

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BScN)

Attendance in a Prior Nursing Program

Applicants who have been previously or are currently enrolled in a baccalaureate Nursing program at another institution, must submit:

1. A letter which outlines their academic plans and explains their reasons for transferring to the MHC BScN program and,
2. Additional documentation to confirm they are in good standing (currently enrolled students only).

A follow-up interview with the Academic Chair of Nursing may be required as part of the review process. Admission is not automatic; applicants will be considered on an individual basis. In instances where applicants have failed prior nursing courses or have been required to withdraw from a prior nursing program, the letter must also explain why they are now likely to be successful. The program does not normally accept applications from students who have been required to withdraw, or who have been expelled from any school or college of nursing.

Post-Admission Requirements

Failure to submit program requirements before the first day of class will result in a hold being placed on the student account and access to class material denied. If the student does not submit all required documents within 14 days of the hold being placed on the account, the student will be required to withdraw from all classes and re-apply for admission to the program in the future. All program requirements must be submitted to the following email by August 1, 2026: yshcs@mhc.ab.ca

Immunization Requirements

Students in the BScN program must complete the required immunizations to participate in clinical placements. Required immunizations follow Alberta Health Services (AHS) guidelines. Students admitted into the BScN program are required to submit proof of immunization. Documented proof of completion must be provided to the program prior to the student's first day of classes in year 1 of the program.

Throughout the program, students are required to ensure that immunizations are current and must provide proof of updates to the program as required. Students who do not have current and complete immunizations may not be able to complete clinical placements required in the program. Immunization requirements may change during the program.

Police Information Check (PIC)

All applicants to the BScN program are required to provide a current Police Information Check (PIC), which includes a Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Search. Without this documentation, admission to the program may be rescinded or there may be delays to program progression. To be considered 'current', the PIC must be completed during the 6 weeks prior to starting clinical placement. Students who are concerned about the presence of a criminal record should contact the Parole Board of Canada for information on

receiving a Canadian Pardon/Record Suspension. Subsequent to admission, and at any time during the program, a student may be required to produce a current PIC with Vulnerable Sector search, the results of which could require their withdrawal from the program. Students are required to inform the Program Coordinator immediately of any change in the status of their criminal record.

Work Permit

Upon admission to the program, International Students must present a valid Co-op/Internship Work Permit. The Work Permit must be presented to the program, prior to the first day of classes. In addition, the Work Permit must remain valid for the duration of the program.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification

All BScN students will be required to submit proof of current CPR Certification (valid for a 12-month period from date of course completion). CPR is synonymous with the Heart and Stroke Basic Life Support (BLS) courses, which are highly recommended. Students will be responsible for obtaining course training and certification on an annual basis regardless of the expiration date on the certificate. Without this documentation, students will be removed from all classes and practice courses until adequate proof has been provided.

N-95 Fit Testing

N95 mask fitting is a program requirement that can be scheduled and completed on campus before the first day of class for year one nursing students. Documented proof of the test must be provided to yshcs@mhc.ab.ca prior to the commencement of the program. Fit testing is valid for two years; therefore, students will need to schedule a second fit testing prior to expiration while in the program.

Skills and Abilities for Becoming a Registered Nurse in Alberta

Nursing students require certain basic skills and abilities to progress through a nursing education program and for initial entry to practice as a Registered Nurse in Alberta. Prospective students are encouraged to review the document "CRNA Entry Level Competencies for the Practice of Registered Nurses (2019): www.nurses.ab.ca/media/5ndpyfar/entry-level-competencies-for-the-practice-of-registered-nurses-mar-2019.pdf to identify their fit with the requirements of becoming a registered nurse and/or identify their potential need for accommodation¹ in becoming a member of the nursing profession.

Connect Care

Connect Care is an electronic health platform that is a new way of using and sharing health information to improve patient care. Students require Connect Care access for clinical placements. All Connect Care training is mandatory prior to the start of the clinical experience.

¹ Accommodation is the process of making alterations (to the point of undue hardship) to the delivery of services so that those services become accessible to more people, including people with disabilities. (Alberta Human Rights Commission)

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Preparation involves completion of Connect Care e-learning modules prior to the Instructor Led Training (ILT) sessions. Students must be available prior to the start of the semester for their ILT. For fall courses, students must be available 10–14 business days prior to the start of the fall semester for ILT training. Depending on the student's clinical placements for winter courses, students may require additional ILT in December or January. Students are required to be available in December and January exclusive of dates when Medicine Hat College is closed. AHS schedules all training and rescheduling of ILT dates is not permitted. Failing to complete any component of the Connect Care training may result in delay or deferral of the course. Attending any clinical site without mandatory training/access is prohibited.

Program Outline

Year One - Semester 1

BIOL 275	Basic Anatomy and Physiology I	4 CR
NRSG 202	Indigenous Health Studies	3 CR

Year One - Semester 2

BIOL 277	Basic Anatomy and Physiology II	4 CR
NRSG 201	Introduction to Nursing	3 CR

Year One - Required Options (taken in Semester 1 or 2)

ARTS 2XX	Any 200-level or higher Arts Option	3 CR
ENGL 2XX	Any 200-level or higher English Option	3 CR
PHIL 2XX	Any 200-level or higher Philosophy Option	3 CR
SCIE 2XX	Any 200-level or higher Science Option	4 CR
STAT 2XX	Any 200-level or higher Statistics Option	4 CR
OPTN 2XX	Any 200-level or higher Open Option	3 or 4 CR

**Optional spring semester: Students are encouraged to complete the 4th year required open option in the spring of year 1 or 2 instead of year 4.*

Year Two - Semester 3

NRSG 305	Microbiology and Biochemistry	3 CR
NRSG 310	Foundations of Relationship	3 CR
NRSG 320	Care of the Aging Adult	1.5 CR
NRSG 321	Health Promotion	1.5 CR
NRSG 350	Care of the Aging Adult Practicum	3 CR
NRSG 351	Health Promotion Practicum	3 CR

Year Two - Semester 4

NRSG 330	Nursing Amid Complexity	3 CR
NRSG 331	Pathophysiology I	3 CR
NRSG 332	Pharmacology I	3 CR
NRSG 352	Acute Care Nursing I Practicum	6 CR

In years 3 and 4, students must register for courses with the University of Calgary.

Year Three - Semester 5

NRSG 401	Evidence-Informed Nursing	3 CR
NRSG 430	Pharmacology II	3 CR
NRSG 450	Consolidated Practicum	6 CR
NRSG 530	Pathophysiology II	3 CR

Year Three - Semester 6

NRSG 410	Nursing as Ethical Practice	3 CR
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NRSG 531	Pathophysiology III	3 CR
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Students will be registered in either Group A or Group B for winter year 3 semester and fall year 4 semester.

Group A:

NRSG 420	Health Through Collaboration	1.5 CR
NRSG 421	Mental Health and Illness	1.5 CR
NRSG 550	Acute Care Nursing II Practicum	3 CR
NRSG 551	Mental Health Practicum	3 CR

Group B:

NRSG 520	Care in Perinatal	1.5 CR
NRSG 521	Care in Pediatrics	1.5 CR
NRSG 552	Care in Perinatal Practicum	3 CR
NRSG 553	Care in Pediatrics Practicum	3 CR

Year Four - Semester 7

OPTN 2XX	Any 200-level Open Option*	3 or 4 CR
NRSG 501	Nursing Leadership	3 CR

Group B :

NRSG 420	Health Through Collaboration	1.5 CR
NRSG 421	Mental Health and Illness	1.5 CR
NRSG 550	Acute Care Nursing II Practicum	3 CR
NRSG 551	Mental Health Practicum	3 CR

Group A:

NRSG 520	Care in Perinatal	1.5 CR
NRSG 521	Care in Pediatrics	1.5 CR
NRSG 552	Care in Perinatal Practicum	3 CR
NRSG 553	Care in Pediatrics Practicum	3 CR

Year Four - Semester 8

NRSG 510	Resilience in Practice	3 CR
NRSG 560	Final Preceptorship Practicum	12 CR

Course Load

The nursing program is full-time, and students must complete all the required courses in the semester and sequence as they are prescribed.

Students are not allowed to take additional courses outside of their prescribed course sequence without the express permission of the Academic Chair of Nursing, Associate Dean, or delegate.

All students are responsible for completeness and accuracy of their registration and for arranging their course selections to meet all program requirements as detailed in this calendar.

Interruption of Program Leading to a Degree

Students who interrupt their studies in the program for 12 months or less will not be required to re-apply for admission but will need to comply with regulations from the year they return and must notify the program in advance of their intent to return.