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

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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 at the time of application, i.e. after September 2015 for Sept 2020 entry) (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/ 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 2019 students were admitted with 72 – 92%, the average was 82% (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. 2019 for entry in September 2020.

- 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
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 2020 intake will be published in the fall of 2019
- 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, 2019**

  b. Supplemental application and transcript deadline – **January 31, 2020**

  c. CASPer - online computer based assessment in **October 2019 - February 2020** (test dates will be published in the Fall of 2019)

• All admission requirements must be completed and official final transcripts submitted by **June 15, 2020**
1. **BCCNP Requisite Skills and Abilities**

- It is important that you review the Skills and Requisites set out by our regulating body, the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP).
- 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 BCCNP’s Website: [https://www.bccnp.ca/becoming_a_nurse/Documents/RN_entry_level_competencies_375.pdf](https://www.bccnp.ca/becoming_a_nurse/Documents/RN_entry_level_competencies_375.pdf)

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**Post-Admission Requirements for consideration before applying**
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*
Post-Admission Requirements

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
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 BCCNP 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 2019)

Chosen from approximately 500 applicants

**Admission GPA: 72-92%
Average competitive GPA: 82%**
**79% have previous degree**
**Age range: 20 – 42 years**
**78.5% identify as female**
**21.5% identify as male**
Program Fee Information

- Per-credit tuition fee for 2019/20: $179.97 (Canadian citizens and permanent residents) and $1,306.58/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 - 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

Current student blog
  ▫ http://blogs.ubc.ca/bsnhandbook

EMAIL: send admission inquiries to information@nursing.ubc.ca