



MEDICINE HAT
COLLEGE

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PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE 2026-2027 **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 for more than five courses per semester.

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

Register in BIOL 275 in the Fall 2026 semester and BIOL 277 in the Winter 2027 semester first for each semester (as seen below).

Register in Indigenous Health Studies (NRSO 202) in Fall 2026.

Register in Introduction to Nursing (NRSO 201) in Winter 2027.

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

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

ENGL 2XX

STAT 333

ARTS option

PHIL option

Junior Science option

Junior Open option

There is also a junior 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) Basic Human Anatomy & Physiology I FALL ONLY			BIOL 277 (Lec/Lab) Basic Human Anatomy & Physiology II Pre-req: C- in BIOL 275 WINTER ONLY		
NRSNG 202 (Lec) Indigenous Health Studies			NRSNG 201 (Lec) Introduction to Nursing		

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
- Infection and Immunity for Health Care Professionals
 - IMIN 202

OPEN OPTION CLASSES - Choose One (1)

- Anthropology
 - ANTH 213
 - ANTH 201
 - ANTH 203
- Art History
- Communication Skills for Helping Professionals
 - IDST 100
- Death and Dying
 - IDST 485 (Winter only)
- Drawing
- English
- French
- Gender Studies
- General Education
- Kinesiology
 - DO NOT** register in KNES 261
- Linguistics
- Nutrition
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology

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 NRSG 410 and NRSG 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 NRSG 501 and an open option course.

The combinations are:

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

YEAR 4

SEMESTER 7 - FALL					
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
NRSG 501 <i>Nursing Leadership</i>			OPTION <i>Junior Open Option**</i>		
In addition to NRSG 501 and an option class, 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>		
SEMESTER 8 - WINTER					
NRSG 510 <i>Resilience in Practice</i>			NRSG 560 <i>Final Preceptorship Practicum</i>		

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