Nursing as a Profession

“Thinking about a career as a registered nurse? The possibilities in nursing are limitless. Nursing offers everyone a wide range of opportunities for career challenges, travel, professional development and the personal satisfaction of working in a caring profession that helps people to get well or to stay healthy.”

–Canadian Nurses Association, 2009 (revised)
Nursing: practice, education, administration, research and policy

IN THE COMMUNITY:
- health clinics
- schools
- wellness programs in the workplace
- doctors’ offices
- home care
- family planning clinics
- poison control centres
- prenatal and well-baby clinics
- rehabilitation centres
- sexually transmitted disease units
- AIDS hospices

IN A HOSPITAL:
- intensive care
- operating room
- post-surgery
- maternity
- cardiovascular (heart)
- oncology (cancer)
- psychiatry
- pediatrics (children)
- palliative (dying people)
- geriatrics (seniors)
- emergency
Data about Registered Nurses in Canada

- In 2015, there were ~296,731 RNs in Canada estimated 1:127
- 6.6% of Canadian RNs identify as male
  - 2.4% in 1985, 3.8% in 1995 and 6.6% in 2003
- In 2014, the average age of an RN was 45.2, and the number of RNs approaching retirement continued to increase.
- 62.2% employed in hospitals, 16.3% in community health and 9.6% in long term care.

Admission Requirements

• UBC-Vancouver continues to offer an advanced standing 2-year BSN program after undergoing a review in 2015/6

• Eligible applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree or significant progress (minimum of 48 UBC transferrable non-nursing credits) toward a degree in another field of study at a recognized university or college
Admission Requirements

- Since Nursing is an undergraduate degree - **graduate credit is not considered**

- If you have a degree from another country please send to
  information@nursing.ubc.ca

  - a) the name of the degree
  - b) name of the institution
  - c) name of city
  - D) name of country
Admission Requirements

- **Admissions.inquiry@ubc.ca**

- All prospective students must demonstrate a minimum level of understanding of the English Language to attend UBC

- Look at [www.ubc.ca](http://www.ubc.ca) and then search under **ELAS (English Language Admission Standard)** for the admission requirements
Admission Requirements (cont’d)

• At least 48 university transferable non-nursing courses including
  ▫ 3 credits of English at 100 level or higher (UBC ENGL 112)
  ▫ 6 credits of Human Anatomy & Physiology (completed within the last 4 years, i.e. after September 2014) (UBC BIOL 153)

• Courses should count towards a degree in another field – so you have a back-up plan

• Courses could be completed
  - at UBC or another accredited university, or
  - in an university transfer program at a college in the Lower Mainland or elsewhere - such as Langara, Vancouver Community College or Douglas College (check the BC Transfer Guide [http://www.bctransferguide.ca/](http://www.bctransferguide.ca/) for course transferability information)
Selection Process

- Based on academic standing, supplemental application score and CASPer results.

1. Admission Average:

- Minimum required admission average is 70% (or B-).

- In 2017 students were admitted with 72 – 90%, the average was 81% (or A-)

- Admission average is calculated on the most recent 30 non-nursing university transferable undergraduate level credits completed up to December of the year of application. For example, Dec. 2018 for entry in September 2019.

- Non-academic qualities such as leadership, teamwork and people skills are also considered in the supplemental application.
Selection process (cont’d)

2. **Supplemental Application**
   – assesses non-academic qualities such as leadership, teamwork and people skills.

1. **Resume form** showcases your education history, work experience, volunteer/community service work, leadership roles or activities and extra-curricular activities

2. **Personal Statement** introduces you to the committee

3. **Referee Contact Information (2)**
   - NOT reference letters
Selection process (cont’d)

Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling personal Characteristics (CASPer)

- Evaluates key nursing attributes such as ethics, empathy, communication, resilience, critical thinking/judgment, teamwork
- Allows every eligible UBC BSN nursing applicant to be assessed
- Test dates for 2019 intake will be published in the fall of 2018
- Valid only for one application cycle
- Format: 60 minutes, 12 different scenarios each followed by 3 open-ended questions (online)
- Available from anywhere with reliable internet
- Further info available at www.takecasper.com
BSN Application Process

• Involves three parts:
  a. Initial application deadline – for everyone including current UBC students is **December 1st, 2018**

  b. Supplemental application and transcript deadline – **January 31, 2019**

  c. CASPer - online computer based assessment in **November 2018 - February 2019** (test dates will be published in the Fall of 2018)

• All admission requirements must be completed and official final transcripts submitted by **June 15, 2019**
Post-Admission Requirements
for consideration before applying

1. **CRNBC Requisite Skills and Abilities**
   - It is important that you review the Skills and Requisites set out by our regulating body, the College of Registered Nurses (CRNBC).
   - The document provides information regarding the nature of activities nursing students need to perform and the demands of an RN education.
   - You will need to be able to meet these in order to obtain your RN license.
   - The document is available on CRNBC’s Website:
Post-Admission Requirements

2. Criminal Record Check

When: within 3 months of beginning the program

Why: Clearance to work with children and vulnerable older adults

Students who have been convicted of any offense should consult BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General for advice at 1-855-587-0185 or criminalrecords@gov.bc.ca
3. Immunization Requirements

- Documents are sent to admitted students with offer letter.
- Students are required to comply with current regulations of the Provincial Health Authorities related to vaccine-preventable communicable diseases.
- Failure to provide documentation of immunization status may prevent a student from attending clinical practice, and thus may jeopardize a student’s ability to complete all program requirements.
- Questions or concerns about this or other required immunizations, please contact, information@nursing.ubc.ca or call 604-822-9754
Welcome Ceremony

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

SCHOOL OF NURSING
Student Members of the BSN info team
Tips from Students

- It is intense but you can manage it.
- Be prepared to work hard but also find balance in your life.
- Be prepared financially.
- Your fellow nursing students are a good support network.
- Join in - you get more out of it if you participate.
- Enjoy every moment as it goes by so quickly.
Things to consider other than it is a 20 month program.....

- Does this program suit your learning style?
- Am I really willing to do what it takes to be successful?
- Do I meet the CRNBC Skills and Requisites:
- Do I want to work in other countries when I am done? -- Possible but may require some additional exams or additional study.
Who are our 120 students? (for 2017)

Chosen from 500 eligible applicants

**Admission GPA: 72-90%  
Average of GPA: 81%**

**81% have previous degree**

**Age: 19 – 45 years**

**99 (83%) identify as female  
21 (17%) identify as male**
Program Fee Information

- Per-credit tuition fee for 2018/19: $176.45 (Canadian citizens and permanent residents) and $1,221.92/credit for international students (subject to change).

- Tuition fees are paid in installments at the beginning of each term.

- Other costs (including School of Nursing fees, books, uniforms, immunization review, equipment, NCLEX resources etc.): ~$6,500 +.

*Detailed information available at [http://www.nursing.ubc.ca](http://www.nursing.ubc.ca)* - Frequently Asked Question. (FAQ)
General Program Curriculum

- 81 credits to be completed in 5 back-to-back terms (20 months).
- Program begins on the first Tuesday of September after a compulsory Orientation session scheduled the week before classes, at the end of August/early September.
- Very intense, full-time program.
- Clinical practice starts 3 weeks into the program.
- ~ 1300 clinical hours - days, evenings, weekends and in preceptorship night shifts.
- Very low attrition rates and high success rates in the licensing exam.
- Commitment to the program is essential.
BSN  Program Curriculum

The revised curriculum was introduced in September 2017.

- * added Pharmacology, Indigenous Health courses and Primary Health Care (broader than Community Health)
- *Increased the number of hours in final preceptorship from 240 to 300.

- Need to be back on time for the beginning of each term- classes/labs start the first day of rotation.
Resources

WEBSITES:

UBC SON
- [http://www.nursing.ubc.ca](http://www.nursing.ubc.ca)

Current student blog
- [http://blogs.ubc.ca/bsnhandbook](http://blogs.ubc.ca/bsnhandbook)

EMAIL: send admission inquiries to [information@nursing.ubc.ca](mailto:information@nursing.ubc.ca)