

Summary of Degree Programs

Degrees Offered

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Nursing Program

The University of Calgary offers a flexible, innovative, Bachelor of Nursing degree to prepare students for the opportunities and challenges of a nursing career in a changing health care system. Throughout the program, students are provided with a sound theoretical base and supervised clinical experience in a variety of nursing practice settings. Two BN routes are available: a two-year Accelerated Track for degree holders and a three- to four-year Regular Track for high school and transfer students.

Combined Bachelor of Kinesiology (General)/Bachelor of Nursing (Regular Track Program)

This five-year program sponsored jointly by the Faculties of Kinesiology and Nursing (and administered by the Faculty of Nursing) leads to both the Bachelor of Kinesiology (General) and Bachelor of Nursing degrees.

Bachelor of Nursing Program at Medicine Hat College Site

The BN program at the Medicine Hat College site is a collaborative program offered entirely on the Medicine Hat College site. It was developed jointly by the nursing faculty at the University of Calgary and Medicine Hat College in order to allow students in the Medicine Hat area increased access to a

baccalaureate program without having to relocate.

Conjoint Program

This program is currently being phased out. The last offering of the fourth year will be 2003-2004. Students who are unable to complete the Conjoint Program in this timeframe will be accommodated in the new BN program.

Post Diploma BN Program for Registered Nurses

The Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing program is designed for persons who have completed a diploma nursing program in either a hospital school of nursing or a community college. To meet demands for flexible, accessible programming, the Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing program is delivered exclusively through the Internet/World Wide Web.

Graduate

See the Faculty of Graduate Studies calendar.

Faculty Information

Contact Information

Location:

Student Standing

General Requirements

The academic performance of students registered in the Faculty of Nursing is assessed at the end of each Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer Session except as indicated within specific program requirements listed below.

In order to obtain satisfactory standing in the Faculty of Nursing, students must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all clinical nursing

third year will graduate from Mount Royal College. Students who choose to exit with an RN diploma are required to complete all Nursing and support courses in the first three years of the curriculum.

Students in the fourth year of the program who are in unsatisfactory standing may not retroactively apply for the RN diploma exit.

Degrees with Distinction

The notation "With Distinction" will be inscribed on the permanent record and graduation parchment of all BN students whose grade point average is 3.60 or better in their most recent ten full-course equivalents taken through the University of Calgary Faculty of Nursing.

Students who have taken part of their course work at another institution or who have transferred into the Faculty with fewer than ten full-course equivalents remaining to be completed for BN requirements may be granted a degree with distinction at the discretion of the Faculty.

Appeals Process

Reappraisal/Appeals

Appeals initiated by students in the BN, BN at Medicine Hat College Site and Post Diploma programs will be governed by the University's regulations and procedures. Appeals at the Faculty level must be in writing, directed to the Dean and submitted within 15 days of the event or ruling giving rise to the appeal. Any such appeal must specify (a) exactly what is being appealed, (b) grounds for the appeal, and (c) the remedy sought. If sufficient grounds are not specified in the letter of appeal, the Chairperson of the Committee on Appeals may refuse to entertain the appeal.

Conjoint students initiating reappraisal of grades or academic appeals will be governed by the procedures of the campus under which they are registered as students. Conjoint Nursing students in attendance at Mount Royal College will be governed by Mount Royal College regulations and procedures for reappraisal of grades or appeals, whereas Conjoint Nursing students in attendance at the University of Calgary will be governed by the University's regulations and procedures.

Conjoint Nursing students governed by Mount Royal College regulations and procedures must refer to the Mount Royal College calendar for information regarding appeals procedures.

Also see section on Reappraisal of Grades and Academic Appeals in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

Fees and Expenses

Tuition

Please refer to the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar for a breakdown of tuition fees. BN students who take Nursing and/or non-Nursing courses in Spring/

Summer Sessions to complete degree requirements will be assessed standard University tuition fees for these courses.

Non-Refundable Admission Deposit

Upon admission to the BN program students are required to pay a \$200 deposit to hold their position in the class. This deposit is applied to the Fall Session tuition fees and is non-refundable after August 1.

Residence

Students may obtain a brochure with up-to-date information on residence costs by contacting the University Housing Office.

Miscellaneous Expenses

Additional expenses will include:

- Uniforms, Shoes
- Laboratory Coat
- Laboratory Kits, Stethoscope
- Textbooks, Course Syllabi, Reading Packages
- Security Clearance/Criminal Record Check
- CPR Certification/Re-certification
- Immunizations
- Travel to and from Clinical Areas
- Parking Fees at Clinical Locations
- Sundry (Name Badges, etc.)
- Nurse Registration Examinations
- Letters of Permission for Visiting Student Status

Program Details

Bachelor of Nursing Regular Track (BNRT) Program at the University of Calgary

Introduction

The University of Calgary offers a flexible, innovative Bachelor of Nursing degree to prepare students for the opportunities and challenges of a nursing career in a changing health care system. Throughout the program, students are provided with a sound theoretical base and supervised clinical experience in a variety of nursing practice settings. Students entering the Regular Track program directly from high school will likely take four academic years to complete the program. However, transfer students with prior post-secondary course work may be able to complete the Regular Track program in three or three and one half years depending on availability of clinical and faculty resources and student demand.

Admission to the Program

See admission regulations in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

- (a) Standard (high school) Admission: English 30, Mathematics 30 (or Pure Mathematics

30), Biology 30, Chemistry 30 and one other "30" level 5-credit subject, with an overall average of 65.0 per cent and no grade lower than 50 per cent.

- (b) Adult Student Admission: English 30, Mathematics 30 (or Pure Mathematics 30), Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 with an overall average of 65.0 per cent and no grade lower than 50 per cent. The fifth 5-credit subject is waived.
- (c) Transfer Admission: This shall be determined on the basis of the grade point average calculated over the most recent course work to a maximum of five full-course equivalents (University of Calgary courses and/or transferable courses taken at other institutions). All grades within a session will be included except where the number of courses taken within a session exceeds that required to fulfill (to a maximum of) five full-course equivalents, in which case the highest grades will be used. Transfer students with five full-course equivalents must also present the required matriculation subjects with no grade lower than 50 per cent; transfer students with less than five full-course equivalents must present the required matriculation subjects with no grade lower than 50 per cent and an overall average of 65.0 per cent.
- (d) These are minimum admission requirements. Students may be required to present higher qualifications based on positions available in the quota program. Also see admission regulations in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

Limitation of Enrollment

Enrollment in the BN program is limited. Applicants will be accepted on the basis of academic standing in high school and/or previous post-secondary education completed. As a consequence of the limitation on enrollment the following procedures apply: Preference is given to Alberta residents.

Course Requirements

The four-year curriculum outlined below is intended primarily for high school students. Transfer students who have prior post-secondary credit in non-nursing support courses may be eligible to complete the BN in a shorter timeframe. Details will be made available to students as this program is phased in, and will be dependent on clinical and faculty resources and student demand.

1st Year

Fall Session

- Nursing 201/203/205
- Zoology 269
- Science option (Biology 231 recommended)

Winter Session

- Nursing 207/209/211
- Humanities option (Jr. English recommended)

Other Requirements

Students who are unable to complete the Fall Session of third year will be required to apply for readmission in a subsequent year, or will be considered for transfer to the BN Regular Track program only as space permits. BNAT students who complete the Fall Session of third year but are unable to complete any of the remaining sessions will be registered in those remaining sessions of BNAT only as space permits, or will be considered for transfer to the BN Regular Track program, again only as space permits.

Promotion from year to year is by recommendation of the Faculty of Nursing. For purposes of promotion, the academic year is considered to be from September 1 of one year to August 31 of the next. Hence, Spring/Summer Session grades are calculated with the previous Fall/Winter Session grades.



Summer Session grades are calculated with the previous Fall/Winter Session grades. The minimum requirement is a grade point average of 2.00 in each of the first two years and 2.50 in each of the last two years.

Program Regulations

Duration of Degree Program

Except with special permission of the two Program Heads, the BN degree must be completed within seven calendar years from the date of initial registration in the program. Students wishing to exit with a Mount Royal College nursing diploma at the end of third year must declare their intentions to do so by December 1 of third year, and will have a maximum of five calendar years from the date of initial registration in the program to complete the course requirements for the nursing diploma.

Students exiting from the Conjoint program with a nursing diploma may apply for readmission into the program to enable completion of the fourth year and exit with a BN degree. No additional course work is required for diploma graduates from the Conjoint program in order to be readmitted into the fourth and final year of the program, space permitting and within a three year time limit. Applications for readmission from Conjoint Diploma graduates must be submitted by March 1 of the year they intend to re-enter. The final year must be completed within two years following readmission.

Transfer Credit

Students transferring from other institutions or faculties within the University are considered on an individual basis. However, students will be required to complete the equivalent of not fewer than ten half courses, at least six of which must be nursing courses taken as a Conjoint student.

Nurse Registration Examinations

In order to be considered eligible to write the nurse registration examinations, Conjoint students are required to complete the fourth year program requirements with a minimum 2.50 grade point average. Students who satisfactorily complete the program by December of their fourth year will be eligible to write the nurse registration examinations in January and will be awarded their degree in June of the following year. Students who decide to exit with an RN diploma from Mount Royal College must complete the third year of the program with a minimum 2.50 grade point average.

Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program

Introduction

The Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary is committed to baccalaureate education for nurses, and to making such education easily available. The Faculty offers a Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing (PDBN) program for nurses who have obtained a nursing diploma from a hospital or community college. In keeping with the University of

Calgary's strategic direction, the Faculty of Nursing has endeavoured to meet student demands for flexible, accessible programming by offering non-traditional delivery methods using the Internet/World Wide Web. In addition, the Faculty has engaged in contracts with two colleges to facilitate baccalaureate completion by graduates of their programs.

1. The Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program for Web-Based Students (PDBN – WWW)

The Post Diploma program is offered via the World Wide Web. Newly admitted students take all of their Nursing courses via the Web. Nursing course offerings in the conventional distance education format are offered only to continuing students currently in program and will be phased out in two years. A sufficient number of option courses are available via the Web to enable all students to complete degree requirements. Students in Calgary and environs may also elect to take their support courses on-campus in the traditional way. Students should be aware that Web courses are subject to Outside Tuition Policy (i.e. tuition fees are higher).

2. The Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program for Centennial College Nursing Program Graduates (PDBN – CENT)

Graduates of the three-year Centennial College (Scarborough, Ontario) Nursing program can complete the Post Diploma program via the Web, with course facilitators on the Centennial site. Through extensive program evaluation, it has been determined that graduates admitted to Centennial College in Fall 1996 or later will be permitted to take a reduced number of courses (12 half-course equivalents) for degree completion at the University of Calgary. Web courses are subject to Outside Tuition Policy (i.e. tuition fees are higher).

3. The Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program for Medicine Hat College Nursing Program Graduates (PDBN – MHC)

Graduates of Medicine Hat College (Medicine Hat, Alberta) can complete the Post Diploma program on site at Medicine Hat College. Through extensive program evaluation, it has been determined that graduates admitted to the Medicine Hat College Southern Alberta Collaboration for Nursing Education (SACNE) program in Fall 1994-Fall 1998 inclusive will be permitted to take a reduced number of courses (11 half-course equivalents) for degree completion. All of the required courses are available at Medicine Hat College and are taught by Medicine Hat College instructors under the supervision of University of Calgary faculty. Students may elect to take the support courses via the Web, but these courses are subject to Outside Tuition Policy (i.e.

tuition fees are higher). Medicine Hat College SACNE graduates who are admitted in Fall Session 2002 or later will be required to complete an 11 half-course equivalent Web-based program.

Admission to the Program

See admission regulations in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

For adult student admission, applicants must present Alberta Grade XII English 30 and Biology 30 with no grade lower than 50 per cent. Biology 30 may be waived if applicants present an Anatomy and Physiology course as part of their RN diploma program. In lieu of Biology 30, transfer students may present Biology 231, which will be credited as a half Science option in the program. Applicants are required to submit two copies of each of the following documents to the Director of Admissions, Registrar's Office:

- Official high school transcripts.
- Official school of nursing program transcripts.
- Official transcripts from university or any other educational institution attended by the applicant.

Details regarding transcript regulations may be found in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

Applicants must complete an Information Sheet; a standardized form will be sent to the applicant by the Faculty of Nursing.

Applicants who are successful in gaining admission must provide proof of current CPR Certification at the Basic Rescuer or Basic Cardiac Life Support level prior to the commencement of clinical practice courses, Nursing 441, 532 and 542. Applicants must also submit proof of current, active provincial/international nurse registration prior to the commencement of Nursing 532 and 542. Evidence of such certification is to be shown to the clinical instructor.

Limitation of Enrollment

Enrollment in the Post Diploma Program is limited. Applicants will be accepted on the basis of academic standing in high school and/or previous post-secondary education completed. As a consequence of the limitation on enrollment the following

Course Requirements

Post Diploma Bachelor of Nursing Program
for Web-Based Students (PDBN – WWW)

Core Nursing Courses¹

- Nursing 411 Nursing Scholarship
- Nursing 421 Nursing of Families
- Nursing 441 Health Assessment
- Nursing 461 Pathophysiology
- Nursing 531 Public Health Nursing
Theory
- Nursing 532 Public Health Nursing
Clinical Practice
- Nursing 539 Research in Nursing
- Nursing 542 Senior Practicum

Support Courses²

- One half Humanities option
- One half Science option³
- One half Social Sciences option