Faculty of Nursing

Overview

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Undergraduate Programs

The Faculty of Nursing, in partnership with Saskatchewan Polytechnic offers two collaborative programs: the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN) and the After Degree Nursing program (ADNP). Students in the ADNP will complete three courses together as a cohort and move through the remainder of the program with the SCBScN students. Three exit options are available for SCBScN students. The SCBScN program also has a bilingual option available. Fifty percent (50%) of the courses in the SCBScN bilingual option will be taught in French. The LPN to BScN Pathway is an additional option toward completion of the SCBScN program. Each program leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BScN). Programs have been approved by the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan (CRNS); the SCBScN program has also been accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN). For more information, please visit:
www.sasknursingdegree.ca.

Requirements of the Nursing Program

All students admitted to the program must attend mandatory advising which takes place prior to the beginning of their first term in the program. **Failure to attend this session will result in revocation of admission to the program.**

Students upon admission to the SCBScN, (regular or Bilingual Option) or ADNP must:

- Comply with processes regarding immunization as indicated in the New Student Welcome Package, provided upon acceptance into the program.

- Specific immunizations may be required for certain clinical placements. Students who refuse or are unable to comply with this requirement are at risk of not being able to complete required components of the program.

- Obtain and submit a Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check (dated within three (3) months prior to the beginning date of the program) by August 1. This must be issued for University of Regina and/or Saskatchewan Polytechnic Student and not any other organization. Students who turn 18 years of age after the August 1 deadline, must submit the Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check immediately following their 18th birthday. A Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check that is positive will be shared with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), as per policy, to determine that the record will not preclude a student from being allowed into the clinical setting.

- Complete Standard First Aid and submit certification by August 1 prior to the beginning of their first term.

- Complete BLS Provider/Basic Life Support-BLS (HCP)/CPR HCP (dated the year of acceptance into the program) and submit certification by August 1 prior to the beginning of their first term.

- Complete Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System 2015 (WHMIS) courses and submit certification by August 1 prior to the beginning of their first term.

- Complete Fit testing for at least two different SHA approved respirators (to determine appropriate size of specific respirators). ADNP students must submit their certification by August 1 prior to the beginning of their first term. All other students must submit their certification by December 1 prior to beginning Term 2.

- Complete a Transferring Lifting Repositioning (TLR®) course. ADNP students must submit their certification by August 1 prior to the beginning of their first term. All other students must submit their certification by December 1 prior to beginning Term 2.

- Complete Professional Assault Response Training (PART®) Advanced Program© and submit certification prior to start of CNUR 304 and must remain current for the duration of the program.

- Submit a second Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check prior to beginning CNUR 401. A second Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check may also be required, depending upon placement agency.

Students upon admission to the LPN to BScN Pathway must complete all risk management expectations as indicated in the Welcome Package.

Students are expected to be accountable for any necessary renewals and the submission of risk management for the duration of the program as follows:

- Completion of a BLS Provider/Basic Life Support-BLS (HCP)/CPR HCP course is required every two years, regardless of the date(s) on the certificate of completion.

- Completion of a TLR® renewal course is required every three years.

- Fit testing and PART® Advanced Program© are required every two years.

Students who do not submit current risk management documents as required and defined above by the dates specified in the Registration section below will be excluded from practice education.

Students must report any outstanding charges and/or criminal convictions that occur after the date of the original Criminal Record

Check and Vulnerable Sector Check to the Associate Dean U of R or the Academic Chair Saskatchewan Polytechnic. Failure to report outstanding charges and/or criminal convictions that have occurred since the date of the original Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

Other documentation may be required to be completed once students are admitted to the program. Failure to complete and submit this documentation as identified will impact student progress in the program.

Practice Education

Practice education placements and practicums will be assigned according to students' educational needs and the availability of experiences. These may be outside of Regina and Saskatoon. Any required travel or housing as a result of practice education placement is the responsibility of the student.

In order to facilitate learning experiences, lab / practice education experiences will be scheduled at a variety of times and days of the week. Twelve-hour shifts will be included in some rotations, as will evenings, nights and weekends.

Practice education and lab experiences are an integral part of the nursing programs. Saskatchewan Polytechnic and the University of Regina have contracts with all agencies in which students will have experience. All of students' practice education experiences (including those that are preceptored), regardless of where they are, will be arranged by the program.

Practice Education Attendance

Practice Education orientations are critical to student success and patient safety. Students are required to attend orientations which are designated as mandatory or they will not be allowed to continue with the practice education experience. Extenuating circumstances will be considered with appropriate supporting documentation. Practice experience is an integral part of the program. Students are required to participate in all practice education experiences in order to consistently meet the learning objectives and competencies required.

Dress Code

Students are expected to adhere to the practice education agency policy, and occupational health and safety standards regarding professional appearance and conduct. An approved program uniform will be required for some practiced education experiences. For other experiences students will be required to dress in business casual attire. A uniform may be required within lab settings.

Reassessment of a Grade for Practice Education Courses

Practice education is an integral part of the Nursing programs. Reassessment of practice education grades is based on a fair and open process, which will include all written course work and documented performance feedback. Students wishing a reassessment of a practice education grade must request the reassessment as per the deadlines, fees and process outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and Right to Appeal section in this Calendar. For more information see the SCBScN Programs Student Handbook.

Program Attendance Policy

Students are expected to notify the faculty in advance of an unavoidable absence from lab or practice education experiences. Substantiating documentation may be required for absences. Students are expected to be prepared for, and to maintain, a high level of punctual attendance at all lectures, labs, seminars, and practice education experiences. Students who miss more than 10% of lectures, seminars, labs or practice education experiences may be unable to consistently demonstrate course competencies and may be unsuccessful in the course. This may impact progress through the program. There is no mechanism to make up practice education or laboratory time.

Required Resources

Students are responsible for acquiring the following resources at their own expense:

1. Electronic Mobile Device (EMD) (Purchase at a vendor of your choice)
2. Current edition of the American Psychological Association
3. Two standardized uniforms as approved by the nursing program
4. Protective eyewear as indicated in SCBScN Student Handbook
5. Stethoscope with bell and diaphragm head
6. Watch with a second hand or a digital readout in seconds. **An EMD is not a substitute for this requirement.**

See the program website at:
http://www.sasknursingdegree.ca/scbscn/tuition-fees/ for further information on these requirements.

The U of R e-mail address is the official mode of communication for the nursing program. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that this is regularly monitored and maintained.

Admission, Re-Admission, and Transfer

The SCBScN, ADNP, and LPN to BSN Pathway are competitive entry programs with a limited number of seats. Students are expected to complete their program on a full-time basis and move through their program as part of a cohort. Any student who wishes to take a reduced course load must receive prior permission from an academic advisor. Students are advised that failure to carry a full course load can impede progress in the program, and potentially prohibit them from completing the program in the maximum seven year allowable time frame. Students who are within their admission cohort are given priority for clinical placements (as such placements are limited in number).

Please refer to the Admissions section in this Calendar for University policies on Admission, Re-admission, and Transfer. Admission will occur during the fall term; however, the Dean may permit admissions during other terms to manage enrolments. Re-admission by petition or application is available for each term. Re-admission is not guaranteed.

Re-Admission

Students applying for re-admission to the Faculty of Nursing must meet the current admission requirements in place at the time of the application for re-admission. Students who are re-admitted to the Faculty must enter the program that is current at the time of their re-admission. Students who are re-admitted to the Faculty may have conditions applied to their re-admission; students who fail to meet these re-admission conditions are required to discontinue from the faculty indefinitely (See the Student Code of Conduct and Right to Appeal section).

Restrictions on Transfer

Applicants wishing to transfer to the Faculty of Nursing SCBScN program from another faculty or wishing admission from another post-secondary institution must apply to the program and meet admission requirements as per Re-admission, Faculty/College Transfer and Second Programs under the Admission section of this Calendar. Transfer applicants who are registered in post-secondary courses at the time of admission, may be granted conditional acceptance; however, final admission will be contingent on meeting the final admission requirements. Transfer applicants who are on Faculty level or University level probation will not be considered for admission.

Transfer from Other Faculties or Admission from Other Post-Secondary Institutions to the Faculty of Nursing (SCBScN Program)

For application deadlines for students who wish to transfer to the Faculty of Nursing refer to the Admissions section in this Calendar. An Application for Admission must be submitted to Saskatchewan Polytechnic Registration Services or the University of Regina Admissions Office by the deadline date. For students who have attempted any post-secondary courses please refer to the Admissions section in this Calendar.

Admission from another Nursing Program

Students who are in another nursing program at another Canadian university, or who have completed nine credit hours (or equivalent) of nursing classes in any other nursing program and wish to apply to the SCBScN program must do so by January 31 for the fall term. A completed application form, course outlines for all courses taken in the nursing program, and the program reference form must be submitted to the University of Regina Undergraduate Enrolment Service Office. For further information, wee the SCBScN program website at: http://www.sasknursingdegree.ca/scbscn/apply-now/.

Transfer between Sites of SCBScN Program

Students should expect to complete the program at the site to which they were admitted. Transfers may be available in exceptional circumstances. Requests for transfer are to be made by April 30 of the academic year preceding the year of transfer requested. Transfers can only be considered if there is available classroom, lab and clinical space at the site requested. Mid-year transfers are not allowed. Any student requesting a transfer between sites should contact the Faculty of Nursing in writing outlining the exceptional circumstances.

Residency and Transfer Credit

Residency Requirement

Students must complete at least 50% of their program at the University of Regina.

Transfer Credit

Courses taken at accredited universities and colleges in North America are normally evaluated by the Faculty only after the student has accepted admission to the program. Students may be required to provide a detailed course syllabus/outline for each course for which they are seeking transfer credit. Grades are not transferred. For more information about evaluation of credit for courses completed outside Canada and the United States, please refer to the Admissions section of this Calendar. The Faculty requires a minimum grade of 60% (or University of Regina equivalent) in each course for which transfer credit is sought. The Faculty will not award transfer credit for nursing courses that are seven or more years old. Transfer credit will not be awarded for any course taken at institutions not listed on the application form. The Faculty's decision about transfer credit is final. Block transfer credit available for graduates of some Saskatchewan Polytechnic Psychiatric Nursing programs as listed below. Some psychiatric nursing programs from other institutions have been evaluated and block transfer credit may awarded. For a listing of these programs and the available block transfer credit, please visit www.sasknursingdegree.ca.

Assessment of all other practical nursing or psychiatric nursing programs is done on an individual basis; graduates from these programs must provide a detailed course syllabus/outline for each course in their program.

Transfer Credit for Saskatchewan Polytechnic (Formerly SIAST) RPN Graduates (2010 +) for the SCBScN Program (Must be currently licensed with appropriate regulatory body)

Saskatchewan Polytechnic RPN Graduates (2010 +) for the SCBScN Program	
Course Taken	**U of R Course Equivalent**
Saskatchewan Polytechnic (formerly SIAST) Psychiatric Nursing Diploma (2010 +)	CNUR 100 CNUR 101 CNUR 102 CNUR 103 CNUR 106 CNUR 107 CNUR 201 CNUR 202 CNUR 300 CNUR 304
Other courses approved for the SCBScN Program*	**U of R Course Equivalent**
APHY 162 and 262	BIOL 110
*for a complete listing of approved transfer credit from Saskatchewan Polytechnic (formerly SIAST), visit: https://www.uregina.ca/student/registrar/transfer-credit/transfer-credit-course-equivalents.html	

Academic Advising and Registration

Academic Advising

Students admitted to the Faculty of Nursing are required to attend an academic advising session prior to registration. Students may also access information about the academic programs at: www.sasknursingdegree.ca.

Registration

The Faculty of Nursing will register students in required courses unless otherwise noted. Registration for open elective courses will commence on the days stipulated by the Registrar's Office. Students should consult UR Self-Service for further information.

Course Restrictions

The following courses are not considered to be university-level and so may not be taken for credit towards the SCBScN program: AE 19 and 29; CHEM 100; AMTH 001, 091, 002, 092 and/or 003; or any courses numbered 0XX.

Students can receive elective credit for ACAD 100 towards the SCBScN program if this course is completed prior to the successful completion of ENGL 100, or with permission of the Associate Dean (Undergraduate) or designate if taken afterward.

Students will only receive credit for one of KIN 261 or BIOL 110; students will only receive credit for one of KIN 262 or BIOL 111.

KIN 260, KIN 267 or KIN 268 may only be used as an elective if completed prior to admission to the SCBScN program. If KIN 260, KIN 267 or KIN 268 are taken after completion of BIOL 110/KIN 261 or BIOL 111/KIN 262, they may not be used as an elective in the program.

Evaluation of Academic Performance

Dean's Honours List

To be included on the Dean's Honours List for a given term, students must achieve a Term Grade Point Average (TGPA) of at least 85.00% on a minimum of 15 credit hours, of which at least 12 credit hours are numerically graded. Inclusion on the Dean's Honours List will be noted on students' official transcripts.

University Regulations

Refer to the Academic Regulations section in this Calendar for all regulations governing Academic Performance.

Faculty Academic Performance Regulations

Students in a nursing program must maintain an overall program grade point average (PGPA) of at least 65.00% in required program courses. Students who do not meet these minimum program requirements will be placed on faculty academic probation.

If placed on faculty academic probation, students are given 15 credit hours to raise their overall PGPA in required courses to 65.00%. Students in this situation must realize their progression in the program may be affected because of course sequencing and available seats in the course. Completion of the program may therefore be delayed. Students on Faculty-level academic probation are permitted to continue studies. However, during the probation period, students are limited to enrolling in a maximum of 12 credit hours per term.

The Academic Program Coordinator (Faculty of Nursing) may impose other mandatory conditions on students on university or faculty academic probation. Academic probation does not appear on a student's official transcript.

Students who fail to raise their PGPA to 65.00% in required courses, will be required to discontinue (RTD) from the Faculty of Nursing for a minimum of three terms and must petition for re-admission. **Re-admission is not guaranteed**. Faculty probation and RTD letters are sent by e-mail to the student's uregina.ca e-mail in May, September, and January. When RTDs are assessed, they are effective immediately.

The passing grade for all CNUR courses is 60.00%. The passing grade for all other courses used in a nursing program is 50.00%. Students who are not successful in meeting the minimum grade in a second attempt of a course that is a requirement in the program will be required to discontinue from the Faculty of Nursing for a minimum of three terms. An exception to this regulation is ENGL 100, which may be repeated twice (see the Academic Regulations section for more information). A withdrawal from any clinical course that occurs after the end of the no-record drop period is considered an attempt.

A student will be required to discontinue from the Faculty of Nursing if the prerequisite minimum grade requirement of 60% in BIOL 111 (or equivalent courses) is not attained on a second attempt at the course.

Students must demonstrate satisfactory clinical and laboratory performance in courses where clinical and/or laboratory experience is required. Failure to demonstrate adequate clinical or laboratory performance constitutes a failure in the course, regardless of numerical grades achieved on other assessment tools used in that course. In such a case, all aspects of the course must be repeated.

A student may be removed from practice education or laboratory, and/or barred from writing the final examination for persistent non-attendance/lateness or unsafe practice education. If such action is initiated by the program, the student will not be able to voluntarily withdraw from the course where the removal occurred. Students who have been so disbarred will receive a failing grade in the course and will be required to repeat the course. Students who fail a clinical course for these reasons may have conditions that must be met prior to being registered in another clinical course.

For further information regarding grading and types of GPA calculation, refer to the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.

A student will be required to discontinue from the Faculty of Nursing for failure to meet a program requirement or for a failure in a second attempt in a mandatory course for the program. A student who is readmitted after having previously been required to discontinue (RTD) under the Faculty of Nursing regulations or forced to withdraw from the university (MW) and who is again required to discontinue will be required to discontinue indefinitely from the Faculty.

Students may be required to discontinue from their program of studies when the student is found to be unsuited for the profession of nursing, through consideration of competence or professional fitness as per the Professional Suitability Policy. See the policy in the Nursing Programs Student Handbook.

Time Limits, Graduation Requirements, and Conferral of Degrees

See also the Graduation section in this Calendar. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all courses required for graduation have been successfully completed. Students must submit an Application for Graduation form by the dates specified in this Calendar.

Time Limits

Students not actively enrolled in nursing courses for three consecutive terms who wish to return to the nursing program must re-apply for admission to the program. Credit for nursing courses successfully completed will be given if the course was taken within seven (7) years of admission into the program. Other courses that have been taken ten (10) or more years prior to admission may be considered ineligible to be used for credit in the program. Students may be required to repeat one or more courses if one (1) year or more has passed since the student last completed a clinical course.

Students must complete the program with the maximum seven year allowable time frame. A student who is unable to complete the program within this time frame will be required to discontinue from the program indefinitely.

Leave of Absence

A student may request a leave of absence (LOA). The student must submit the request form through nursing@uregina.ca. The form is available on the UR Courses student portal.

If the LOA is granted, it is for a standard time period of one year (three consecutive terms), although the student may re-enter the program at the start of any term within the leave period. The student must register at the end of the one-year period in order to remain active in the program. Students may be required to repeat one or more courses if more than one (1) year has passed since the student last completed a clinical course. A LOA may be granted for:

- medical reasons;
- maternity/parenting/adoption; or
- compassionate or other substantive reasons.

Note: LOAs are not granted for travel or to accept employment.

Students on a Leave of Absence
A student on a LOA pays no fees and therefore is not entitled to the University of Regina or Saskatchewan Polytechnic services normally provided to students in the SCBScN program as a result of those fees.

The time of the leave does not count toward the nursing program.

A LOA is not granted retroactively.

Graduation Requirements

A PGPA of 65.00% (all courses contributing to the degree) and an overall GPA of 65.00% in required nursing (CNUR) courses is required for graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN).

International Designation

Special mention of International designation will be included on a graduate transcript and parchment for:

1. Completion of an international experience for a CNUR course;
2. A three credit hour (or more) University of Regina course that includes at least two weeks out of the country;
3. A minimum of three credit hours of courses taken by prior permission of the Faculty of Nursing at an out-of-country post-secondary institution;
4. Other international experiences will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Other Faculty Regulations

Course Prerequisites

Failure to successfully complete pre-requisite courses may jeopardize a student's progress in the program.

Faculty of Nursing Appeal Procedures

The Faculty of Nursing Undergraduate Student Appeals Committee will hear appeals from undergraduate students registered in Faculty of Nursing programs relating to academic action including Faculty Probation, Required to Discontinue, and Must Withdraw (MW).

Students who wish to appeal an academic action must do so in writing within 10 business days after the date on the letter advising of the decision by e-mailing nursing.appeals@uregina.ca. See the policy in the SCBScN Programs Student Handbook for further information.

Taking Classes after Degree Completion

A student will be required to transfer to another faculty if they wish to register for any course after completion of all courses required for graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN).

Academic Programs

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)

Credit hours	BScN Required Courses
3.0	CNUR 100
3.0	CNUR 101
3.0	CNUR 102
3.0	CNUR 103
3.0	CNUR 106
3.0	CNUR 107
3.0	CNUR 201
3.0	CNUR 202
3.0	CNUR 203
3.0	CNUR 204
3.0	CNUR 205
3.0	CNUR 206
3.0	CNUR 209
3.0	CNUR 300
3.0	CNUR 301
6.0	CNUR 302
6.0	CNUR 303
6.0	CNUR 304
6.0	CNUR 305
3.0	CNUR 400
6.0	CNUR 401
3.0	CNUR 402
6.0	CNUR 403
6.0	CNUR 404
93.0	**Subtotal: 65.00% GPA required**
3.0	BIOL 110 or KIN 261
3.0	BIOL 111 or KIN 262
3.0	BIOL 222
3.0	ENGL 100
3.0	INHS 100
3.0	STAT 100
3.0	Open Elective
3.0	Open Elective
3.0	Open Elective
120.0	**Total: 65.00% PGPA required**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Bilingual Option

Credit hours	BScN Bilingual Option Required Courses
3.0	CNUR 100
3.0	CNUR 101
3.0	CNUR 102
3.0	CNUR 103
3.0	CNUR 106
3.0	CNUR 107
3.0	CNUR 201
3.0	CNUR 202
3.0	CNUR 203
3.0	CNUR 204
3.0	CNUR 205
3.0	CNUR 206
3.0	CNUR 209
3.0	CNUR 300
3.0	CNUR 301
6.0	CNUR 302
6.0	CNUR 303
6.0	CNUR 304
6.0	CNUR 305
3.0	CNUR 400
6.0	CNUR 401
3.0	CNUR 402
6.0	CNUR 403
6.0	CNUR 404
93.0	**Subtotal: 65.00% GPA required**
3.0	BIOL 110
3.0	BIOL 111
3.0	BIOL 222
3.0	FRN 352
3.0	INDG 100 (FR)
3.0	STAT 100 (FR)
3.0	FRN 340AI Directed Elective (FR)
3.0	Open Elective (FR)
3.0	Open Elective (FR)
120.0	**Total: 65.00% PGPA required**
(FR) denotes courses delivered in French **Various CNUR courses will be offered in the French language.**	

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) After Degree

Credit hours	BScN After Degree Program Required Courses
3.0	CNUR 106
3.0	CNUR 201
3.0	CNUR 202
3.0	CNUR 204
3.0	CNUR 206
3.0	CNUR 209
6.0	CNUR 211
6.0	CNUR 212
3.0	CNUR 300
3.0	CNUR 301
6.0	CNUR 302
6.0	CNUR 303
6.0	CNUR 304
6.0	CNUR 305
3.0	CNUR 400
6.0	CNUR 401
3.0	CNUR 402
6.0	CNUR 403
6.0	CNUR 404
84.0	**Subtotal: 65.00% GPA required**
3.0	BIOL 222
87.0	**Total: 65.00% PGPA required**

Licenced Practical Nurse (LPN) to BScN Pathway

Credit hours	LPN to BScN, required courses
3.0	CNUR 201
3.0	CNUR 203
3.0	CNUR 204
3.0	CNUR 206
3.0	CNUR 209
3.0	CNUR 300
3.0	CNUR 301
6.0	CNUR 302
6.0	CNUR 303
6.0	CNUR 304
6.0	CNUR 305
3.0	CNUR 400
6.0	CNUR 401
3.0	CNUR 402
6.0	CNUR 403
6.0	CNUR 404
69.0	**Subtotal: 65.00% GPA required**
3.0	BIOL 222
3.0	INHS 100
3.0	STAT 100
3.0	ENGL 100
3.0	Open Elective
15.0	
36.0	Previously completed approved practical nursing program
120.00	**Total: 65.00% PGPA required**

Minors for Nursing Programs

Minors (Optional)

Minors are an option within the SCBScN program. A minor requires the completion of six (6) or more courses within the minor subject area. A minimum of three (3) courses must be from outside the SCBScN program requirements. Core program and elective requirements may be used to fulfill a minor requirement. The specific courses required for a minor in a given discipline can be found under the relevant departmental listing. The application to graduate with a minor are ultimately approved by the Faculty of Nursing. Nursing students are permitted to complete a minor in one of the following disciplines:

- Science
- Arts
- Media, Art, and Performance (MAP)
- La Cité universitaire francophone
- Kinesiology and Health Studies