

NURSING (BScN)

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AT MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

Mature Student Route

Must have an overall average of 65%, with no grade lower than 50%

- English 30-1
- Math 30-1 or Math 30-2
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30 or Science 30

International Student Admission

International applicants should be aware of the following “English Language Proficiency” requirements. For entry to the BScN program, they must present a minimum score of 237 on the computer-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and a score of 50 on the Test of Spoken English; or a minimum score of 580 on the paper-based TOEFL examination and a score of 50 on the TSE.

Pre-Program Requirements

Failure to submit the pre-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 June 30: hstudiesinquiries@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 Faculty of Nursing 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 Nursing program as required. Students who do not have current and complete immunizations will 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. In order to be considered ‘current’, the PIC must be completed during the three months prior to admission (i.e. June 1 – August 31 for Fall admission). Students who are concerned about the presence of a criminal record should contact the police department to discuss the process for eliminating or erasing such a record. Failure to present a clear Police Information Check may result in admission being denied/rescinded. After 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 faculty immediately of any change in status of their criminal record.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Certification- Basic Life Support (BLS)

All BScN students will be required to submit proof of current BLS Certification (valid for a 12 month period from date of course completion). Students will be responsible for obtaining course training and certification on a yearly 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

N-95 mask fitting is a pre-program requirement that will 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 hstudiesinquiries@mhc.ab.ca prior to the commencement of the program. Fit testing is valid for two years; therefore, students will need to schedule their second fit testing on campus prior to expiration.

Intervention Record Check (IRC)

All applicants to the BScN program are required to provide a current Intervention Record Check (IRC) prior to admission into the second year of the program. The Intervention Record Checks are for those who work with children or youth, or adults applying to become a foster caregiver, kinship caregiver, or adoptive parent to a child or youth in the province of Alberta. Students will be notified how and when to submit the IRC form on-line in second semester of their first year.

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): <https://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.

Preparation involves completion of the Connect Care e-learning modules on the AHS My Learning Link site prior to the in-person Instructor Led Training (ILT) sessions. Students must be available prior to the start of the term for their ILT. For fall courses, students must be available 10 business days prior to the start of the fall term 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 the 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 the mandatory CC training/access is prohibited.

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).