

Nursing: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Faculty of Health	kpu.ca/health
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley
Start Date(s)	September January
Intake Type	Limited intake
Format	Full-time
Instructional Cycle	Semester-based
Curriculum Effective Date	01-Sep-2016
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

The program is recognized by the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC).

The purpose of the program is to educate nurses to work with individuals, families, groups and communities from a health promotion perspective and with an ethic of caring.

The program will assist students to develop sensitivity to people's experiences with health and healing across the lifespan in a variety of settings. Students will learn to work as partners with clients and with other health care providers. Through their understanding of and participation in the changing health care system, graduates will be active participants in creating health for all.

Students complete the Health Foundations Certificate and six (6) additional academic semesters. Graduates will be eligible to apply to write national examinations to obtain registration to practice as registered nurses in British Columbia.

The curriculum of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is based on the concepts of caring and health promotion and has been developed in consultation with nursing practitioners, theorists, professional associations, and various government ministries. The program includes non-nursing courses that complement nursing theory and practice. The curriculum considers the changing health care needs of our society.

A health promotion and constructivist perspective has been used to organize the curriculum. Pedagogy and teaching methodologies encourage the development of critical thinking and the discovery of personal meaning. There is an emphasis on practice experiences as the foundation of nursing and the recognition that nurses' work requires thoughtful, reflective action.

Please be advised that applications to this program will only be accepted from Canadian citizens and permanent residents / landed immigrants of Canada.

Nursing Practice Experiences

Nursing practice experiences are essential in the nursing program. Students will be directly involved with clients in their homes and in institutional and community settings in each semester. These experiences may involve evenings and weekends. Practice experiences occur throughout the Lower

Mainland. Students are responsible for their own transportation and other expenses incurred as part of these experiences.

Some agencies may require students to take an Oath of Confidentiality, have an additional criminal record search, have required immunizations, or have a successful interview with their personnel prior to their agreement to accept the student. Failure to have documentation acceptable to the agency at the time of placement may result in denial of the experience, which in turn may prevent completion of the program of studies.

Program Guidelines and Manuals

Students who enroll in the program have access to an online student manual that provides information regarding program guidelines. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with University policies and Bachelor of Science in Nursing guidelines. The faculty are continually reviewing the program guidelines in order to offer the best program possible. Guidelines are updated on an annual basis; therefore, the most current version of any guideline is the one that will apply to all students in that calendar year.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Certificate in Health Foundations fulfills the first-year requirements of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement, apply to this program.

The Certificate in Health Foundations may be completed in two semesters by full-time students or over a longer period of time by part-time students. Note that the maximum time period students enrolled in KPU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program have to complete all program requirements for graduation is seven years.

Upon completion of the Certificate in Health Foundations students may file a declaration of their eligibility and intention to enter the second year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. A limited number of students will be selected to commence Year 2 of the curriculum in January and September of each year as a full-time cohort. Selection for admittance to Year 2 will be based upon fulfillment of the declaration requirements and, if spaces are oversubscribed, GPA.

CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students in the program must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.33 with no grade lower than C in all required courses, including electives. Non-adherence to these requirements will result in removal from the program.

DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

Students intending to graduate with this Faculty of Health degree must declare the credential. At the time of declaration, the student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- In good academic standing with the University
- Completion of the Certificate in Health Foundations with a minimum GPA of 2.33 and no grade lower than C.
- Completion of a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer work with adults or children, evidenced by a written reference reflecting the length and nature of the experience.

If spaces are oversubscribed, admittance to Year 2 will be based on GPA from the Certificate in Health Foundations. Upon being offered admittance to Year 2 students will be required to submit documentation of the following before their declaration is granted:

- CPR level C certificate (Healthcare Provider level C certificate)
- Current Standard First Aid Certificate
- Criminal record check through the BC Ministry of Justice, Criminal Records Review Program
- Individuals who have lived outside of Canada as an adult are required to secure a Criminal Records search with the Vulnerable Sector from their country of origin.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Year 1

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Year 2

SEMESTER 1

HEAL 2150	Laboratory Practice 2	3 credits
NRSG 2121	Professional Identity 1	3 credits
NRSG 2135	Relational Practice 2: Advanced Communications	3 credits
NRSG 2145	Nursing Practice 1	6 credits
NRSG 2175	Nursing Applications 1	3 credits

SEMESTER 2

NRSG 2245	Nursing Practice 2	6 credits
NRSG 2265	Nursing Science 1: Pathophysiology 1	3 credits
NRSG 2266	Nursing Science 2: Pharmacology	3 credits
NRSG 2275	Nursing Application 2	3 credits

Year 3

SEMESTER 3

HEAL 2250	Laboratory Practice 3	3 credits
NRSG 3121	Professional Identity 2	3 credits
NRSG 3145	Nursing Practice 3	6 credits
NRSG 3165	Nursing Science 3: Pathophysiology 2	3 credits
NRSG 3175	Nursing Applications 3	3 credits

SEMESTER 4

HEAL 3180	Nursing Science 4: Health Research for Evidence Informed Practice	3 credits
NRSG 3245	Nursing Practice 4	6 credits
NRSG 3275	Nursing Applications 4	3 credits
PHIL 3010	Health Care Ethics	3 credits

Year 4

SEMESTER 5

NRSG 4145	Nursing Practice 5	8 credits
NRSG 4165	Nursing Science 5: Complex Client Care	3 credits
NRSG 4175	Nursing Applications 5	3 credits
Elective: Any 3-credit course at the 3000 level or higher from ANTH, CRIM, ENGL, HEAL, HSCI, PSYC or SOCI.		3 credits

SEMESTER 6

NRSG 4245	Nursing Practice 6	10 credits
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Note: Students re-admitted to the program after an absence are not guaranteed equivalency of previous course-work. Course substitution will be considered only on a case-by-case basis.

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**.