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GENERAL INFORMATION

The College of Nursing was established as a school in 1938 and became a college July 1, 1973. Graduates are prepared to give high quality nursing care in all types of general nursing and to fill teaching and supervisory roles after some experience as practitioners.

A variety of health care settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, home care, and various community agencies, is used for clinical practice.

The College of Nursing offers:

- 1) The Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS)
- 2) Post Registration B.S.N. Program
- 3) Native Access Program to Nursing (NAPN)
- 4) Continuing Nursing Education (CNE)

NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OF SASKATCHEWAN (NEPS)

The Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan is a collaborative venture of the Nursing Division, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (Kelsey and Wascana Campuses) and the College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan. The complete program is offered in both Saskatoon and Regina. In Saskatoon students attend classes at Kelsey Campus for the first 2 years of the program, and the University of Saskatchewan for the second 2 years of the program. In Regina classes are held at Wascana Campus for all years of the program. Students attend the University of Regina as visiting University of Saskatchewan students in order to take

their non-nursing courses. There are special agreements in place that affect the general policies and practices of the University of Saskatchewan as described elsewhere in this calendar. Applicants admitted to this program will receive a student handbook outlining specific policies and regulations.

The program is a four-year degree program. Part-time study is an option. All courses must be completed within seven years of commencing the program. Graduates of the four-year program may apply for licensure with the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association (SRNA).

Although the program is designed for completion in four years, there are two "fast track" options for students who have completed their non-nursing courses prior to the end of Year 3 of the program. One option allows students to complete the program in 3 1/2 years, finishing in December of their 4th year. The second allows students to complete the program in a little more than 3 years, finishing at the end of September of the 4th year. Space may be limited in the "Fast-track" options. Graduates must be of good character and must pass registration exams before they are eligible to practice.

For additional information please contact the College of Nursing at 966-6221.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This program is open to applicants who present official evidence of having the required academic standing. Enrolment in the program is limited to the number that can be accommodated in class and clinical practice. Every effort will be made to accommodate qualified applicants but applicants should not assume that admission is assured because their average exceeds the minimum.

For admission to NEPS, an applicant must have a complete secondary standing (24 credits) in Saskatchewan or equivalent with a minimum 65% average based on the required subjects: English A 30, English B 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, and Mathematics at the 30 level.

Special Admission is available for applicants who do not meet the Regular Admission requirements and who are at least 19 years of age and permanent residents of Saskatchewan. All applicants require Biology 30 and Chemistry 30.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation Level C (BLS-C) and a Standard First Aid Certificate may be obtained before the start of the program but must be obtained by January 31 of the first year.

Applicants interested in NEPS should contact the College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan, SIAST Wascana Campus in Regina, or SIAST Kelsey Campus in Saskatoon as soon as possible after January 1 for information and application forms. Application deadline is March 31.

REGISTRATION

Students are responsible for the continuing completeness and accuracy of their registration(s).

Students registering in NEPS will receive registration information in their registration package.

Students accepted for admission to NEPS are required to provide the results of a criminal records check as part of their registration process.

Except in the first term of second year NEPS, students are not usually permitted to register in more than 15 credit units per term. Permission to take an extra course is given in unusual circumstances and is limited to students with a cumulative weighted average of 70% or over.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

This program is currently under review. Please contact the College of Nursing for information..

First Year*

One of ENG 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, or 114.3; NURS 111.6, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3, 115.3, 116.3; Social Science (6 credit units)

*The first and second years of the program are taught by SIAST faculty at Kelsey Campus in Saskatoon and at Wascana Campus in Regina. Third and fourth years are taught by the College of Nursing faculty at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and at SIAST, Wascana Campus in Regina.

Second Year

NURS 211.3, 212.3, 213.6, 215.3, 216.3, 217.6, 218.3, 219.3, 233.6*, NUTR 120.3

*NURS 233 is an 8 week practicum offered in May and June. Students may have clinical experience outside of Saskatoon or Regina.

Third Year

NURS 316.3, 317.3, 319.3, 320.3, 324.3, 325.3, 327.3; Social Science (3 credit units); Open Elective (3 credit units)*

*H SC 120.3 is not acceptable

Fourth Year

NURS 418.3, 419.3, 420.3*, 421.6*, 425.6*; Statistics (3 credit units); Social Science (3 credit units)

*Students may have clinical experience outside of Saskatoon or Regina in NURS 420, 421, and 425.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF THE DEGREE

Students with prior university credit(s) are advised to contact the College of Nursing to ensure proper sequencing and granting of transfer credit(s). Students wishing to take a course from another post-secondary institution must obtain written permission from the program advisor. This regulation does not apply to NEPS students enrolled at the Regina site and taking required courses from The University of Regina.

All courses to be counted for the degree must be completed within seven years of enrolment in the program.

PROGRESS AND GRADUATION POLICIES

• Progress towards completion of the program will be monitored on an annual basis. Students are required to maintain an annual minimum weighted average of 60% overall and an annual minimum weighted average of 60% in nursing courses.

• Students are required to maintain valid CPR (BLS-C) certification throughout the program. Students must present evidence

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of current (within the previous twelve months) BLS-C certification by January 31 in each year in which they are enrolled in NEPS. A medical certificate exempting a student for health reasons will be accepted.

- Normally a student will be allowed no more than 2 opportunities to attempt a course (including clinical courses).
- To graduate, students must have passed all required courses with a minimum cumulative weighted average of 60% overall and a minimum cumulative weighted average of 60% in nursing courses.
- The University of Saskatchewan will award a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree to graduates upon successful completion of the program.

Failure to Meet the Requirements for Progress or Graduation

If a student has not met the above requirements, a course of action deemed appropriate to the degree of failure to meet the standards for progress or graduation, will be determined by the Program Committee. The course of action required of the student may include one or more of the following:

- (a) - If a supplemental examination is granted, pass that examination.
- (b) - Repeat the failed course(s).
- (c) - Take those courses deemed advisable by the program to constitute a make-up year.
- (d) - Repeat some or all courses taken during the year.
- (e) - Be placed on probation under the conditions determined by the Program Committee.
- (f) - Discontinue studies in the program for one academic year.

Student Appeals

In the first 2 years of the program, student appeals are conducted according to SIAST regulations (see SIAST documents). For students in years 3 and 4, appeals are conducted according to University of Saskatchewan regulations (refer to University of Saskatchewan procedures).

Grading

See the *NEPS Student Handbook* for a full explanation of the grading system and the literal descriptors associated with percentage grades.

FEES, PAYMENT OF FEES, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS, AND COURSE CHANGES

Students will receive information regarding compulsory fees (including tuition), payment of fees, cancellations and refunds, and courses changes with their registration package.

POST REGISTRATION BSN PROGRAM

This program leads to the degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). It is for registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses and has been designed to build

upon previous knowledge and skills of the student, preparing the nurse to use greater discrimination in making nursing judgments and working with broader concepts of the personal and social aspects of health and illness.

The program does not prepare students to write licensure exams. Students who are interested in additional licensure preparation should contact the College of Nursing.

The complete Post Registration BSN program is available by distance delivery.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Evidence of graduation from an approved school of nursing or psychiatric nursing and practising nurse registration in Canada is required.

Applicants will be required to submit proof of practising nurse registration and transcripts from the basic nursing program and any other post-secondary courses.

Application forms are available January 1 and are considered to July 1 for applicants wishing to enter the program in September, and November 1 for applicants wishing to enter the program in January.

Some nursing classes are available to nurses not enrolled in the program. Contact the College of Nursing for further information.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

This program is currently under review. Please contact the College of Nursing for information.

This program consists of 72 credit units. Credits may be given for courses taken in other programs. Nursing graduates at SIAST Kelsey Campus or SIAST Wascana Campus will receive 12 credit units for social science courses and will be required to complete the following courses (60 credit units) for their BSN:

NURS 313.3, 314.3, 328.3, 410.3, 411.3, 412.3, 413.3, 448.3, 449.3; one of Clinical Option: 473.3, 475.3, 476.3, 477.3, 478.3, 479.3, 498.3; one of Nursing Elective: 426.3 or 492.3; 482.3, 491.3; Social Science (15 credit units); Humanities (3 credit units); Natural/Biological Sciences (6 credit units); Elective (6 credit units); Statistics (3 credit units)*

*H SC 120.3 is not acceptable

Note: Students who are not graduates of SIAST may be required to take SOC 110.6 and PSY 110.6 in addition to the above courses.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF THE DEGREE

(1) All nursing courses to be counted for the degree must be completed within seven years of enrolment in the first nursing course.

(2) The requirements for the degree must be completed within two years of completing the last nursing course.

(3) To receive the BSN degree from the University of Saskatchewan, a student must successfully complete at least 30 credit units from the University of Saskatchewan, of which at least 24 credit units must be nursing courses.

PROGRESS AND GRADUATION POLICIES

(a) - Progress towards completion of the program will be monitored on an annual basis. Students are required to maintain a minimum weighted average of 60% overall and a minimum weighted average of 60% in nursing courses in order to continue in the program.

(b) - To graduate, students must have passed all required courses with a minimum weighted average of 60% overall and a minimum weighted average of 60% in nursing courses.

(c) - Students must have current licensure to practice in the jurisdiction in which they are completing clinical practice.

(d) - Students are required to maintain active practicing registration while in the Post Registration B.S.N. program. Students will be required to provide proof of registration on a yearly basis.

(e) - Normally, a student will be allowed no more than 2 opportunities to attempt a course (including clinical courses).

Failure to Meet the Requirements for Progress or Graduation

If a student has not met the above requirements, a course of action deemed appropriate to the degree of failure to meet the standards for progress or graduation, will be determined by the Post Registration Committee. The course of action required of the student may include one or more of the following:

- (a) - If a supplemental examination is granted, pass that examination.
- (b) - Repeat the failed course(s).
- (c) - Take those courses deemed advisable by the Undergraduate Education Committee to constitute a make-up year. The committee may also determine the maximum credit units to be taken during the year.
- (d) - Repeat all courses taken during the year.
- (e) - Be placed on probation under the conditions determined by the Undergraduate Education Committee for students.
- (f) - Discontinue studies in the program for one academic year.

Failure to Meet Minimum Requirements for Graduation

Students who fall short of the required average for a degree, upon approval of the Post Registration Committee, may be permitted to repeat up to a maximum of 18 credit units or take up to a maximum of 18 credit units in an effort to make up the deficiency.

Student Appeals

Students who are required to discontinue their studies have the right to appeal this decision. Appeals must be made in writing, to the Dean of the College of Nursing not

later than 30 days after the mailing date of notification from the Dean.

Grading, Examinations and Supplemental Examinations

See the Post Registration B.S.N. Student Handbook.

COURSES FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES

Registered nurses or registered psychiatric nurses with previous university background should seek an interview with the College to plan their program.

To ensure proper course sequencing and granting of transfer credit, students wishing to take a course from another university toward their degree must obtain written permission from the College of Nursing prior to registering in the course.

FEES, PAYMENT OF FEES, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS, AND COURSE CHANGES

See the General Information section of the *Calendar*.

A materials fee will be charged for courses taken by distance through the College of Nursing.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

The College of Nursing adheres to the procedures and policies as set out by the University of Saskatchewan. If a student feels aggrieved by a decision of the College/Program Committee, recourse is available. *Student Appeals in Academic Matters*, *Student Appeals in Non-Academic Matters* and *Student Academic Dishonesty* are available from the Office of the University Secretary and on the web at www.usask.ca/university_council/reports. In addition, it is expected that nursing students will practice nursing within the bounds of the philosophy of the program and the C.N.A. Code of Ethics for Nursing, March, 1997, and the RPNAS Code of Ethics, 1993.

Nursing students will provide safe care by refraining from putting clients in jeopardy through knowingly committing acts of commission or omission. Failure to meet the expected standard of care will be dealt with by the college.

WITHDRAWALS

Students may withdraw from a course at any time, but should note carefully that a first-term course dropped after November 15 (or February 15 for a course extending over both, or after March 15 for a second-term course) is regarded as a failed course (withdraw/fail). In the calculation of the student's average, a grade of zero will be used for withdraw/fail. (This rule should be kept in mind especially by students competing for scholarships.) Exceptions may be made when the course is dropped on medical grounds or for other reasons approved by the Dean.

Before withdrawing from a course students are encouraged to discuss this action with their faculty advisor and notify the College of Nursing's Admissions Secretary (966-6231).

A student wishing to withdraw from the program should discuss the withdrawal with the Coordinator of the Post Registration BSN Program (966-8749). A student wishing to re-enter the College after withdrawing must reapply.

INFORMATION FOR ALL NURSING PROGRAMS

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES, AND AWARDS

Awards & Prizes

Yvonne Brown Award for Nursing Excellence
Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (C.A.N.O.)
Annie I. Earle Award
Harcourt Brace Health Science Award
Sylvia Higgins Memorial Lupus Essay Award
Lange Medical Publication Award
Mrs. Jean A. Leech-Porter Prize in Obstetrics
W.S. Lindsay Gold Medal in Nursing
Eileen McLean Memorial Award
Native Access Program to Nursing Computer/Electronic Prize
Pearson Education Canada Book Award
Royal University Hospital Auxiliary Nursing Prize
University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing Alumni Award
Dr. Lucy Willis Book Prize in Health Education

Scholarships - Bursaries

Aboriginal People and Northern Residents of Saskatchewan Awards and Scholarships
Tom and Jean Acton Bursary
Margaret M. Aikenhead Scholarship and Bursary
Danny Browning Nursing Enhancement Fund
Canadian Nurses Foundation Awards
Myrtle Evangeline Crawford Scholarship
Thomas Dawson Estate - Male Nurses Fund
Ernest and Isabella Forsman Bursary
Mark Fox Bursary
Muriel E. Kavanagh Memorial Fund
Hazel B. Keeler Scholarship
Katherine Doyle Macphree Scholarship
P. Mohyla Institute Scholarship
Betty Anne Ohrt Entrance Scholarship
Leanne Olson Scholarship
Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan (RPNAS) Bursaries
Margaret B. Rouse Bursary
Royal University Hospital Auxiliary St. John Ambulance Bursaries
Julia Alice Saddlington Memorial Scholarship
Charles W. Sampson Scholarship
Sancella/CGNA Nursing Scholarship
Saskatchewan Nurses Foundation
Wilda Savin Bursary in Nursing
Schizophrenia Research Foundation of Saskatchewan Education Scholarship
SRNA Scholarship
Olive G. Sutor Scholarship
Victorian Order of Nursing for Canada
Lucy D. Willis Scholarship

See the University of Saskatchewan *Awards Guides* for details, dates of application and additional information on the above scholarships, bursaries and awards, and for those open to all university students.

Students in NEPS may be eligible to apply for scholarships and bursaries through both the University of Saskatchewan and SIAST. For further information see the *Awards Guides* from the University of Saskatchewan and/or SIAST.

THE NATIVE ACCESS PROGRAM TO NURSING

The Native Access Program to Nursing (NAPN) is a support service for Aboriginal Nursing students once they are accepted into the Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS).

NAPN offers academic and personal counselling services and arranges for more intensive counselling services for any Aboriginal Nursing student in need. Tutors and Elders are available to assist students. NAPN offers CPR/First Aid and a one week orientation program for new Nursing students, and has information on many scholarships and bursaries that are available to Aboriginal Nursing students. Because NEPS is a collaborative program, NAPN has office space at the College of Nursing (966-6224) as well as at Kelsey SIAST Nursing Division (933-5792).

ATTENDANCE AND DISCIPLINE

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of students in all courses, laboratories and practice periods for which they are registered. During periods of clinical experience students are subject to the general rules and regulations of the agencies in which they are placed. Students are expected to give first priority to scheduled periods for clinical nursing practice and may not plan to take other courses, part-time work or attend student meetings which would interfere with the clinical practice. Students must comply with standards relating to dress, appearance and behaviour appropriate for professional nurses. Immunization must be up to date for all students before clinical practice.

Students may be required to discontinue their studies at any point in their nursing program for reasons other than academic, if it is considered in the best interests of the individual, the Program, and/or the profession.

EXAMINATIONS

See the General Information section of the *Calendar* for a full explanation of the grading system and the literal descriptors associated with percentage grades. Additional descriptors have been added to

cover clinical performance. They will be circulated to all first-time students at the beginning of the Regular Session.

For further information see the NEPS Student Handbook, the Post Registration BSN Student Handbook and refer to the University of Saskatchewan website www.usask.ca/university_council/reports.shtml. Hard copies can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

DEGREES WITH DISTINCTION

The BSN Degree with distinction will be awarded to NEPS students whose 4-year cumulative weighted averages are between .70 and 1.5 standard deviations above the mean of the 4-year averages for their graduating year and who have 4-year averages greater than 75%. The BSN degree with great distinction will be awarded to NEPS students whose 4-year cumulative weighted averages are more than 1.5 standard deviations above the mean of the 4-year averages for their graduating year and who have 4-year averages greater than 80%.

The same criteria will apply to Post Registration BSN students, but their cumulative weighted averages in the program will be considered with the last 5 years of graduating Post Registration BSN student averages.

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Students with a good performance in their undergraduate program are encouraged to continue their studies at the graduate level. Those interested should consult the College of Graduate Studies and Research section of the *Calendar*.

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Courses for the NEPS program can be found under Nursing in the Courses section of the *Calendar*.

POST REGISTRATION B.S.N. PROGRAM

All courses in the Post Registration BSN program will not be offered every term. Please refer to the Registration Guide for information.

STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR ALL NURSING COURSES IN THE POST REGISTRATION BSN PROGRAM AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE START DATE FOR COURSES.

It is the responsibility of students to determine if they possess the appropriate prerequisite(s) for the course(s) they wish to take. Misrepresentation may lead to disciplinary action.

CONTINUING NURSING EDUCATION

The primary purpose of the Division of Continuing Nursing Education is to improve the quality of nursing practice in Saskatchewan through continuing education for nurses. Opportunities for professional growth include:

- A wide variety of learning events offered on a provincial, regional or local basis.
- Assistance to individual nurses or groups of nurses in the development of educational programs and/or by suggesting resource speakers.
- An information and resource centre for library materials, audio-visual aids and general information.

Grant funds have been provided by Saskatchewan Health and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan to assist in the provision of specific programs. These programs are offered jointly with the Division of Continuing Medical Education.

A Gerontology program for nurses is supported by Saskatchewan Health.

Note: University credit is not granted for Continuing Nursing Education learning events.

COURSES

College of Nursing courses are listed under Nursing (NURS) in the Courses section of the *Calendar*.