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 2012, the average age of an RN was 44.8, and the number of RNs approaching retirement continued to increase.

- 63.6% employed in hospitals, 15.7% in community health and 9.6% in long term care.

Admission Requirements

- UBC-Vancouver offers an advanced standing 2-year BSN program (only for sure for 2017 Entry)

- 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 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 for 2016/2017 Admission cycle

- 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
  - in an university transfer program at a college in the Lower Mainland or elsewhere - such as Langara, Vancouver Community or Douglas Colleges
Admission Requirements (cont’d)

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

- In 2016 students were admitted with 70 – 90%, 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. ie Dec. 2016 for entry in September 2017.

- Non-academic qualities such as leadership, teamwork and people skills are also considered in the Supplemental.
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, 2016
  b. Supplemental application and transcript deadline – January 30, 2017

• All admission requirements must be completed and official final transcripts submitted by June 15, 2017
Selection Process:

• **Last Year 2015/6 Admissions Cycle**
  Selection for interviews is based on an Admissions Index calculated on GPA and on supplemental application – top 216 offered on-line interview.

• **2016/17 admission cycle**
  *Almost* sure that ALL applicants will be interviewed using CASPer.
  (Computer-based-assessment for sampling personal characteristics)

• Everyone who submits the initial UBC application and the nursing supplemental application will be interviewed using CASPer, an online interview process. A link to CASPer will be sent.
Selection Process:

2016/17 admission cycle

CASPer $40 + $10 (results to Schools)
Tests your judgement on different situations

- 12 video based scenarios – for each type answer to 3 open ended questions
- Have 5 minutes for each scenario
- Focuses on ethics, empathy, communications, resilience, critical thinking/judgment and teamwork
- Takes about 60 minutes
- Very valid and reliable
- Accessible from anywhere in the world
Selection Process:

• The top 120 applicants are offered a seat in the School of Nursing.

  Why only 120? - practice placements

• Accept offers by June 15, 2017 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.
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/464requisitesskillsabilities.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
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
UBC Nursing Welcome
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 2016/17: $169.60
- (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 the week before classes, 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.
Resources

WEB SITES:

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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