

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs Lower Mainland

It's **highly recommended** that you attend a Nursing Information Session regularly offered by most nursing programs. Admission requirements and the admission process are subject to change by each school, therefore when planning your admission to Nursing, it is highly recommended that you thoroughly research the information available on the school's website and speak to an admissions advisor.

BCIT

About the program:

- Accelerated, three-year, full-time Bachelor of Science in Nursing program
- Two intakes per year: January and August
- Blend of online and distance courses with lectures, seminars, and small group work on campus
- Simulation labs at BCIT provide students with a safe learning environment
- Clinical experiences in a variety of acute care settings and community agencies
- Two specialty nursing courses are included in the degree
- Student mentors and dedicated support staff are available to students

This program is for individuals who:

- Are interested in caring for the physical and emotional well-being of a variety of patients
- Are team players, able to work independently, and take initiative while maintaining ethical standards and values
- Have a strong work ethic and are committed to a heavy course load
- Are able to work day, night, and weekend shifts in a physically demanding, fast-paced environment
- Have completed a minimum of 18 post-secondary credits or higher level of education
- Are Canadian residents

This program has competitive enrollment with no waitlist.

Competitive Entry: Three step process

Preference will be given to applicants with:

- Academic grades above the minimum
- Related experience
- Additional post-secondary academic courses*

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This program is open to applications:

January intakes: May 1st* to August 31st*

August intakes: November 1st* to February 28th*

*or next business day

*Applicants with preferred entrance requirements are to submit transcripts and supporting documentation with their online application.

Step 1: Entrance requirements

- English 12 and **Two years of education in English in an English-speaking country**
 - *If you do not have English 12, you can demonstrate English proficiency in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening by taking an English Proficiency Test (e.g. TOEFL or IELTS)*
 - *If you do not have two years of education in English, you can take the BCIT COMM 0033 Speaking & Listening test or the BCIT COMM 0030 course. For more information, visit the website*
- Chemistry 11 (73%)
- Math: **one** of the following:
 - Principles of Mathematics 11 (73%) or 12 (67%) or
 - Applications of Mathematics 12 (73%) or
 - Foundations of Mathematics 11 (73%) or 12 (73%) or
 - Pre-Calculus 11 (73%) or 12 (67%) or
 - **MATH 0007** (73%)
- Academic Foundations requirement: Completion of 18.0 university credits with a minimum of (67%) in each of the following courses:
 - **ENGL 1177** Academic Writing or a first-year transferable English composition course* (3.0 credits)
 - **Anatomy & Physiology*** - must have been completed within the past 3 years (6.0 credits)
 - **PSYC 1101** Introductory Psychology 1 or an equivalent Psychology course* (3.0 credits)
 - **General Education** [PDF] electives at a 100 level minimum in at least 2 different academic disciplines (6.0 credits)

* View acceptable **equivalency courses** [PDF] for Anatomy & Physiology, English composition and Psychology requirements. Prospective students are advised to complete pre-requisite, university transferable courses at one of the post-secondary institutions listed in the equivalency chart.

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ALL ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO APPLICATION. Midterm grades not accepted for Academic Foundations courses. Only official transcripts to be submitted with your online application.

- Completion of the following form is mandatory and must be submitted with your online application:
[Mandatory Applicant Questionnaire¹⁴](#) [PDF]: This form will be used with other entrance requirements in the competitive selection for the program.

Step 2: Requirements for selected applicants

All applications will be reviewed by the program area at the application deadline. Shortlisted applicants will be required to complete the following:

- Non-cognitive questionnaire

Step 3: Conditionally selected applicants

If you have been conditionally accepted to BCIT you will be notified and the following information will be required in order to be accepted into the program:

- [Criminal Record Check](#) [PDF]
- [Immunization Review](#) [PDF]
Submit to [Student Health Services](#).
Immunization is a mandatory requirement for this program.
- Completion of the program Medical Form. Satisfactory health is required for all applicants.

Once these and any other outstanding conditions have been met, you will receive notification of your full acceptance.

For more information, visit the BCIT Nursing website:

<http://www.bcit.ca/study/programs/8870bsn>

Douglas College:

About the Program: 124 credits over 8 semesters (including Academic Foundations Year), held at the Coquitlam campus with intakes in September and January.

Academic Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, students must complete the following required 30 university transfer (UT) credits, with a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in each 3 credit course:

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- BIOL 1103, BIOL 1203, BIOL 2200, BIOL 2401
- ENGL 1130 and one UT ENGL elective course
- MATH 1160 or PSYC 2300
- 3 credit UT Social Science/Humanities elective
- 6 credits UT electives

Students may apply to the BSN program for the Fall or Winter semester following completion of the required 30 credits listed above. Students are accepted to the BSN program on a first qualified, first admitted basis.

Priority Registration for Potential Nursing Applicants:

As the above courses are in high demand, students do have the option of applying for priority registration. To receive priority registration, students may apply to [Academic Foundations \(for potential Nursing applicants\)](#).

Students who are approved for priority registration under the Academic Foundations (for potential Nursing applicants) category are not guaranteed admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

To be eligible to receive priority registration, students must meet the following minimum requirements:

- English 12 with a minimum grad of B (or acceptable substitution*)
- Biology 11 or 12 with a minimum grade of B (or acceptable substitution*)
- Foundations of Math 11 or 12 with a minimum grade of B (or acceptable substitution*)

*In most cases, university transferable coursework completed in the above subject areas can be used toward meeting the entrance requirements.

Application deadlines for Academic Foundation Program:

Fall: February 1st

Winter: June 1st

Information Sessions:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Information sessions are held once a month at 5pm. BSN Faculty will provide information and answer your individual questions. Please plan on attending one of the information sessions. For information on the specific dates, times and location please refer to the website: <http://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/information-sessions>

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A. Non-Academic Admission Requirements:

After successful completion of the required 30 credits for BSN eligibility, and prior to an offer of admission to the second year of the BSN program:

- Mandatory Program Orientation - Applicants will be notified by mail of the Program Orientation date.

B. Following an offer of admission to the BSN program:

- Potential Interview - Applicants may be required to participate in an interview with a representative(s) of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for the purposes of providing additional information and/or for academic counselling.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Basic Rescuer (CPR) Level HCP Health Care Provider Certificate current within 1 year of the start date of the program. Standard First Aid Certificates that include CPR Level HCP within 1 year of the date of application are also accepted.
- Standard First Aid Certificate current within 3 years of the start date of the program.
- Health Assessment - A satisfactory health assessment completed by a physician or nurse practitioner.
- Immunization Record - A current record of recommended immunizations consistent with the requirements of practice agencies; details will be provided at the time the applicant is offered admission to the program
- Criminal Record Check - details will be provided at the time the applicant is offered admission to the program.
- Non-violent Crisis Intervention Certificate
- Respiratory Mask Fit-test (N95) - All semester one students will be required to be fit-tested for a respiratory mask. There is an additional applicant cost for fit-testing.

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/programs/BSNURS>

Langara College:

About the Program: 4 year credential (completed in 3 years, 9 consecutive semesters) with intakes in September and January. Since students are studying all year round, it is not possible to work while enrolled in the program.

Admission Requirements:

Note: Admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program are currently under review. If any changes are made they will be in effect for applicants to the **Spring (January) 2017** intake and onwards. More details will be available in the Fall - please check website in late September/early October for updated information.

Admission requirements for the **Fall (September) 2016** intake are not anticipated to change and will be as follows:

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1. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.33 on courses required for admission (see #2).
2. Applicants must complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C+ in each course.
 - o one of English 1127, 1128, 1129 or 1130
 - o Biology 1190* (must be completed within FIVE years prior to the application deadline)
 - o Statistics 1124 (must be completed within FIVE years prior to the application deadline)
 - o two university transferable courses

*To meet program requirements BIOL 1190 and 1191, or equivalents, must be completed at the same institution.

High School Pre-Requisites:

1. Prerequisite for English 1127 or 1128: English 12 (or English Literature 12 or English First Peoples 12) with a minimum 80% final, blended grade. (Or one of LET 4 (or LET 3 with strong recommendation of concurrent registration in ENGL 1121) or LPI equivalent).
2. Prerequisites for Biology 1190: A minimum "C+" grade in Biology 11 or 12 and a minimum, final blended grade of C+ in English 12 (or equivalent).
3. Prerequisite for Statistics 1124: A minimum "C" grade in one of Foundations of Math 11, Principles of Math 11, Precalculus 11; or Applications of Math 12 (or equivalent); Prerequisites are valid for only three years.

What if You Don't Meet the High School Pre-Requisites?

You can still be admitted to the Foundation in Health Sciences program and register for the courses for which you have the required prerequisites and those that do not have prerequisites---such as the university-transferable courses (e.g. Psychology, Sociology). For the course for which you do NOT meet the prerequisites, other options include writing a diagnostic test or upgrading courses at Langara.

Program Preference:

Preference may be given to applicants with higher than the minimum GPA or a Bachelor's or higher degree from a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution.

If a student completes all 5 courses and is not admitted, she can re-take the English, Statistics and/or Biology 1190 courses to improve their GPA before reapplying OR she can take 1 or 2 other university transfer courses. Alternatively, she can take the next level English (1129 or 1130) or Biology 1191 which is part of the Nursing curriculum.

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It is a better idea to spread out the 5 courses over 2 semesters as it may help to increase one's admission GPA. Langara admits 80 students per intake, taking those applicants with the highest GPA.

Application Deadline:

All admission requirements must be complete and documentation submitted by the following dates:

- September intake: January 31
- January intake: May 31

Applicants who receive offers of admission must submit the following:

- a satisfactory Criminal Records Review
- a complete and current Immunization and Communicable Disease Form
- certification in Standard First Aid
- certification in CPR Level C (with AED)
- proof of respiratory mask fit testing

For more information, visit the website: <http://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/nursing/>

Kwantlen University

About the Program: Students complete seven (7) academic semesters and two (2) consolidated nursing practice experiences over four years to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree (141 credits). Offered full-time at the Langley campus.

Program Admission Requirements:

- English 12 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of B; or undergraduate equivalent with a minimum grade of C+; or ENGL 1100 level (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of C+
- Biology 12 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of B; or undergraduate equivalent with a minimum grade of C+
- Chemistry 11 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of B; or undergraduate equivalent with a minimum grade of C+
- Pre-calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of B; or undergraduate equivalent with a minimum grade of C+

Once students have received a conditional offer of admission and before final admission to the program is granted, students must submit the following:

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- Standard First Aid and Canadian CPR Level C courses that are current at the time of entering the program. CPR certification must be current throughout the program and may be required annually by some practice agencies. (All costs and associated updates are the responsibility of the student)
- An acceptable criminal record review issued by the BC Ministry of Justice, Criminal Records Review Program, completed within six months of enrolling in the program. The College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia requires a criminal record search prior to registration as a nurse and a criminal record search may also be a pre-practice requirement of some of the clinical agencies used during the program. (All costs related to this search are the responsibility of the student).
- Applicants who have lived outside of Canada as an adult are required to secure a Criminal Record Search with the Vulnerable Sector from their country of origin. Please contact the Office of Admissions for further direction on obtaining your criminal record check.
- An interview and/or letters of reference may be required
- Any other specified conditions of admission prior to the date specified in the offer of admission letter

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.

Important Notice for Applicants:

Students are encouraged to complete the non-nursing courses prior to admission or during the semester in which they are scheduled. The workload of the program makes it difficult to take these courses at any other time.

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

Selection of Qualified Applicants

Only students who meet all of the admission requirements as outlined above will be considered for admission. Meeting the criteria does not guarantee admission into the program; admissibility will be determined through an established process that identifies an equal number of high school applicants and transfer applicants to whom admission offers will be made.

High School Category

Applicants in the high school category will be selected using the highest cumulative percentages from the English, Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology courses required for admission. One program seat will be reserved for a self-identified Aboriginal student with the highest cumulative percentage. Students currently attending high school will be offered conditional

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acceptance based on interim grades. Final grades must be equal to or greater than interim grades or acceptance may be withdrawn.

Transfer Category

Students who have a minimum of 24 eligible undergraduate post-secondary credits with a minimum GPA of 2.33 qualify under this category. Students with the highest CGPA from a recognized post-secondary institution will be selected for the number of available spaces.

Non-Nursing Courses Required for the Nursing Program

English 1100
English 1202
Biology 1160*
Biology 1260*
any 2 university transfer courses

*these Biology courses are reserved for Nursing students first to register in. Any seats remaining are then available for non-Nursing students.

Applications are accepted from Nov 1 to Mar 1 for Fall intake and from March 1 to August 1 for Spring intake.

For more information, visit <http://www.kpu.ca/calendar/2015-16/health/nursing/nursing-deg.html>

UBC-Vancouver

About the Program: UBC Vancouver's Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a 3rd year entry program after completing at least 48 credits of post-secondary study. (UBC Okanagan has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing that admits students directly from high school.) The program is just under 2 years in length (5 continuous terms).

Course Work:

To be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, with advanced standing, applicants must have a completed bachelor's degree or significant progress (minimum of 48 credits) toward a degree in another field of study. Note: Applied degrees will be considered on case-by-case basis. In this accelerated program, students enter at a level equivalent to that of third-year university and complete 81 credits in five consecutive terms. Because of limitations in clinical placements and resources, enrolment is limited.

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Prerequisites required:

- First-year English (3 credits): English 112 is recommended or an equivalent first year higher education English composition course. Exceptionally, this English prerequisite may be waived for students who have completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited university (where English was the main language of instruction during that degree).
- Human Anatomy and Physiology (6 credits): BIOL 153 (7 credits) is recommended or an equivalent human anatomy and physiology course/courses. As a general guideline, Human Anatomy and Physiology courses must have been completed within the last seven years. NOTE: As of May 2013, BIOL 155 will no longer satisfy the human anatomy and physiology requirement. We will accept BIOL 155 courses completed by the end of April 2013 as meeting this requirement.

Looking to take the equivalent of first year English or Human Anatomy & Physiology at another institution? UBC has a chart on their website showing equivalent courses that you can take at other colleges and universities in BC.

<http://www.nursing.ubc.ca/Undergrad/EnglishBioEquiv.aspx>

Minimum Admission Average:

Applicants are required to have a minimum 70% or grade point average of 2.8 (calculated on a 4-point scale) based upon the most recent 30 credits completed at the undergraduate level.

On-Line Supplemental Application is Required:

- 1) a personal statement that will introduce you to the committee
- 2) a resume which showcases your education history, work experience volunteer/community service work, leadership roles or activities, and extra-curricular activities
- 3) the names and contact information for two referees

Multiple Mini-Interviews:

An interview is an important component of the selection process. Candidates are selected based on an Admission Index calculated from the academic and non-academic requirements. The interview will be conducted in the "Multi Mini-Interview" (MMI) style, in a circuit of 7 or 8 questions. The Multiple Mini-Interviews are designed to allow fair, objective evaluation and assessment of candidates' suitability for a career in nursing.

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Vancouver Community College – Nursing (BScN)

About the Program: 36 months full-time (138 credits), plus completion of 18 credits of pre-requisites.

Please note: *Students must complete all university transfer course pre-requisites before being placed on the wait list.*

Admission Requirements

- University Transfer first year courses* equivalent to 18.0 credits including:
 - VCC [English 1100](#) and [1200](#) or equivalent with a minimum C+ or better in each course
 - VCC [Biology 1120](#) and [1220](#) (Human Anatomy & Physiology), or equivalent within the last five years with a minimum C+ or better in each course
 - Two terms (six credits) of **one** of the following Humanities course: Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, or equivalent with a minimum C+ or better in each course

- English Language Proficiency at the Grade 12 English level with a minimum B. Students who upgrade English 12 must still show proficiency in listening and speaking
- Speaking and listening requirements can be satisfied through three years of full-time, face-to-face secondary or post-secondary education at an accredited institution where English is the medium of instruction and is also one of the country's official languages. ESL courses are not included in the three-year calculation. If you do not meet the 3 year requirement, but have English 12, you can take the VCC English Language Assessment, Speaking & Listening components.

- Volunteer experience in a health care setting or employment in a health care field. Volunteer experience will consist of a **minimum of 30 hours of volunteer work** with adults or children in an acute care or community health care agency. A written reference from an employer or volunteer coordinator that reflects the length and nature of the volunteer experience or employment in a health care setting must be submitted. (for additional information see Vancouver Coastal Health)

Pre-requisites for University Transfer Courses:

1. **English 1100** – final grade of 76% in English 12 OR English 12 Provincial exam score of 72% (Provincial exam mark only) OR English 12 with a final grade of C+ *and* VCC Writing Skills 12 ([ENSK 0902](#)) with a final grade of B, OR English 0981/0991 with a final grade of B+ OR ONE of the following test scores: ABE assessment (60 in reading, 52 in writing, and 0991 on essay), LPI 5/35 OR LET 4

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2. **Biology 1120** - Biology 11, Biology 12, Chemistry 11, Pre-Calculus 11, all with at least a C+.

Other Requirements:

1. A Criminal Record Check (CRC) is required in accordance with the Criminal Records Review Act. All individuals who work with vulnerable adults and/or children must complete a Criminal Records Check through the [Ministry of Justice](#). Applicants to this program should be aware that some practicum placement in hospitals and schools may require completion of a Criminal Records Check indicating no relevant criminal record. After submitting an admissions application, applicants will receive by email a web link and unique college access code to apply and pay for a Criminal Record Check online
2. Current CPR certificate which includes:
 - o Adult/Child/Baby CPR- one rescuer
 - o Adult/Child CPR - two rescuer
 - o Adult/Child/Baby - choking
 - o Barrier devices/pocket masks

CPR certificates other than CPR level C must be accompanied by documentation indicating the certificate includes the above

3. Health Requirements
 - o Submission of a negative TB skin test. In case of a positive TB Skin Test, proof of a negative Chest X-ray is required
 - o A completed [immunization history](#).
 - o [Immunizations](#) in the following are **strongly recommended**, and *may be required* for practicum placement in the program:
 - Pertussis/Diphtheria/Tetanus
 - Polio
 - Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
 - Hepatitis B
 - Influenza (required on an annual basis)

Program Status

Accepting applications (approximate 2 year waitlist)

For more information, visit the VCC website:

<http://www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/health-sciences/nursing-bscn-year-1-entry>