



Bachelor of Science in Nursing (After Degree)

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) After Degree Program is for students who come to Nursing with a recognized university degree in any field of study. The program is offered in Edmonton at our North Campus.

The Faculty of Nursing recognizes that students who already hold a degree have developed critical thinking and analytical skills. These skills, combined with career and life experience and, in many cases, additional education, make these individuals excellent candidates for this program.

Students admitted to the BScN-After Degree Program in Edmonton will attend classes at the [University of Alberta \(U of A\) North \(Main\) Campus](#). The Faculty of Nursing offices and lab are located in the Kipnes Health Research Academy, however, classes can occur in various buildings around campus. Edmonton site students are generally assigned to [clinical placements](#) in the city of Edmonton and the greater Edmonton area, but if needed could be placed as far away as 150 kilometres. Students are responsible for their transportation to practice placements and for the costs of travel and accommodations where applicable.

Courses and labs in the Edmonton program will be taken in the [Dianne and Irving Kipnes Health Research Institute](#), a building designed specifically to give students a place for interactive, high-tech collaboration and teamwork. Home to all of the U of A's health science disciplines, the Dianne and Irving Kipnes Health Research Institute is designed specifically to teach team-based and patient-centred care.

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES (OR EQUIVALENT)

- English (3 units)
- Statistics (3 units)
- Human Anatomy (3 units)
- Human Physiology (3 units)
- Medical Microbiology (3 units)

Important: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Medical Microbiology courses require a minimum grade of C+ and must be completed within 5 years of the program start date.



Students must obtain a grade equivalent to C+ as determined by the grading scale in the Faculty of Nursing at the U of A. International applicants grading equivalents will be considered on a case by case basis, and will only be assessed in the application process. High school subject requirements do not apply for this program. You can use the [Transfer Credit Search Tool](#) to see which courses are considered transferable to the U of A. **Assessments cannot be done until after you have applied and then submitted all required transcripts and documents.**

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's Degree

Students are required to have a baccalaureate degree from a recognized academic institution in order to be eligible for the After Degree program. Students with a recognized baccalaureate degree are not eligible to apply for the BScN Collaborative or Bilingual programs.

English Language Proficiency/Spoken Language Requirement

Students who have not completed a minimum of six full years of education in English in Canada or the equivalent in another country where English is the principal language are required to demonstrate written and spoken English proficiency according to the U of A's English Language Proficiency and Spoken English requirements. For more information consult the [Spoken English Requirement section](#) of the University Calendar. Information on writing [ELP examinations](#) is also available.

Admission GPA

Students are required to have an admission GPA of at least a 3.0 or equivalent. Please refer to [Transfer from a Postsecondary Institution](#) for further information.

Note: The After Degree program will evaluate applications on a rolling basis and is not included in the new round-based admissions process.

POST ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

There are a number of health and safety-related requirements that must be met upon admission to the Faculty of Nursing. Please visit the [Clinical Placement Prerequisite Documents](#) page for detailed information and deadlines. For any inquiries, please contact chsplace@ualberta.ca.



TRANSFER CREDIT

Advance credit for coursework completed prior to admission may be granted once you have been admitted to the program. The [Transfer Courses](#) page lists a few of the acceptable courses for transfer credit. If you have taken courses from other Alberta post-secondary institutions and would like to check for transferability, you can do so using the [Alberta Transfer Guide](#).

TRANSCRIPTS + DOCUMENTS

In order for your application to be considered complete, your [final official transcripts](#) must be received by the U of A, along with any other required documents, by the [document deadline](#).

COMPETITIVE AVERAGES

The following AGPA range reflects transfer admissibility from the previous admission cycle. Admission is competitive. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission. AGPAs change annually and within each admission cycle.

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, After Degree: 3.3 and above
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, After Degree Honors: 3.5 and above

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN NURSING

There are many sources of information available to learn more about [careers](#) available as a Registered Nurse. Prospective students should also consider interviewing Registered Nurses, checking job postings available for Registered Nurses, speaking with potential employers, and visiting or volunteering at locations where Registered Nurses are employed to learn more about the realities of and opportunities in nursing.

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

At the U of A, we are committed to encouraging Indigenous Students in their work towards a degree. Indigenous students have been under-represented in higher education in Canada, thus our policy is aimed at increasing opportunity, with the goal of our Indigenous student population being representative of the public we serve. For more information on [Admission of Indigenous Students](#) refer to the *U of A Calendar*.

REGISTRATION 101

How to register in U of A courses:

1. [Accept your offer](#) and pay your tuition deposit.
2. Find your enrollment date in [Bear Tracks](#).
3. Register for a [Registration 101](#) workshop.
 - [Registration + Program Planning Guide](#)
4. Enroll in your courses.



You can begin registering in courses on or after your enrollment appointment date, which can be found in Bear Tracks under *Manage Classes > My Enrollment Date*. You will need to [accept your admission offer](#) and pay the tuition deposit before you can register in courses.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications Open: October 1, 2026

Applications Close: March 1, 2027

Outstanding Documents Deadline (Transfer): June 15, 2027

FAQ

Frequently asked questions can be found below:

- [FAQ \(Prospective Students\)](#)
- [FAQ \(Current Students\)](#)

CONTACT

[Nursing Contact Page](#)

Nursing Recruitment Team (For Prospective Students):

Email: nursing.recruiting@ualberta.ca

Faculty of Nursing (For Current Students in the Nursing Program):

[Undergraduate Student Service Portal \(Nursing\)](#)

Phone: 780-492-5300