



Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Collaborative)

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)-Collaborative Program is primarily for high school graduates or those who have some post-secondary education, and is designed as a four year full-time program.

The program is called "collaborative" because, in addition to being offered at the University of Alberta (U of A), campus in Edmonton, all four years can be taken at Red Deer Polytechnic (formerly Red Deer College), Keyano College (Fort McMurray) or Northwestern Polytechnic (formerly Grande Prairie Regional College). If students wish to enroll in a location other than the U of A, they should apply directly to that specific institution. After the third year of the program, students from those three locations apply to the U of A and are considered U of A students for their fourth year, but still remain at the campus of the original institution.

NOTE: Individuals who have previously completed a recognized university degree in any field are not eligible for the BScN-Collaborative Program at the U of A campus and should refer to the BScN-After Degree Program.

REQUIRED ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (OR EQUIVALENT)

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30 **or** Science 30

One of the following courses:

- Mathematics 30-1
- Mathematics 30-2*
- Mathematics 31

*Only one of Mathematics 30-1 or Mathematics 30-2 can be used for admission.

One of the following subjects:

- Fine Arts
- Humanities
- Language Other Than English
- Physical Education
- Math/Sciences



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Students **must** be 18 years of age prior to their second year of study

English Language Proficiency/Spoken Language Requirement

Because the U of A wants you to succeed, our admissions policy ensures that all students, regardless of citizenship, have the language skills they need to understand, participate and learn in our classes. The primary language of instruction in our classes, with the exception of those at the Faculté Saint-Jean, is English. For more information on the [English Language Proficiency policy](#) refer to the *U of A Calendar*. Information on writing [ELP examinations](#) is also available.

COMPETITIVE AVERAGES

High School Applicants:

The following admission-average reflects the past three admission cycles. [Admission is competitive](#). Meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission.

Nursing: Mid 80s to low 90s

Post Secondary Applicants:

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

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

The BScN-Collaborative Program has six designated seats per year for Indigenous students. Indigenous students can also enter this program through the U of A's [Transition Year Program \(TYP\)](#).

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Admission decisions are based on admission grade point average (AGPA) and high school requirements. If you register in post-secondary courses or have previously taken any, you will need to apply as a **post secondary transfer student**.

The admission requirements for post secondary transfers to the Collaborative BScN are found in the [U of A Calendar](#).



If, at the time of an admission evaluation, you have completed the U of A equivalent of:

- **6 credits or less**, you will need to present a competitive high school average only.
- **between 9 and 21 credits**, you would need to present the minimum high school average on the required subjects and a competitive GPA on your transferable post-secondary coursework.
- **24 credits or more**, then you will only need to present a passing mark in the required high school subjects (no HS average considered) and a competitive GPA on your post-secondary courses.

The **minimum GPA** required for admission consideration is a **3.0**, but a higher GPA may be required to be [competitive](#) for the program.

Use the [Transfer Credit Search Tool](#) to see which courses are considered transferable to the UofA. **Assessments cannot be done until after you have applied and submitted all required transcripts and documents.**

Please note that for transfer credit consideration from a College or University other than the U of A, **a minimum grade of C-** (or equivalent) must be achieved at your current post-secondary institution.

NURSING SCHOOL TRANSFER

- Completion of Nursing courses in your current program does not guarantee that it will be recognized at the U of A. The scope and sequence of content from your home program may not align with the BScN program at the U of A.
- Every school creates, delivers and assesses the curricular content and outcomes of nursing education differently over the course of the program. It is difficult to group curricular outcomes and content from each academic program year from one school to another.
- You may not transfer into the same year in the U of A's Nursing program as you were in your previous Nursing program.

If you have completed previous Nursing coursework, we require syllabi for all applicable courses for transfer credit review. Relevant Nursing course syllabi can be emailed to nursing.advisor@ualberta.ca **upon receiving admission** to a BSc in Nursing program.



Regardless of approved advanced standing or transfer credit received for some specific courses in our BScN programs, the remaining length of the Collaborative and Bilingual programs **remain as four years** since all nursing courses within our programs are intentionally delivered sequentially. This may result in students moving into part time status if they're completing less than 9 units in a term.

MATURE STUDENTS

If you are 21 years of age at the start of the academic term to which you are applying, you can be evaluated as a [Nonmatriculated Applicant](#). Fewer high school subjects are required, however, a competitive average and all other minimum admission requirements must be met to be eligible for admission such as [ELP](#).

Subject Requirements for the Collab program:

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Chemistry 30 or Science 30
- Biology 30

The U of A does not offer high school academic upgrading. Any missing high school courses must be completed elsewhere prior to the document deadline. For information about upgrading through another post-secondary institution, a school board, or through distance learning, visit the [Alberta Advanced Education website](#).

FAST TRACK

The Fast Track program will only accept Collaborative BScN students (excluding Collaborative Honors students) in their second year; students must have completed 2 electives prior to the end of Winter Term of their second year to be eligible.

Enrolling in the Fast Track option allows students to complete the program in 3 years instead of 4. Starting in the second year, students can opt to participate in fast track. This would include a full Spring/Summer semester and full-time status but students would complete their program one year earlier. If you are interested in this option, chat with your faculty advisor once you begin the BScN program.

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](#).



APPLICATION PROCESS

High School Applicants

Applications will be evaluated in scheduled rounds. Once an offer is made, you have 30 days to accept it and pay the deposit or your offer will be cancelled. Visit uab.ca/nursapply for more information.

Transfer Applicants

Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis and are **not** included in the new round-based admissions process.

POST ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the admission requirements, a number of [Clinical Placement Prerequisite Documents](#) are required for clinical practice that must be met upon admission to the Faculty of Nursing.

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.

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](#).
 - o [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

Guaranteed Housing Deadline: April 30, 2027 - uab.ca/residence

Outstanding Documents Deadline (Transfer): June 15, 2027

Outstanding Documents Deadline (High School): August 1, 2027



FAQ

Frequently asked questions can be found below:

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