

# Psychiatric Nursing: Degree Completion for Registered Psychiatric Nurses

Faculty of Health	kpu.ca/health
Implementation Date	01-Sep-2011
Start Date(s)	May
Intake Type	Limited intake
Instructional Cycle	Semester-based
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley
Format	Full-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

## DESCRIPTION

For general information about the Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (BPN), please see the main program page. Graduates of the Stenberg Registered Diploma Psychiatric Nurses (RDPN) program, please see the Stenberg degree completion page.

The Degree Completion for Registered Psychiatric Nurses option provides Registered Psychiatric Nurses with access to Semester 5 for completion of a Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing Degree. Once admission requirements are met, Registered Psychiatric Nurses complete the equivalent of four semesters of full time study.

Prior Learning Assessment may be available for Registered Psychiatric Nurses who have experiences equivalent to course outcomes, or have completed continuing education in various liberal education courses relevant to their nursing practice. The cost of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is the responsibility of the student.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the program will be prepared to function as team members and leaders of mental health settings including forensic psychiatry, addiction facilities, acute care, intermediate and/or long term care hospitals, clinics, home care services, and various community healthcare centers.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission into Semester 5 for Registered Psychiatric Nurses is based on seat availability.

In addition to the Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

- Completion of English 12 with a minimum grade of B (or equivalent)
- One post-secondary-level English course (3 credits)
- Successful completion of CAHS 3500
- Proof of practicing membership in the CRPNBC (which must remain current throughout the program).
- Submission of an official transcript indicating completion of a diploma in Psychiatric nursing program.

- Completion of a HCP-CPR level C course, which is current at the time of entering the program. (This must remain current throughout the program.)
- An interview and/or letter of reference, if requested.

**Note:** Immunization records are not required until placement in a clinical or practice course, and prior to registration. This will be enforced by the appropriate department prior to the time of registration.

## CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

Learners in the program must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.33 with no grade lower than C in all required courses, including electives.

## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Degree completion for Registered Psychiatric Nurses requires the completion of the General Requirements plus the requirements of Semesters 5 through 8.

The maximum allowable time students enrolled in KPU's Degree Completion for Registered Psychiatric Nurses program have to complete all program requirements for graduation is 10 years

### General Requirements

These requirements must be completed prior to graduation, but may be before, during, or after semesters 5 through 8.

3 credits of undergraduate English 3 credits

**And:**

Two undergraduate electives (courses numbered 1100 or higher) 6 credits

### Semester 5: Community Health

In the fifth semester, learners will study and practice within the many forms of community and will apply community development models to work with communities to maintain, restore, or improve the health of people in communities. They will have practice in a variety of communities, including eldercare homes, retirement villages, community psychiatric and forensic units and prisons.

**All of:**

PSYN 3100	Community Health: Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	7 credits
PSYC 3920	Aging	3 credits
WOMN 3100	Conceptual Traps & Health Care	3 credits
PSYN 3120	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing: Health Care Economics, Leadership and Management	3 credits

### Semester 6: Environment, Global Problems and Health

Learners will apply nursing theory in identifying health challenges related to sources of environmental pollution. They will conduct assessments and epidemiological analysis of relationships among environment and health. Learners will engage in policy analysis and short- and long-term planning with families, groups, and

communities. Health-related agencies will be the settings for clinical practice.

**All of:**

PSYN 3200	Global Problems and Health	7 credits
PSYN 3220	Issues in Mental Health Nursing	2 credits
PSYN 3230	Psychiatric/Mental Health: Nursing Research	3 credits
PSYN 3240	Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis	3 credits

## Semester 7: Capstone Consolidation

Learners will practice in a variety of settings to integrate learning from previous nursing and non-nursing courses. They will work in small teams in the community providing psychotherapeutic care to individuals, families, and groups. Learners establish working contracts with their clients and provide therapeutic care in their nurse-client partnership. This will include advanced skills in interventions related to counselling, psychotherapy, or case management.

**All of:**

PSYN 4100	Capstone Course: Psychiatric / Mental Health Nursing	7 credits
PHIL 3010	Health Care Ethics	3 credits
SOCI 3345	Social Policy in Context	3 credits

## Semester 8: Preceptorship

Learners participate in a preceptorship of their choice, based on availability of preferred placements. They will increase knowledge and skills to develop independence and confidence as a practitioner in the field of psychiatric/mental health nursing.

**Required:**

PSYN 4200	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing: Preceptorship	10 credits
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## CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (BPN)**.