



Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Honors: Collab + After Degree)

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Honors Program is for a diverse group of bright, creative and curious students who have an interest in engaging in nursing research. Students apply from our BScN Collaborative Program or apply directly to the After Degree Honors Program.

The BScN-Honors Program provides the same clinical preparation as the Collaborative and After Degree Programs. In addition, Honors students will gain more in-depth knowledge in the area of research and – mentored and supported by a Faculty of Nursing researcher – carry out Honors research activities within the context of their supervisor's research program. Honors research activities will include a range of research experiences and network-building within the context of team-based research.

This program is one of only a few nursing honors programs available in Canada and provides an exciting opportunity for students to obtain more advanced preparation in scholarly and research work to enrich their undergraduate program experience. The program helps prepare students to provide evidence-based nursing practice in health-care settings, as well as to facilitate the transition from undergraduate to [graduate studies in nursing](#).

The BScN-Honors Program has slightly different course sequencing than the Collaborative and After Degree Programs. Specifically, the seminar courses *NURS 399 - Selected Topics in Nursing Research* and *NURS 499 - Scholarly Project in Nursing*. These courses guide students in exploring topics related to nursing research and its application to nursing practice. In NURS 399, students explore the literature in relation to their Honors research topic and methodological approaches. The focus of NURS 499 is advancing knowledge in specific areas of nursing practice and research, writing a project report and presenting project research results.

Experiential learning is an essential component of the Honors program. Students are matched with a supervisor in spring/ summer following program admission (i.e., before NURS 399). Students may engage in their Honors research activities at any time during their tenure in the program, after they are matched with a supervisor (*including during the spring/summer term after NURS 399*). Honors project activities are completed in August prior to beginning NURS 499.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Collaborative Students

- Students may apply to the Honors Program when they are in Year 2.
- All Collaborative Program students who apply must complete all Year 1 courses in the BScN-Collaborative Program before starting the Honors Program. Students need a minimum GPA 3.3 on *24 credits in the preceding fall/winter terms. Admission is competitive.

After Degree Students

- After Degree applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from a recognized academic institution. Students must normally present a minimum Admissions GPA of 3.5. Admission is competitive.
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses: English (★3), Human Anatomy (★3), Human Physiology (★3), Medical Microbiology (★3) and Statistics (★3).
 - The following prerequisite courses require a minimum grade of C+* and must be taken within five years of applying: Human Anatomy (★3), Human Physiology (★3) and Medical Microbiology (★3).
- 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 University of Alberta's (U of A) 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.

HONORS APPLICATION PROCESS

BScN Honors Collaborative Process

1. Contact the Nursing academic advisors ([student portal](#)) to obtain a form that will allow the Honors coordinator to evaluate whether the Honors program is a good option for you. The Honors coordinator may contact you and follow up with a couple of questions.
2. You will be asked to submit the Special Programs form in order to access the Honors Program application form.
 - a. Complete + submit the application by March 1st. Please check your status in Launchpad after submission.



- b. If you meet the admission requirements, you will be offered admission with conditions and you will need to [change your program](#) from Collaborative to Collaborative Honors in Bear Tracks.
 - c. Register for your courses by utilizing the [Collaborative Honors Tip sheet](#). The Honors coordinator will consider your interests to match you with an available supervisor.
3. Final admission will be offered once the final transcript is evaluated and you've maintained the admission GPA.

BScN Honors After Degree Process

- The application process for the After Degree program can be found [here](#).
- Please see the [Admission Requirements & Deadlines](#) for further information on the requirements for the program.

Note: The Honors 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 after 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.

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, Honors + Honors After Degree - 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, if available.
 - 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

Outstanding Documents Deadline (Transfer): June 15, 2027

FAQ

Frequently asked questions can be found below:

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

CONTACT

[Nursing Contact Page](#)

For questions regarding the organization of the Honors program, course contents, workload, matching of students with supervisors, Honors research, etc., please contact:

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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