

NURSING AFTER DEGREE - BACHELOR OF

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Due to the nature of the program, it is recommended that prospective students contact an Academic Advisor with initial inquiries. Call 403.320.3366 or 1.800.572.0103.

Accelerate Your Nursing Career

Become tomorrow's nursing leader today in the accelerated Bachelor of Nursing – After Degree (BNAD) program. Developed in collaboration with the University of Lethbridge, the After Degree program recognizes and builds on your previous education – regardless of the discipline or field of study. In 24 months, you'll be ready to write the NCLEX-RN exam and begin your career as a Registered Nurse.

Your first two semesters will be completed at Lethbridge College, where you'll be immersed in real-world experience and theory. You'll gain hands-on experience in our labs and in clinical practicums, all while learning the rationale behind what you do. You'll finish off your six consecutive semesters of studies at the university preparing to write the NCLEX-RN.

Academic Standards

During orientation to the program, students receive a handbook outlining all the program policies. It is very important for students to review and understand these requirements.

A student who falls within the ranges below will be in good standing, on academic probation, or required to withdraw, respectively:

Nursing Course	Minimum Nursing Course Grade	Minimum Cumulative and Term GPA
All Nursing Courses*	C-	2.50
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Academic Disqualification

A student is required to withdraw from the Bachelor of Nursing - After Degree program if any of the following occurs:

- the cumulative GPA falls below the required levels for two or more consecutive terms at the end of the Winter (January) term;
- the student fails any internship or nursing practice course; or
- the student fails to meet the Standards of Professional Conduct (see below).

A student dismissed for academic reasons may apply for readmission by the appropriate deadline after a lapse of one full year. Readmission is not guaranteed. Students dismissed for a second time will not be re-admitted to the program. Students are advised to contact an academic advisor as early as possible to discuss the possibility of readmission.

Standards of Professional Conduct

The standards of professional conduct for students in the Bachelor of Nursing – After Degree program are published in the Student Handbook. Students are subject to the general rules and regulations of the agencies

with which they are affiliated during practice experiences. Students may be required to withdraw for violations of professional conduct.

Faculty members who are supervising practice-based experiences may require a student to leave a practice setting at any time if, in the opinion of the faculty member, the student's practice threatens patient/client safety or is disruptive to patient/client care. The Dean, or designate, will review the case in a timely fashion to determine whether, and under what conditions, the student may return to the practice setting.

Your Investment

Program fees will vary. To view fee information, click here (<https://lethbridgecollege.ca/programs/>) and select your program.

Students are expected to travel for practice-based experiences, as required, and are responsible for associated costs.

- Terms III - VI BN-AD fees are determined by the University of Lethbridge. Please contact the U of L at 403.329.2649 for more information.

ADMISSIONS

All applicants applying to the Bachelor of Nursing – After Degree program must apply directly to the University of Lethbridge. Please refer to the U of L admissions information.

Applicants to the BN After Degree must present the following:

- An approved undergraduate degree (a minimum of 30 or more courses (90.0 credit hours) from a recognized degree-granting institution)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology, 6.0 credit hours (two term courses)
- Statistics, 3.0 credit hours (one term course)
- Fine Arts or Humanities courses, 3.0 credit hours (one term course)
- Social science courses, 6.0 credit hours (two term courses)
- Proof of Spoken English Language Proficiency and English Language Proficiency
- Completion and submission of valid CASPer test results

Keep in mind that Human Anatomy and Physiology and Statistics must be completed with 10 years preceding the term of admission. (*Waivers will not be permitted if the ten year limit has passed or if courses taken are less than the required credit weight; these courses will need to be retaken.*)

Admission to this program is competitive.

Note: Mid-point grades must be submitted for courses currently in progress.

CURRICULUM

Course	Title	Credits
Term I		
INS-1155	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	3
NSG-1522	Introduction to Praxis	3
NSG-1600	Nursing and Intersectionality	3
NSG-1610	Assessing Health and Wholeness	3
Credits		12
Term II		
NSG-2321	Health of Persons	6

NSG-2322	Praxis With Persons	6
Credits		12
Term III		
University of Lethbridge		
NURS 2521	Health of Families	3
NURS 3120	Mental Health and Addictions	3
NURS 3522	Praxis with Families	5
NURS 4622	Praxis in Mental Health	5
Credits		16
Term IV		
University of Lethbridge		
NURS 3021	Community and Population Health	3
NURS 3022	Praxis in Health Promotion	6
NURS 3610	Nursing Leadership and Global Health	3
NURS 3200	Praxis and the the Digital Age	3
Credits		15
Term V		
University of Lethbridge		
NURS 2300	Evidence and Praxis	3
NURS 3321	Acute Health Disruptions	3
NURS 3322	Praxis in Acuity	6
Credits		12
Term VI		
University of Lethbridge		
NURS 4922	Professional Preceptorship	15
Credits		15
Total Credits		82

General Requirements

1. Required to complete all courses through Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge.
2. Attain a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 on all required Nursing and Health Sciences courses taken for credit toward the program.
3. A minimum grade of C- is required in all Nursing courses. Any student who does not meet the minimum grade requirement is required to repeat the course and achieve a higher grade before being allowed to proceed in the program.
4. The time limit for program completion is six years after completion of the first Nursing course used for credit toward the degree.

PRACTICUM

Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) Pre-Placement Requirements

This program has a required Work-Integrated Learning Pre-Placement Requirements (WIL) component. The College dictates the legal terms and conditions governing the WIL.

Students must meet and maintain certain requirements to participate in the WIL setting as determined by programs, practice agencies and/or legislated by government bodies. These may include health (e.g. immunizations, screening tests, etc.), privacy and security (e.g. police

information check, IT access, etc.), and OH&S requirements (e.g. CPR certification, Fire Safety, WHMIS, Mask Fit-testing, etc.).

Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) coverage - WIL placement agencies and employers usually require WCB coverage on behalf of the student. Students enrolled in post-secondary institutions in Alberta are deemed to be employees of the Province of Alberta and, as such, provided WCB coverage. In certain instances for students outside of Alberta, WCB coverage may not be provided (e.g. non-Alberta residents taking a course solely through distance learning with a WIL placement outside of Alberta). These students are advised to contact the program prior to application.

Students with disabilities who may require accommodations must schedule an appointment with Accessibility Services at Lethbridge College preferably upon acceptance to the program and no later than the Add/Drop deadline to identify potential impacts of their disabilities in the WIL setting. As part of this process, it may be necessary to collaborate with WIL supervisors to determine appropriate accommodations that do not compromise the health and safety of clients, essential placement requirements, or mandatory licensing processes. Failure to consult with Accessibility Services in a timely fashion may compromise the student's WIL placement and opportunities for success in the WIL setting.

In order to participate in a WIL, a student may be required to complete a Police Information Check or other type of Security Clearance to the satisfaction of Lethbridge College and the WIL organization. Completion of a WIL does not guarantee employment with a WIL organization. Many disciplines are provincially or otherwise regulated (e.g. health professions under Alberta's Health Professions Act); such regulation is beyond Lethbridge College's control. Completion of a WIL and graduation from a certain program do not guarantee one's licensure or admission into a regulatory body. Prospective students are encouraged to consult with a representative of the relevant regulatory body if they have concerns.

WIL sites may include Lethbridge, surrounding rural communities, and may extend beyond these boundaries depending on WIL site availability and approvals. WILs may include day, evening, and/or weekend schedules. Students will be expected to travel to assigned sites and will be responsible for arranging travel and any associated costs.

CAREERS

Upon successful completion of the program, you'll be eligible to write the NCLEX-RN exam to be licensed as a registered nurse. This will open career opportunities for you in a range of health care facilities, including:

- Acute Care (Medical, Surgical, Mental Health, Pediatric, Maternity, etc.)
- Community Health Nursing (Public Health, Primary Health Care, Home Care, etc.)
- Continuing Care (Long Term Care, Supportive Living, etc.)
- Critical Care (ICU, ER, OR, Labor & Delivery, NICU, etc.)
- Government Agencies
- Medical Offices
- Nursing Education
- Nursing Research
- Rural and Remote Nursing