with special permission of the Dean, the BN degree must be completed within seven calendar years from the date of initial registration in the program.

Transfer Credit

Students transferring from other institutions or faculties within the University are considered on an individual basis. However, students will be required to complete the equivalent of not fewer than ten half courses, at least six of which must be Nursing courses taken as a BN student.

Nurse Registration Examinations

In order to be considered eligible to write the nurse registration examinations, BNAT students are required to complete their fourth year with a minimum 2.50 grade point average.

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

Introduction

The five-year program sponsored jointly by the Faculties of Kinesiology and Nursing (and administered by the Faculty of Nursing) leads to both the Bachelor of Kinesiology (General) and Bachelor of Nursing degrees.

Admission

Students wishing to pursue this program will normally apply to enter the combined degree after successful completion of at least eight half-course equivalents in the Faculty of Kinesiology. Biology 231 and Kinesiology 261 must be included in these eight half courses. Entrants into the combined program (i.e., Faculty of Nursing) must meet the transfer admission criteria that apply to the Bachelor of Nursing Regular Track program.

Students who apply to the combined program from a Faculty other than Kinesiology (or students who apply from an outside institution) must meet the annual admission criteria of both the Faculties of Kinesiology and Nursing plus present a minimum of eight half-course equivalents (which include Biology 231 and Kinesiology 261). Students should consult with the Student Affairs office in each Faculty prior to applying to the combined program.

Requirements

Students are strongly advised to adhere to the following program of studies.

1st Year

Apply by March 1 to Faculty of Kinesiology for admission

Fall Session

Kinesiology 201
Kinesiology 211
Kinesiology 243
Kinesiology 251
Kinesiology 261

Winter Session

Biology 231
Kinesiology 213
Kinesiology 245
Kinesiology 253
Kinesiology 263

2nd Year

Apply by March 1 to transfer to combined BKin/BN program

Fall Session

Nursing 201/203/205
Kinesiology 203
Zoology 361

Winter Session

Nursing 207/209/211
Kinesiology 355
Zoology 363

Spring Session

Nursing 213

3rd Year**Fall Session**

Nursing 301/302
Nursing 311
Humanities option

Winter Session

Nursing 303/305
Nursing 307
Nursing 309
Statistics¹

4th Year**Fall Session**

Nursing 401/402
Kinesiology 473
Senior Kinesiology option

Winter Session

Nursing 403/404
Nursing 405
Philosophy option

Spring Session

Nursing 406²

5th Year**Fall Session**

Nursing 406²
Senior open option
Senior Kinesiology option
Senior Kinesiology option

Winter Session

Nursing 501²
Nursing 502²
Senior open option

¹ Students may take any one of the following statistics courses: Anthropology 307, Applied Psychology 301, Political Science 399, Statistics 201, 211, 217, 333 or 357.

² Students who wish to fast track the fifth year Nursing courses may be able to take Nursing 406 in the Spring Session of fourth year and take Nursing 501/502 in Summer or Fall Session of fifth year, depending on clinical and faculty resources and student demand.

Other Requirements

Once admitted to the combined program, a student may elect to remain in it or switch to either of the two separate degree programs, as long as the requirements of each Faculty continue to be met. Failure to meet requirements will result in a student being required to withdraw.

Conditions and Regulations

Combined degree students will be subject to the standard Faculty of Nursing conditions and regulations found in this section of the Calendar, e.g. Health Regulations, Criminal Record Checks, CPR Certification, Clinical Policies, Duration of Degree Program, Transfer Credit, Dean's List, Degrees with Distinction, Gold Medal Award, Nurse Registration Examinations, etc. The promotion and graduation requirements of each Faculty apply.

Bachelor of Nursing Program at the Medicine Hat College Site

Introduction

The BN program at Medicine Hat College is a three and one-half year partnership program offered entirely on the Medicine Hat College Site. It was developed jointly by the nursing faculty at the University of Calgary and Medicine Hat College in order to allow students in the Medicine Hat area increased access to a baccalaureate program without having to relocate. The program has a focus on gerontology and rural nursing, and will prepare students for professional nursing practice in a wide variety of community and business settings.

Admission to the Program

Students will apply to enter the program in year one at Medicine Hat College. Upon successful completion of their first two years of the program and upon meeting the University of Calgary Faculty of Nursing admission criteria (minimum 2.00 GPA on the last 5 full-course equivalents), students apply to enter the University of Calgary as third year students. The remaining courses will be completed as University of Calgary students. The third and fourth year courses will be delivered on the Medicine Hat College Site with University of Calgary Faculty of Nursing professors as instructors of record. The fourth year is fast-tracked in the Fall Session, allowing students to complete the BN program in three and one half years.

Course Requirements**1st Year**

First and Second Years of the program are Medicine Hat College courses.¹

Fall Session

Biology 275
Junior English
Health Studies 210
Nursing 251
Psychology 205

Winter Session

Biology 231
Biology 277
Nursing 253
Nursing 255

Psychology 351

Spring Session

Nursing 263

Nursing 264

2nd Year

Fall Session

Nursing 351

Nursing 353

Nursing 361/362²

Winter Session

Nursing 363/364²

Nursing 365

Nursing 367

Open option

Spring Session

Open option

3rd Year

Fall Session

Nursing Offsite 451/452²

Statistics 333³

Winter Session

Nursing Offsite 453/454²

Nursing Offsite 455

Philosophy 313³

Spring Session

Nursing Offsite 457/458

4th Year

Fall Session

Nursing Offsite 551/553/554

¹ First and Second Year course descriptions will not be listed in the University of Calgary Calendar since students must complete them prior to their admission to this institution.

² Corequisite Theory/Practice courses in second and third years will run back to back (one-half class each session).

³ Students in the Fall Session of third year will register in University of Calgary courses (Nursing Offsite 451/452 or 453/454 while concurrently taking Medicine Hat College Statistics 333 and Philosophy 313). Fees for the latter will be due and payable to Medicine Hat College.

Other Requirements

Promotion from third year to fourth year is by recommendation of the University of Calgary Faculty of Nursing. For purposes of promotion, the academic year is considered to be from September 1 of one year to August 31 of the next. Hence, Spring/Summer grades are calculated with the previous Fall/Winter Session grades. The minimum requirement is a grade point average of 2.50 in each of the third and fourth years.

Program Regulations

Duration of Degree Program

Except with special permission of the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs), the BN degree must be completed within seven calendar years from the date of initial registration in the program. Students wishing to exit with a Medicine Hat College nursing diploma at the end of third year must declare

their intention to do so to the Medicine Hat College Registrar by December 1 of third year, and will have a maximum of five calendar years from the date of initial registration in the program to complete the course requirements for the nursing diploma.

Students exiting with a nursing diploma may apply for readmission into the program to enable completion of the final session and exit with a BN degree. No additional course work is required for diploma graduates in order to be readmitted into the final session of the program, space permitting and within a three-year time limit. Applications for readmission from Diploma graduates must be submitted by March 1 of the year they intend to re-enter. Their final session must be completed within two years following readmission.

Transfer Credit

Students transferring from post-secondary institutions other than Medicine Hat College are considered on an individual basis. However, students will be required to complete the equivalent of not fewer than ten half courses, at least six of which must be Nursing courses taken as a BN student at the Medicine Hat College Site.

Nurse Registration Examinations

In order to be considered eligible to write the nurse registration examinations, BN students at the Medicine Hat College Site are required to complete the fourth year program requirements with a minimum 2.50 grade point average. Students who satisfactorily complete the program by December of their fourth year will be eligible to write the nurse registration examinations in January and will be awarded their degree in June of the following year. Students who decide to exit with an RN diploma from Medicine Hat College must complete the third year of the program with a minimum 2.50 grade point average.

Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program

Introduction

The Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary is committed to baccalaureate education for nurses, and to making such education easily available. The Faculty offers a Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing (PDBN) program for nurses who have obtained a nursing diploma from a hospital or community college. In keeping with the University of Calgary's strategic direction, the Faculty of Nursing has endeavoured to meet student demands for flexible, accessible programming by offering non-traditional delivery methods using the Internet/World Wide Web. In addition, the Faculty has engaged in contracts with two colleges to facilitate baccalaureate completion by graduates of their programs.

1. The Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program for Web-Based Students (PDBN-WWW)

The Post Diploma program is offered exclusively via the World Wide Web. A sufficient number of option courses are available via the Web to enable all students to complete degree requirements. Students in Calgary and environs may also elect to take their support courses on-campus in the traditional way. Students should be aware that Web courses are subject to Outside Tuition Policy (i.e. tuition fees are higher).

2. The Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program for Centennial College Nursing Program Graduates (PDBN - CENT)

Graduates of the three-year Centennial College (Scarborough, Ontario) Nursing program can complete the Post Diploma program via the Web. Through extensive program evaluation, it has been determined that graduates admitted to Centennial College in Fall 1996-Fall 2000 inclusive will be permitted to take a reduced number of courses (11 half-course equivalents) for degree completion at the University of Calgary. Web courses are subject to Outside Tuition Policy (i.e. tuition fees are higher).

3. The Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program for Medicine Hat College Nursing Program Graduates (PDBN - MHC)

Graduates of Medicine Hat College (Medicine Hat, Alberta) can complete the Post Diploma program via the Web. Through extensive program evaluation, it has been determined that graduates admitted to the Medicine Hat College Southern Alberta Collaboration for Nursing Education (SACNE) program in Fall 1994-Fall 1998 inclusive will be permitted to take a reduced number of courses (10 half-course equivalents) for degree completion. Web courses are subject to Outside Tuition Policy (i.e. tuition fees are higher).

Admission to the Program

See admission regulations in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

For adult student admission, applicants must present Alberta Grade XII English 30 and Biology 30 with no grade lower than 50 per cent. Biology 30 may be waived if applicants present an Anatomy and Physiology course as part of their RN diploma program. In lieu of Biology 30, transfer students may present Biology 231, which will be credited as a half Science option in the program.

Applicants are required to submit two copies of each of the following documents to the Admissions Office:

- Official high school transcripts.
- Official school of nursing program transcripts.
- Official transcripts from university or any other educational institution attended by the applicant.

Details regarding transcript regulations may be found in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

Applicants must complete an Information Sheet; a standardized form will be sent to the applicant by the Faculty of Nursing.

Applicants who are successful in gaining admission must provide proof of current CPR Certification at the Basic Rescuer or Basic Cardiac Life Support level prior to the commencement of clinical practice courses, Nursing 441, 533 and 53. Applicants must also submit proof of current, active provincial/international nurse registration prior to the commencement of Nursing 533 and 543. Evidence of such certification is to be shown to the clinical instructor.

Limitation of Enrollment

Enrollment in the Post Diploma Program is limited. Applicants will be accepted on the basis of academic standing in high school and/or previous post-secondary education completed. As a consequence of the limitation on enrollment the following procedures apply:

- Preference for admission to all PDBN routes is given to applicants who have demonstrated academic ability at the university or community college (post diploma) level with a minimum grade point average of 2.50.
- Work experience, educational background, career plans, community and professional service will also be taken into consideration in the selection of candidates.

Course Requirements

Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program for Web-Based Students (PDBN – WWW)

Core Nursing Courses¹

Nursing 411 Nursing Scholarship
Nursing 441 Health Assessment
Nursing 531 Community Health Nursing Theory
Nursing 533 Community Health Nursing Clinical Practice
Nursing 537 Nursing Leadership and Management
Nursing 539 Research in Nursing
Nursing 543 Senior Practicum

One half senior Nursing option chosen from Nursing 421/461/503.08/511

Support Courses²

Applied Psychology 301
Three half open options chosen from courses offered by the Faculties of Humanities, Science and/or Social Sciences.
Three half open options

¹ Nursing 531 is a prerequisite to Nursing 533. Nursing 441/533 are prerequisites to Nursing 543.

² At least three of the six half open options must be at a senior level (300 or higher) and a maximum of two of the six half open options may be Nursing options.

Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program for Centennial College Nursing Program Graduates (Admitted to Centennial College in Fall 1996 to Fall 2000) (PDBN – CENT)

Core Nursing Courses¹

Nursing 411 Nursing Scholarship
Nursing 421 Nursing of Families
Nursing 441 Health Assessment
Nursing 531 Community Health Nursing Theory
Nursing 533 Community Health Nursing Clinical Practice
Nursing 537 Nursing Leadership and Management
Nursing 543 Senior Practicum

Support Courses²

Applied Psychology 301
Science option
Open option
Open option

¹ Nursing 531 is a prerequisite to Nursing 533. Nursing 441/533 are prerequisites to Nursing 543.

² At least three of the four half support courses must be at a senior level (300 or higher). One of the open options may be a Nursing option (e.g. Nursing 503 – Selected Topics).

Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program for Medicine Hat College Nursing Program Graduates (Admitted to Medicine Hat College in Fall 1994 to Fall 1998) (PDBN – MHC)

Core Nursing Courses¹

Nursing 421 Nursing of Families
Nursing 461 Pathophysiology
Nursing 531 Community Health Nursing Theory
Nursing 533 Community Health Nursing Clinical Practice
Nursing 537 Nursing Leadership and Management
Nursing 539 Research in Nursing
Nursing 543 Senior Practicum

Support Courses²

Applied Psychology 301
Open option
Open option

¹ Nursing 531 is a prerequisite to Nursing 533. Nursing 533 is prerequisite to Nursing 543.

² At least two of the three half support courses must be at a senior level (300 or higher). One of the open options may be a Nursing option (e.g. Nursing 503 – Selected Topics).

Other Requirements

Students' performance will be initially reviewed for promotion in the program when they have completed not less than the equivalent of six half courses. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.50.

Post Diploma students will not be allowed to register in courses which duplicate content already taken in their RN diploma program.

Computer System Requirements

In order to participate in web-based course work, students must be familiar with navigating on the internet and must own or have access to specific computer hardware and software. Please refer to the Faculty of Nursing website (www.ucalgary.ca/NU) for the most current computer requirements.

Program Regulations

Duration of Degree Program

The baccalaureate program for registered nurses must be completed within seven calendar years from the date of initial registration in the program. Students may complete the program on a full- or part-time basis. Part-time students are encouraged to complete some or all of the support courses prior to making application to the program.

Transfer Credit

Transfer credit from outside the Faculty of Nursing is limited to ten half courses. Students must complete the remainder of the program, including six half nursing courses, while registered at the University of Calgary.

Courses taken at a university or community college level may be transferable for credit provided that these courses were not used towards the RN diploma.

Students should also be aware that regardless of the number of transfer credits awarded, the program cannot be completed in less than three academic sessions.

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