



NURSING

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



UNIVERSITY OF
SASKATCHEWAN

INTERESTED IN NURSING?



The University of Saskatchewan (USask) has delivered degree level nursing education since 1938. USask is one of Canada's top 15 research intensive universities and offers a full range of human, animal and plant sciences programs. Our engaged nursing faculty and staff are dedicated to an innovative and creative student education experience. Students benefit from an interprofessional education and expert nursing professors, the majority of whom have their PhDs.

Once admitted to year two of the nursing degree program, students have the opportunity to study full or part-time and have six years to complete the program. Graduates from our nationally-accredited program perform competitively on the National Council of Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The College of Nursing has a long history of Métis, First Nations and Inuit student success and is recognized as having the highest number of self-declared Métis, First Nations and Inuit nursing students in the country. The University of Saskatchewan Community of Aboriginal Nursing (UCAN) recruits and supports Métis, First Nations and Inuit students enrolled in our nursing programs. 16.6% of seats in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program are reserved for Métis, First Nations and Inuit students; currently self-declared Métis, First Nations and Inuit students make up 19.9% of the undergraduate nursing student body.



Learn where you live

USask College of Nursing is committed to a 'Learn Where You Live' philosophy. Take your program at a campus in Prince Albert, Regina or Saskatoon or through distributed learning (video and web conferencing, blackboard online, and lecture capture) at sites in Île-à-la-Crosse, La Ronge and Yorkton.

OUR PROGRAMS



Bachelor of Science in Nursing

USask's 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

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

- English (three credit units)
- Indigenous studies (three credit units)
- Chemistry (three credit units)
- Biology (three credit units)
- Statistics (three credit units)
- Nutrition (three credit units)*
- Psychology (three credit units)
- Social science elective (three credit units)
- Open electives (six 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.

The benefits of the pre-professional year include:

- Learn how to study in a university setting.
- Prepare to be in a professional college.
- The opportunity to complete courses over more than one year if needed.
- The opportunity to take courses at a variety of institutions throughout Saskatchewan, other provinces and countries (courses must be transferable to USask).
- Completed courses can be applied to different USask programs, if you decide to change your career focus.
- Collaborate with other students who take the pre-professional year such as clinical psychology, dentistry, kinesiology, medicine, nutrition, pharmacy, physical therapy, public health, and veterinary medicine. Build relationships with these individuals who will be working in other health science professions when you become a registered nurse.

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

In years two, three and four 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.

Learning experiences beyond the classroom environment include:

- Over 1,200 clinical hours.
- Over 200 hours of hands-on experience in a patient simulation lab setting.
- The opportunity to experience care settings in both urban and rural areas that develop, challenge and expand nursing skills in long-term care, community settings, acute adult, mental health, pediatric and obstetric units.
- Prepares you for your nursing career and life after your formal education.

Post-Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Post-Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing (PDBSN) 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 at our Saskatoon campus.

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

Our program includes simulation labs to provide a safe, controlled environment in which the students can apply and reflect on their learning, as well as clinical practice opportunities in hospitals and community agencies. 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.



INDIGENOUS STUDENTS



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 Métis, First Nations and Inuit 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 program, 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).

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 Métis, First Nations and Inuit 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.

For more information visit **nursing.usask.ca/aboriginalinitiatives**



READY TO APPLY?



At USask 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

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

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

You should apply to the College of Nursing to enter year two of the degree program while completing the pre-professional courses in year one.

Admission to year two is competitive. All applicants designate their preferred choice of site and are ranked according to average; only the top applicants are selected at their site of choice.

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 (three credit units)
- Statistics (three credit units)
- Humanities (three credit units)
- Social Sciences (six credit units)

Must have been completed within the last 10 years:

- Anatomy and Physiology (six credit units)
- Microbiology (three credit units)
- Nutrition (three credit units)

*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 (2018-2019)	Admission average
Four-year BSN	295 <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 125: Saskatoon■ 90: Regina■ 15: Yorkton■ 50: Prince Albert■ 15: La Ronge and Île-à-la-Crosse	590	75%
Post-Degree BSN	50: Saskatoon	199	78%

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