



MEDICINE HAT
COLLEGE

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PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE 2025-2026

Bachelor of Science (BScN) in Nursing

The purpose of this program planning guide is to help students registering for courses and to track their progress within their program. ***The information in this planning guide is accurate at the time of printing and is subject to change without notice.*** It is the student's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their program and course choice. Students should use the Program Planning Guide dated the year in which they began the program. This guide should be used in conjunction with the official (print) version of the Medicine Hat College Calendar, and calendars of appropriate transfer institutions, which are the final authorities regarding program requirements.

Year One

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program is **FULL-TIME**. There are a total of ten required classes that **must** be completed during Semester 1 and 2. You should be registered in five classes per semester unless you have previous course credits.

DO NOT register in more than five courses per semester.

Register for the entire academic year at the time of registration.

Register in BIOL 275 in the Fall 2025 semester and BIOL 277 in the Winter 2026 semester first for each semester (as seen below).

Register in Indigenous Health Studies (NRSO 202) in Fall 2025.

Register in Introduction to Nursing (NRSO 201) in Winter 2026.

Then build the rest of your schedule around these classes and labs.

Now register in the remainder of your courses balancing them between semesters.

ENGL 2XX

STAT 333 or STAT 251

ARTS option – PSYC 200, PSYC 201 or SOCI 201 recommended

PHIL option

Junior Science option

Junior Open option

There is an open option in the 4th year. It is highly recommended that you take this course during the spring semester of your first or second year prior to becoming a U of C student.

PLEASE BALANCE YOUR WORKLOADS IN EACH SEMESTER. LABS ARE APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS PER WEEK. TRY TO AVOID TOO MANY LAB CLASSES IN ONE SEMESTER.

YEAR 1

SEMESTER 1 - FALL			SEMESTER 2 - WINTER		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
BIOL 275 (Lec/Lab) <i>Basic Human Anatomy & Physiology I</i> FALL ONLY			BIOL 277 (Lec/Lab) <i>Basic Human Anatomy & Physiology II</i> <i>Pre-req: C- in BIOL 275</i> WINTER ONLY		
NRSG 202 (Lec) <i>Indigenous Health Studies</i>			NRSG 201 (Lec) <i>Introduction to Nursing</i>		

Jr. Open Options are any 3-or-more-credit courses that transfer to the U of C. For transferability, please check the Alberta Transfer Guide at:

<https://transferalberta.alberta.ca/transfer-alberta-search/#/audienceTypeStep>

*Recommended courses to fulfill Jr. Open Options and Jr. Science Options are listed below. You must pick one from each list. Not all courses are offered in each semester. Please check the schedule. **Please note this is not a comprehensive list.** For description of courses and the pre-requisites required, please refer to the Medicine Hat College website at www.mhc.ab.ca and click on "Programs and Courses". You **MUST** have all pre-requisites to take upper level classes.*

SCIENCE OPTION CLASSES – CHOOSE ONE (1)

- Astronomy
 - ASTR 201
- The Organization and Diversity of Life
 - BIOL 205
- Introduction to Biology I
 - BIOL 231
- Introduction to Biology II
 - BIOL 233
- Introduction to Botany
 - BOTA 205

- Ecology
 - BIOL 255
- Cellular Molecular Microbiology
 - CMMB 250
- Infection and Immunity for Health Care Professionals
 - IMIN 202

OPEN OPTION CLASSES - Choose One (1)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ANTH 213 -ANTH 201 -ANTH 203 • Art History • Communication Skills for Helping Professionals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -IDST 100 (Fall only) • Death and Dying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -IDST 485 (Winter only) • Drawing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ARDR 241 • English 200 level • French <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -FREN 200 • Gender Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -GNST 300 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -GNED 2XX • Kinesiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -KNES 2xx <u>DO NOT</u> register in KNES 261 • Linguistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -LING 201 • Nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -NUTR 200 • Philosophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -PHIL 2xx or 3XX • Psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSYC 200 or 201 • Sociology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -SOCI 2xx
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YEAR 2

SEMESTER 3 - FALL			SEMESTER 4 - WINTER		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
NRSG 305 <i>Microbiology & Biochemistry</i>			NRSG 330 <i>Nursing Amid Complexity</i>		
NRSG 310 <i>Foundations of Relationship</i>			NRSG 331 <i>Pathophysiology 1</i>		
NRSG 320 <i>Care of the Aging Adult</i>			NRSG 332 <i>Pharmacology 1</i>		
NRSG 321 <i>Health Promotion</i>			NRSG 352 <i>Acute Care Nursing Practicum 1</i>		
NRSG 350 <i>Care of the Aging Adult Practicum</i>					
NRSG 351 <i>Health Promotion Practicum</i>					

YEAR 3

SEMESTER 5 - FALL					
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
NRSG 401 <i>Evidence-Informed Nursing</i>			NRSG 430 <i>Pharmacology 2</i>		
NRSG 530 <i>Pathophysiology 2</i>			NRSG 450 <i>Consolidated Practicum</i>		
SEMESTER 6 - WINTER					
NRSG 410 <i>Nursing As Ethical Practice</i>			NRSG 531 <i>Pathophysiology III</i>		
In addition to NRSG 410 & NRSG 531, students will be enrolled in either Option A or Option B					
OPTION A			OPTION B		
*NRSG 520 <i>Care in Perinatal</i>			*NRSG 420 <i>Health Through Collaboration</i>		
*NRSG 521 <i>Care in Pediatrics</i>			*NRSG 421 <i>Mental Health and Illness</i>		
*NRSG 552 <i>Care in Perinatal Practicum</i>			*NRSG 550 <i>Acute Care Nursing 2 Practicum</i>		
*NRSG 553 <i>Care in Pediatrics Practicum</i>			*NRSG 551 <i>Mental Health Practicum</i>		

* In addition to NRSB 410 and NRSB 531, students in winter year 3 will be enrolled in either Option A or Option B. In the fall of year 4, the student will take the other 2 practicum and theory courses in addition to NRSB 501 and an open option course.

The combinations are:

- NRSB 552 Perinatal & NRSB 553 Peds Practicum **AND** NRSB 520 Perinatal Theory & NRSB 521 Peds Theory
- NRSB 550 Acute & NRSB 551 Mental Health (MH) Practicum **AND** NRSB 420 Theory & NRSB 421 MH Theory

YEAR 4

SEMESTER 7 - FALL					
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
NRSB 501 Nursing Leadership			OPTION Open Option		
In addition to NRSB 501 and an option class, students will be enrolled in either Option A or Option B					
OPTION A			OPTION B		
*NRSB 520 Care in Perinatal			*NRSB 420 Health Through Collaboration		
*NRSB 521 Care in Pediatrics			*NRSB 421 Mental Health and Illness		
*NRSB 552 Care in Perinatal Practicum			*NRSB 550 Acute Care Nursing 2 Practicum		
*NRSB 553 Care in Pediatrics Practicum			*NRSB 551 Mental Health Practicum		
SEMESTER 8 - WINTER					
NRSB 510 Resilience in Practice			NRSB 560 Final Preceptorship Practicum		

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PROGRAM NOTES

Years One and Two

You are registered as a Medicine Hat College (MHC) student for Semesters 1 - 4. You will apply to the University of Calgary (U of C) in Semester 3 of the program and will be guaranteed acceptance if you meet all **satisfactory standing** in the first 4 semesters.

Continuation Requirements for Years 1 & 2 (Semester 1 – 4)

- A minimum grade of a C- in all non-nursing courses (Year 1 semesters 1 & 2) (MHC Grading Scale)
- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 for each semester in Years 1 & 2 (MHC Grading Scale)
- A minimum of a C- in all non-clinical nursing theory courses Year 2 Semester 3 & 4 (MHC Grading Scale)
- A Completed Requirements (CR) grade in clinical courses. A FAIL (F) must be repeated along with all co-requisite theory courses to advance to the next clinical course. Clinical courses are not included in the calculation of grade point average (GPA); Students cannot withdraw from a practice course to avoid a failing grade.
- Have all program documentation submitted as required.

Years Three and Four

You register through the University of Calgary for Semesters 5 - 8 but remain on the MHC campus for the entire program. **You do not attend the University of Calgary Campus.** As a University of Calgary student, you must adhere to their Grading Scale.

Continuation Requirements in Years 3 & 4 (Semesters 5 – 8)

- A minimum of a C- in all non-clinical nursing courses (U of C Grading Scale)
- A Completed Requirements (CR) grade in clinical courses. A FAIL (F) must be repeated along with all co-requisite theory courses to advance to the next clinical course. Clinical courses are not included in the calculation of GPA; Students cannot withdraw from a practice course to avoid a failing grade.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5 for each year in Years 3 & 4 (U of C Grading Scale).
- Have all program documentation submitted as required.
- Students will take either Option A or Option B in Winter of their third and the other option in Fall of their fourth year.