



## Why choose the **University of Saskatchewan**

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing program?

We are often asked why students should apply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program through the University of Saskatchewan (U of S). We welcome you to consider the U of S experience.

### Benefits of the U of S College of Nursing BSN Program:

#### The benefits of the pre-professional year include:

- Learn how to study in a university setting.
- Prepare to be in a professional college.
- Complete courses over more than one year to meet individual needs.
- Take the courses at a variety of institutions throughout the province and in other provinces and countries, as long as courses transfer to the U of S.
- Courses can be applied to different U of S programs, should you change your career focus from nursing.
- Take the pre-professional year with other students who are interested in health science professions, such as Clinical Psychology, Dentistry, Kinesiology, Medicine, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Sociology and Veterinary Medicine. Build relationships with individuals who will be working in other health science professions when you become a Registered Nurse.
- Join the College of Nursing Learning Community to connect with classmates, professors and colleagues, develop academic skills necessary for the BSN program and increase your understanding of nursing professionalism.

**We are committed to a “Learn Where You Live” philosophy.** Take your program at campuses in Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon or through distributed learning (video and web conferencing, blackboard online, lecture capture and remote presence “robotics”) at sites in Ile-a-la-Crosse, La Ronge and Yorkton. The use of new technology simulating typical nursing practice and innovative teaching methods prepare students to become nurses and leaders in the health care system.

**1 + 3;** Our program is non-direct entry, similar to other professional colleges at the U of S. In the four year degree program, students take 10 classes in the **pre-professional year**, then apply to the College of Nursing for three years of nursing education.



## Benefits of the U of S College of Nursing BSN Program: *continued...*

- Once admitted to the College of Nursing in year two, **study full or part time**; students have six years to complete the program.
- Study at one of **Canada's top 15 research** intensive universities.
- Work with **engaged faculty and staff** who are interested in creating an innovative and creative student education experience.
- Study with **expert nursing professors**, the majority of whom have PhDs.
- Study at a University that's been delivering degree level nursing education **since 1938**.
- The College of Nursing has a long history of Aboriginal student success and is recognized as having the highest number of self-declared Aboriginal nursing students in the country. The **University of Saskatchewan Community of Aboriginal Nursing** (UCAN) recruits and supports Aboriginal students enrolled in our nursing programs. 16.6 % of seats in the BSN program are reserved for Aboriginal students; presently self-declared Aboriginal students make up 17.3% of the student body.
- College of Nursing graduates are **exceeding the national average pass rate** on the National Council of Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).
- The College of Nursing has a Global Health Initiative and gives interested students the opportunity for an **international experience**.

“Learn with the U of S and become a part of the precious resource that is nursing.”

– Dr. Beth Horsburgh,  
Interim Dean of Nursing at the  
University of Saskatchewan

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