General Information

The University of Alberta offers a Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program; the full four years of which can be taken at the following institutions:

- University of Alberta
- Keyano College
- Northwestern Polytechnic (formerly Grande Prairie Regional College)
- Red Deer Polytechnic (formerly Red Deer College)

This program is designed for students who are entering directly from a completed secondary program or who have completed some postsecondary courses.

As of September 2018, a new curriculum will be offered at the University of Alberta. Previous course sequences may continue to be followed by Collaborative Program partner sites.

1. The curriculum is designed to be taken over four years. With approval, students have up to six years from the time of admission to complete requirements for this program. Normally, students who do not complete the program within six years will be required to withdraw.

2. Placements can be made anywhere in the Greater Edmonton area (e.g., Devon, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, Morinville, St Albert, Sherwood Park, Spruce Grove and Stony Plain) or as far away as 150 kilometers. Students are responsible for their transportation to practice placements and for the costs of travel and accommodations.

3. Students must purchase a stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, and a penlight at the time of admission. A lab coat and a uniform will be required later in the program.

4. Clinical practice may include shift and weekend rotations.

5. Students are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their registrations. Particular care should be exercised regarding prerequisite courses. Students are responsible for adjustments in registration made necessary by reexamination results.

Course Sequence

As of September 2022 at University of Alberta (see Maintaining Registration)

Year 1 (see Note 1)

Fall Term

- ENGL (3 units) OR WRS (3 units) (see Note 2)
- MMI 133 - Medical Microbiology for Health Care Professionals
- NURS 106 - Foundations of Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing
- NURS 120 - Foundations for Success in Nursing

Winter Term

- NURS 116 - Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I
- NURS 124 - Foundations of Nursing I
- NURS 125 - Nursing Practice - Health Assessment
- NURS 200 - Innovation, Systems Thinking and Leadership in Healthcare
Spring/Summer

- INT D 222 - Indigenous Health in Canada
- Open Elective (3 units)

Year 2 (see Notes 1 and 3)

Fall Term

- NURS 211 - Statistics and Knowledge Management (see Note 4)
- NURS 220 - Foundations of Nursing II
- NURS 221 - Introduction to Nursing Practice

Two Term

- NURS 216 - Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II

Winter Term

- NURS 224 - Foundations of Nursing III
- NURS 225 - Introduction to Acute Care Nursing Practice
- NURS 311 - Evidence Informed Nursing Practice

Spring/Summer

- Open Elective (3 units) (See Note 5)

Year 3 (see Notes 1 and 6)

Fall Term

- NURS 300 - Health Policy, Health Care Organizations, Change Management
- NURS 321 - Advanced Acute Care Nursing Practice I

- NURS 323 - Community Nursing through the Lifespan OR
- NURS 327 - Mental Health and Wellness in Nursing

Winter Term

- NURS 323 - Community Nursing through the Lifespan OR
- NURS 327 - Mental Health and Wellness in Nursing

- NURS 325 - Advanced Acute Care Nursing Practice II
- NURS 400 - Leadership in Nursing and Interprofessional Practice

Year 4 (see Notes 1 and 7)

Fall Term (see Note 8)

- NURS 485 - Nursing Practice in a Focused Area

Winter Term (see Note 8)
Course Sequence - Fast Track Program (see Note 9)

Year 1 (see Note 1)

Fall Term

- ENGL (3 units) OR WRS (3 units) (see Note 2)
- MMI 133 - Medical Microbiology for Health Care Professionals
- NURS 106 - Foundations of Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing
- NURS 120 - Foundations for Success in Nursing

Winter Term

- NURS 116 - Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I
- NURS 124 - Foundations of Nursing I
- NURS 125 - Nursing Practice - Health Assessment
- NURS 200 - Innovation, Systems Thinking and Leadership in Healthcare

Spring/Summer

- INT D 222 - Indigenous Health in Canada
- Open Elective (3 units)

Year 2 (see Notes 1 and 3)

Fall Term

- NURS 211 - Statistics and Knowledge Management (see Note 4)
- NURS 220 - Foundations of Nursing II
- NURS 221 - Introduction to Nursing Practice

Two Term

- NURS 216 - Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II

Winter Term

- NURS 224 - Foundations of Nursing III
- NURS 225 - Introduction to Acute Care Nursing Practice
- NURS 311 - Evidence Informed Nursing Practice

Spring and Summer Two Term

- NURS 300 - Health Policy, Health Care Organizations, Change Management

Spring Term

- NURS 321 - Advanced Acute Care Nursing Practice I
Summer Term

- NURS 323 - Community Nursing through the Lifespan OR
- NURS 327 - Mental Health and Wellness in Nursing

Year 3 (see Note 1 and 7)

Fall Term

- NURS 323 - Community Nursing through the Lifespan OR
- NURS 327 - Mental Health and Wellness in Nursing

- NURS 325 - Advanced Acute Care Nursing Practice II
- NURS 400 - Leadership in Nursing and Interprofessional Practice

Winter Term (see Note 8)

- NURS 485 - Nursing Practice in a Focused Area

Spring and Summer Two Term

- INT D 420 - Perspectives on Inclusive and Global Health
- NURS 422 - Contemporary Issues in Healthcare Ethics and Law
- NURS 425 - Nursing Leadership in a Focus Area

Notes

1. Courses may be configured differently depending on clinical placement availability.
2. Any junior- or senior-level English or Writing Studies course. Students should consult Department of English guidelines regarding prerequisites for senior-level courses.
3. To proceed to Year 2, students must have successfully completed all courses listed in Year 1.
4. An equivalent STAT (3 units) course may be accepted in lieu of NURS 211.
5. Elective may be taken at any time in the program prior to Year 4.
6. To proceed to Year 3/Spring of Year 2 Fast Track, students must have successfully completed all courses listed in Years 1 and 2.
7. To proceed to Year 4/Winter of Year 3 Fast Track, students must have successfully completed all courses listed in Years 1, 2, and 3/Fast Track terms up to Fall of Year 3.
8. NURS 485 and NURS 422, NURS 425, INT D 420 may be taken in reverse order if offered.
9. The Fast Track program will only accept Collaborative BScN students (excluding Collaborative Honors students) in their second year; students must have completed 2 electives or 1 elective and NURS 122 prior to the end of Winter Term of their second year to be eligible (Faculty of Nursing- Collaborative Program).

Additional Information for Students

Course sequences for Collaborative Partner Sites may be found in the Academic Calendar for each institution.

- Keyano College
- Northwestern Polytechnic (formerly Grande Prairie Regional College)
- Red Deer Polytechnic (formerly Red Deer College)