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 2012, there were ~271,000 RNs in Canada
- 6.8% of Canadian RNs identify as male
  - 2.4% in 1985, 3.8% in 1995 and 6.6% in 2003
- In 2012, the average age of an RN was 45.3, and the number of RNs approaching retirement continued to increase.
- 61.6% employed in hospitals, 15.4% in community health and 9.6% in long term care.

Source: Canadian Institute for Health Information. Regulated Nurse: Canadian Trends, 2008-2012. Ottawa, ON: CIHI; 2013
Admission Requirements

• UBC-Vancouver offers an advanced standing 2-year BSN program.

• 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.
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

- 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

• 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 (within the last 7 years) (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 other 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
Admission Requirements (cont’d)

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

• In 2015 students were admitted with 70 – 90% grades, the average was approx. 80% (or A-)

• Admission average is calculated on the most recent 30 university transferable undergraduate level credits up to December of the year of application. Dec. 2015 for entry in September 2016.

• Non-academic qualities such as leadership, teamwork and people skills are also considered.
Application process (cont’d)

- 2nd part of the application is a SUPPLEMENTAL PACKAGE

1. **Resume** 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
BSN Application Process

• Involves two steps:
  a. Initial application deadline - December 1st

b. Supplemental application and transcript deadline – January 30

• All admission requirements must be completed and official final transcripts submitted by June 15th
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: https://www.crnbc.ca/Standards/Lists/StandardResources/464requisiteskillsabilities.pdf
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 Justice for advice at 1-855-587-0185 or sgspdps@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
Selection Process

• Selection for interviews is based on an Admissions Index calculated 60% on GPA and 40% on supplemental application.

• From about 500+ eligible applicants, (under review) the top 200 are invited for an interview and then the top 120 applicants are offered a seat in the School of Nursing.

• Accept offers by June 15 and all final transcripts for courses in progress must have been received.

Accept all applications but in the final selection process preference is given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.
Interview Process  (under review)

• Reviewing what the interview process will look.

  ▫ Interviews test for competencies and attributes that are considered necessary for success in the program and the nursing profession.
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.
Program Fee Information

- Per-credit tuition fee for 2015/16: $166.27 (Canadian citizens and permanent residents) (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 at the end of August/early September.
- Very intense, full-time program.
- Clinical practice starts 3 weeks into the program.
- ~ 1281 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.
General Program Curriculum

• 1st term:
  ▫ a Foundations course N302 and N303 adult older adult
  • in clinical 3 weeks into the program
  ▫ 3 thread courses that run throughout the first 4 terms:
    1) N305 Critical Inquiry
    2) N306 Policy/Ethics/Leadership
    3) N304 Relational Practice
General Program Curriculum (cont’d)

• January – December the students rotate through 5 professional practice courses – 6-12 week rotations with 3 x 8 or 2x12 hour days of clinical per week in Maternity, Pediatrics, Mental Health, Community Adult/Older Adult acute care.

• 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: first contact the information email
- information@nursing.ubc.ca or call 604-822-9754 (Ruxandra)
- Admissions advisor Cathy.Ebbehoj@nursing.ubc.ca
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