

# Faculty of Nursing

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## 130 The Faculty of Nursing

### Goals and Mission Statement

The goal and mission statement of the Faculty of Nursing is to be a centre of excellence in Nursing for the advancement, dissemination, and application of nursing knowledge. This is achieved through the following:

- (1) **Teaching:** Our goal for teaching is to develop competence in nursing practice, to instill a quest for knowledge, and to create a sense of professionalism.
- (2) **Research:** Our goal for research is to foster the advancement of nursing knowledge in both the theory and practice of nursing.
- (3) **Public Service:** Our goal for public service is to extend the Faculty's expertise to the community locally, nationally, and internationally, in order to foster health promotion, health maintenance and the advancement of the nursing profession.

## 131 The Professors

### 131.1 Teaching and Scholarship

The Faculty of Nursing offers students the opportunity to study with award-winning professors such as the following:

#### Officer of the Order of Canada

S Stinson, PhD (2002)

#### Episteme Award

J Morse, PhD (1997/98)

#### Killam Annual Professorship

PA Field, PhD (1992)

J Lander, PhD (1997)

K Moore, PhD (2004)

JC Ross-Kerr, PhD (1994)

#### McCalla Research Professorship

M Allen, PhD (2001/2002)

V Bergum, PhD (1997/98)

T Davis, PhD (2000/2001)

J Drummond, PhD (2003/2004)

R Elliott, PhD (1996/97)

PA Field, PhD (1984/85)

L Jensen, PhD (2004/05)

J Lander, PhD (1992/93)

A Neufeld, PhD (1998/99)

B O'Brien, PhD (2002/2003)

L Reutter, PhD (2003/2004)

JC Ross-Kerr, PhD (1990/91)

#### Rutherford Teaching Award

J Boman, PhD (1985/86)

B Cameron, PhD (2000/2001)

T Davis, PhD (1988/89)

PA Field, PhD (1983/84)

O Yonge, PhD (1992/93)

#### 3M Teaching Fellowship

J Boman (1999)

B Cameron, PhD (2004)

O Yonge (1993)

## 131.2 Members of the Faculty

### Emeriti

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V Bergum, PhD  
MA Beswetherick, MSc(A)  
PJ Brink, PhD  
T Davis, PhD  
R Day, PhD  
KA Dier, MSc(A)  
MR Elliott, PhD  
PA Field, PhD  
ID Forrest, PhD  
P Giovannetti, PhD  
G Gray, MSc(N)  
B Harrington, MN  
M Harrison, PhD  
J Hibberd, PhD  
JF Kikuchi, PhD  
J Lander, PhD  
J Mill, PhD  
K Moore, PhD  
J Morse, PhD  
A Neufeld, PhD  
AM Pagliaro, MSN  
L Reutter, PhD  
JC Ross-Kerr, PhD  
L Skillen, PhD  
SM Stinson, EdD, LLD, OC, AOE  
V Strang, PhD  
MJ Wood, DrPH

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A Molzahn, PhD (Administrative Leave)

#### Professor and Acting Dean

J Profetto-McGrath, PhD

#### Professor and Acting Vice-Dean

W Duggleby, PhD

#### Professor and Associate Dean

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#### Professor and Associate Dean

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#### Associate Professor and Associate Dean

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#### Associate Professor and Associate Dean

P Paul, PhD

#### Associate Professor and Assistant Dean

C Ross, PhD

#### Professors

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B Cameron, PhD  
G Cummings, PhD  
J Drummond, PhD  
W Duggleby, PhD  
C Estabrooks, PhD  
K Hegadoren, PhD  
L Jensen, PhD  
C Norris, PhD  
BAC O'Brien, DNS  
L Ogilvie, PhD  
J Olson, PhD  
K Olson, PhD  
M Stewart, PhD  
B Williams, PhD  
D Wilson, PhD  
O Yonge, PhD

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C Ceci, PhD  
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G Higginbottom, PhD

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G Low, PhD  
L Ray, PhD  
G Rempel, PhD  
S Richter, PhD  
D Schopflocher, PhD  
S Scott, PhD  
D Sellman, PhD  
J Spiers, PhD

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K Hunter, PhD  
D Kingston, PhD  
D Kunyk, PhD  
G Lasiuk PhD  
B Parke, PhD  
N Pitre, PhD  
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S Wall, PhD

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P Castelein, MN  
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S Di Lallo, MN  
C Foster-Boucher, MN  
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B Gibson, BScN, MEd  
H Ginther, MN  
L Goin, MN  
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J Henson, MN  
M Jackson, MN  
W Kabotoff, MN  
L Kasa, MN  
I Kassteen, MN  
A Khin, MB, BS  
M Kleib, PhD  
S Klevgaard, MN  
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R Chalus, BScN  
R Chase, BScN  
K Chiu, BScN  
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## 132 General Information

### 132.1 Historical Note

The first Nursing courses at the University of Alberta were taught in Public Health Nursing and were included in the 1919 lecture program series of the University. The U of A established the School of Nursing under the Faculty of Medicine. The School began with two programs, a three-year diploma program and a five-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The School admitted the first diploma class in October 1923, and students were admitted to the degree program in 1924. The five-year course leading to a BScN and registration as a nurse consisted of two years of university courses and three years of clinical courses. The latter, "sandwiched" between university courses, were completed at the University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) School of Nursing which integrated university students with the diploma class. In the final year of the degree program, nurses selected a focus of Nursing Education, Nursing Administration, or Public Health Nursing.

Although many changes in the five-year program occurred over the years, the clinical portion continued to be offered by the UAH School of Nursing until 1966, when the University of Alberta School of Nursing became an autonomous academic unit, and the four-year integrated Baccalaureate in Nursing Program was implemented. The School of Nursing received Faculty status in 1976. The University of Alberta Hospitals continued to maintain a diploma School of Nursing apart from the program of the University.

In 1991, with the aim of increasing the number of baccalaureate prepared nurses, the Faculty of Nursing entered into collaboration with the four local diploma in nursing programs. Between 1991 and 1995 students took the first two years of the baccalaureate in nursing program with these collaborative partners and the last two years of the program at the Faculty of Nursing. Following the closure of hospital schools of nursing in 1995, the Faculty resumed delivering all four years of the program while continuing to provide the last two years of the program to transferring students from Grant McEwan College.

An off-campus BScN program began in 1990 in collaboration with Red Deer College. In 1995, two additional off-campus BScN programs were implemented with Grande Prairie Regional College in Grande Prairie and Keyano College in Fort McMurray. These programs allow students to complete a four-year BScN program at the collaborating College, with the U of A granting the degree.

In addition to continuing to offer the BScN Post-RN Program which began in 1952, the Faculty of Nursing has, since the 1990s, been developing new undergraduate programs and new streams within undergraduate programs that facilitate the completion of the BScN degree. A Post RPN program was initiated in 1993, an After Degree Program in 2004, and a LPN stream within the Collaborative Program in 2005. In 2004 the Faculty of Nursing began to offer a Bilingual nursing program in collaboration with Faculté Saint-Jean. Finally, in 2005 the Faculty introduced a BScN-Honors Program. Throughout its history, the Faculty has also offered a variety of undergraduate certificates tailored to the needs of practicing nurses.

The first graduate program in Nursing in Alberta was introduced at the University in 1975. The Master of Nursing program originally focused on acute care nursing and in 1983 community health nursing became a parallel focus. In conjunction with the MN Program, a certificate in Nurse Midwifery was introduced in 1988, and a Certificate in Advanced Neonatal Intensive Care was added in 1992. Students could also focus on Nursing Administration.

In September 1997, the MN curriculum was completely revised to focus on preparing nurses for advanced nursing practice roles and to offer the option of a course-based Master's degree. The new curriculum offers three major

streams: Individual/Family Health Nursing, Community/Public Health Nursing, and Leadership Teaching or Research.

The first Canadian PhD in Nursing program (initial five-year funding received from the Alberta Government Departments of Advanced Education and Health) was instituted at the University of Alberta in January 1991 to prepare nurses for leadership roles in practice, education, and research. The goal of the program is to educate for excellence in the development and testing of nursing knowledge.

## 133 Faculty Regulations

### 133.1 Admission

See §§13 and 14 for general admission requirements to the University. Specific admission information for the Faculty of Nursing is set out in §15.11.

### 133.2 Academic Standing and Graduation

The following regulations apply for all undergraduate degree programs in the Faculty of Nursing with the exception of §§133.2(1), 133.2(7) and 133.2(8) which are not applicable for students in the BScN–Honors Program. The promotion and graduation regulations for the BScN–Honors can be found in the program description in §134.3.2.

#### (1) Academic Performance:

Initial assessment and subsequent reassessment of academic standing is based on students' performance in a minimum of ★9. If, at the time of review, students have attempted fewer than ★9 since the last assessment, the review is deferred and the academic standing assigned at the last review remains in effect until the next review.

Assessment of academic performance is conducted at the end of each student's registration in both Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer provided that ★9 have been attempted since the last review.

a. **Satisfactory Standing:** For promotion, a student must pass all courses and obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

b. Whenever a student receives a grade of F, D, D+ or C- in a nursing course, the student's total academic and clinical performance in the program is reviewed at the end of each term and considered in determining continuation in the program.

c. **Unsatisfactory Standing:** A student with a GPA of less than 2.0 must withdraw from the Faculty.

i) To be considered for readmission, an applicant who has been required to withdraw from the Faculty of Nursing must present a minimum of ★18 transferable to the University with a GPA of at least 2.7, of which ★6 must be physiology with a minimum grade of B-. An applicant must also satisfy any other conditions as specified at the time of withdrawal.

ii) In order to protect the public interest, students who have been required to withdraw and are applying for readmission may be required, as part of the admission process, to demonstrate nursing knowledge and skills learned to date in order to determine an appropriate placement in the program.

iii) Students who have been required to withdraw and who, after being readmitted, have GPA's below 2.0, will be required to withdraw and not be readmitted to the Faculty.

d. **Fresh Start Program:** Year 1 Collaborative and Bilingual BScN students who have completed less than ★40 and who have achieved a GPA of between 1.3 and 1.6 may be permitted to continue at the University of Alberta in the Fresh Start program providing they have not previously been required to withdraw from any postsecondary program. Normally, students who have committed an academic offence under the University of Alberta Code of Student Behavior will not be recommended for the Fresh Start Program.

The Faculty will determine whether to recommend a student for participation in the Fresh Start program and will notify the student of that option. Successful completion of ★18 with a GPA of at least 2.7 will be required for readmission. Further detailed information can be found in §§14.5, 23.6.2 and §220.5.

If successful in the Fresh Start program and all conditions specified by Open Studies and the Faculty have been fulfilled, students may apply for readmission to the Faculty.

e. **First-Class Standing:** First-class standing is awarded in a given year to students who receive a GPA of 3.5 or higher based on a minimum of ★24 taken during the Fall/Winter.

#### (2) Health and Safety Requirements

**Note:** For updates on changes to medical testing and immunization refer to the Faculty of Nursing website at [www.nursing.ualberta.ca](http://www.nursing.ualberta.ca).

a. **Health Status:** All students admitted to undergraduate nursing programs must be capable of completing responsibilities and activities required in clinical practice. In order to successfully pass clinical practice courses students must consistently demonstrate the essential skills and abilities required to safely provide nursing care to their assigned patient/client. The requirements for Registered Nurses are applicable to students in the Faculty of Nursing. To review a summary of these requirements see the Faculty of Nursing website at [www.nursing.ualberta.ca](http://www.nursing.ualberta.ca).

b. The University of Alberta recognizes its duty to minimize the risk of transmission of bloodborne pathogens to/by individuals studying or working at this University. The Bloodborne Pathogens policy limits the possibility of transmission of bloodborne pathogens within the educational setting. The University recognizes, however, that it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of infection (see §20.5 University Bloodborne Pathogens Policy).

i) **Hepatitis B:** For students who test negative for the Hepatitis B surface antigen (HbsAg), Hepatitis B vaccination will be required. An exception will be made for whom it is medically contraindicated or for those individuals who have proof of prior vaccination and test positive for the antibody to Hepatitis B surface antigen (anti-HB). If repeated Hepatitis B vaccination and repeated tests for the antibody to Hepatitis B surface antigen fail to demonstrate an appropriate antibody titre, then these students will be counselled as to their potential risk status for acquiring Hepatitis B infection. Such students will be expected to practice in ways which minimize their risk of infection.

For students who test positive for the Hepatitis B surface antigen, their "e" antigen (HbeAg) status and the presence of Hepatitis B viral DNA will be determined. If students are found to be positive for the "e" antigen or the viral DNA they will be counselled as to their risks of infecting other persons. Program modifications, in keeping with reasonable accommodation guidelines, may be necessary in cases where students test positive for the "e" antigen or the viral DNA. The decisions of the Faculty as to the program modifications can be appealed to the Practice Review Board (see §23.8.2 Practicum Intervention Policy).

ii) **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV):** The data indicate that transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) from a health care worker to a patient in a health care setting is extremely rare, although transmission from patients to a health care worker is more common. Therefore, all students accepted into undergraduate nursing programs are encouraged to undergo HIV and HCV testing upon admission and at any time during their program when concerns about infection have arisen. However, testing for HIV and HCV is not mandatory at this time.

iii) **Repeat testing as necessary:** Students are expected to seek testing for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV immediately after incidences where exposure to blood, blood-products, or bodily fluids places the individual at risk of infection by bloodborne pathogens.

c. **Immunization:** To ensure, insofar as possible, both student and patient safety, the Faculty requires immunization against, or proof of immunity to, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B. As well, varicella screening and a two-step tuberculin skin test is required in the first year of the program and should be performed by the University Health Centre. The Alberta Public Health Act - Communicable Disease Regulation (1985) states: "All staff of day care facilities and persons with face to face contact with patients in a health care facility shall ensure they are immunized against Rubella." Students in the BScN Collaborative Program, the BScN-After Degree Program, the BScN Post RN Program, and the Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) to BScN Program must have their immunization status reviewed by the University Health Centre upon acceptance to the nursing program. Students in the BScN Bilingual Program must have their immunization status reviewed by the University Health Centre during Spring Session of Year 1.

d. **CPR certification:** Undergraduate nursing students must provide evidence of CPR certification at the Healthcare Provider Level to

participate in clinical practice courses. Refer to the Faculty of Nursing website at [www.nursing.ualberta.ca](http://www.nursing.ualberta.ca) for program-specific deadlines. A CPR-Healthcare Provider certificate is valid for one year from the date of the course. Evidence of recertification in each subsequent year is required.

- e. **Standard First Aid Certificate:** Undergraduate nursing students must provide a standard first aid certificate to participate in clinical practice courses. Refer to the Faculty of Nursing website at [www.nursing.ualberta.ca](http://www.nursing.ualberta.ca) for program-specific deadlines.
  - f. **Police Information Check/Criminal Record Check:** By law, all students going to any clinical placement in Alberta are required to complete a Police Information Check (also known as a criminal Record Check, Security Clearance Check, or Police Clearance), which must include a Vulnerable Sector Check. The clinical practice site will determine the criteria for acceptance/denial of a placement. Students are responsible for having a criminal record check completed prior to commencement of clinical practice. Students who have concerns related to their ability to satisfy a criminal record check should consult with the Faculty of Nursing, Undergraduate Nursing Office, immediately upon being admitted to the program. The ultimate responsibility for ensuring that students meet the requirements of clinical agencies lies with the students. A fee may be charged by the police department or RCMP detachment for the criminal record check. That fee is the responsibility of the student. Other background checks may be required by a clinical agency such as a child intervention record check. Students will be advised if any additional background checks are required by a clinical agency. For more information see §23.8.3.
  - g. **Language Competency:** Besides demonstrating overall English language proficiency, students entering the Faculty of Nursing in an Undergraduate BScN Program need a further level of spoken English proficiency, regardless of their citizenship status or country of origin. Speech competence is a prerequisite for enrolment in clinical courses. Students who have not achieved the necessary level of competence may not register for these courses. See §§13.3.1 and 13.3.2. Students in the BScN Bilingual Program have additional requirements about proficiency in French (see §§15.11.5 and 183.1.2).
- (3) **Clinical Performance**
- a. Students must complete theory and practice components of nursing courses to receive credit. Students who have not received a pass in the clinical/laboratory portion of a nursing course are not given credit for the course and must repeat both the clinical and non-clinical portions of the course. The clinical component, explained in the course outline, must be completed for credit to be granted.
  - b. A student who is absent more than one clinical day in any one clinical nursing course may need to make up the lost time before being allowed to continue in the program.
  - c. The Dean, or supervisor acting on behalf of the Dean, may immediately deny assignment of a student to, withdraw a student from, or vary terms, conditions or site of a practicum/clinical placement if the Dean or supervisor has reasonable grounds to believe that this is necessary in order to protect the public interest. (See §23.8.2 and Practicum Intervention Policy.) For unprofessional, incompetent or unsafe practice on the part of the student not directly related to medical issues, the transcript will reflect the practices and sanctions delineated in the Code of Student Behavior. Amendments to the Code of Student Behaviour occur throughout the year. The official version of the Code of Student Behaviour, as amended from time to time, is housed on the University Governance website at [www.governance.ualberta.ca](http://www.governance.ualberta.ca). The sanction typically includes a grade of F being assigned. The student has the right to appeal the Dean's decision to the GFC Practice Review Board (PRB).
  - d. Students who fail the same clinical course twice will be required to withdraw from the program.
- (4) **Professional Ethics/Code of Student Behavior:** All students enrolled in the Faculty of Nursing are bound by, and shall comply with the Professional Codes of Ethics governing the profession and practice of Nursing.
- a. "Professional Codes of Ethics" means the current Canadian Nurses Association's Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses, and all other relevant professional codes and practice standards for registered nurses.
  - b. It is the responsibility of each Faculty of Nursing student to obtain, and be familiar with, such Professional Codes of Ethics, and their amendments as may be made from time to time. (See §30.1 and 30.2 of the Code of Student Behaviour). Amendments to the Code of Student

Behaviour occur throughout the year. The official version of the Code of Student Behaviour, as amended from time to time, is housed on the University Governance website at [www.governance.ualberta.ca](http://www.governance.ualberta.ca).

(5) **Tutorial Performance (Context Based Learning Courses)**

- a. Students must demonstrate satisfactory performance in Context Based Learning (CBL) Tutorials in order to successfully complete the program. Students who have not received a pass in the CBL portion of a nursing course will not be given credit for the course and will be required to repeat the course. The CBL component, as spelled out in the course outline, must be completed for credit to be granted.
- b. Attendance at CBL tutorials is required for successful completion of the course.
- c. Students with advanced standing will still be expected to participate in all CBL activities and will be expected to apply knowledge from those courses in which they have advanced standing.

(6) **Residence Requirement:** Although advanced credit toward the nursing degree can be given for course work completed at a university other than the University of Alberta, a minimum of 50% of the total units of course weight must be taken at the University of Alberta before the degree can be granted.

(7) **With Distinction**

- a. The notation "With Distinction" is awarded to a graduating student of the BSc in Nursing-Collaborative Program or the BSc in Nursing-After Degree Program or the BSc in Nursing-Bilingual Program who has obtained a GPA of 3.5 or higher on the last ★60 taken (from the time of admission) for credit toward the degree and has incurred no failing grades throughout the program. Students who have taken part of their work at another university may be granted a degree "With Distinction" at the discretion of the Faculty Council.
- b. The notation "With Distinction" is awarded to a graduating student of the BSc in Nursing-Post RN Program who has obtained a GPA of 3.5 or higher on the last ★23 taken (from the time of admission) for credit toward the degree and has incurred no failing grades throughout the program. Students admitted before 2002 who have obtained a GPA of 3.5 or higher on the last ★50 taken (from the time of admission) for credit toward the degree and has incurred no failing grades throughout the program will be awarded the notation "With Distinction". Students who have taken part of their work at another university may be granted a degree "With Distinction" at the discretion of the Faculty Council.
- c. The notation "With Distinction" is awarded to a graduating student of the Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) to BScN Program who has obtained a GPA of 3.5 or higher on the last ★36 taken (from the time of admission) for credit toward the degree and has incurred no failing grades throughout the program. Students who have taken part of their work at another university may be granted a degree "With Distinction" at the discretion of the Faculty Council.

(8) **Graduation Requirements:**

- a. For students in the BScN - Collaborative Program, BScN - Bilingual Program, or the BScN - After Degree Program, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required on the last ★60. (If ★60 requires including another term or terms, the best results from this term or terms are included. Failing results are not included in the calculation of the graduation GPA.)
- b. For students in the BScN - Post RN Degree Program, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required on the last ★23. (If ★23 requires including another term or terms, the best results from this term or terms are included. Failing results are not included in the calculation of the graduation GPA.) For students admitted to the program between 1995 and 2001, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required on the last ★50. (If ★50 requires including another term or terms, the best results from this term or terms are included. Failing results are not included in the calculation.)
- c. For students in the Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) to BScN Program a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required on the last ★36 taken.

(9) **Reexaminations:** See §23.5.5.

(10) **Credit by Special Assessment** is available in certain courses under specific circumstances. See §14.2.4, and contact the Faculty of Nursing for any further information.

(11) **Maintaining Registration:**

- a. Students who wish to alter the course sequence of their program as laid out in the calendar, or who have withdrawn from or failed a course must see the Student Advisor immediately to discuss program completion options. Reregistration cannot occur without permission

from the Faculty. Students will be competing for available space in nursing courses when returning. Students may be required to enrol in a refresher course prior to proceeding in clinical nursing courses in order to protect the public interest.

- b. Reregistration in Courses – A student who has been assigned a grade of “W” or “F” in a course is entitled to a second registration in this course and must achieve a minimum grade of C. If a student receives a “W” or a grade less than C in the second attempt of a course, the student will normally be required to withdraw from the program (see §22.1.3).

- (12) **Dean’s List:** All students who receive first-class standing or degree with distinction and have demonstrated satisfactory clinical practice are placed on the Dean’s Honor List for that particular year.

### 133.2.1 Appeal Procedures

Matters regarding a student’s academic status, including course grades, may become the subject of an appeal. Students with such problems should first consult the instructor of the course concerned and the coordinator, if necessary. If a satisfactory resolution is not reached, the student must approach the Assistant or Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education to discuss the matter further. A formal appeal may then be activated by an official letter of appeal from the student to the Dean. The Faculty of Nursing Appeals Committee meets to consider the case. Details of appeal procedures at the Faculty level are available from the Faculty website. Students have the right to appeal a Faculty of Nursing Appeals Committee decision, except grade appeals, to the General Faculties Council Academic Appeals Committee. See §§23.8 and 23.8.2.

## 134 Programs of Study

### 134.1 BScN—Collaborative Program

#### 134.1.1 General Information

In September 1997, a revised four-year Collaborative Baccalaureate Program commenced. The method of instruction is Context-Based Learning (CBL). Throughout the program, students work in small groups with a tutor to explore a series of scenarios. Content from nursing, physical sciences, medical sciences, social sciences and humanities is introduced and integrated beginning with the first scenario in NURS 190. Nursing practice occurs in concentrated blocks of time in each term, in various settings, including a community and an institutional experience in each year of the program. Six credits of electives are included.

- (1) The curriculum is designed to be taken over four years. Application for an extension to the program must be submitted to the Student Advisor. With approval, students have six years from the time of admission to complete requirements for this program.
- (2) Placements can be made anywhere in the Greater Edmonton area (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 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 will have two opportunities to pass the Medication Administration Safety Screening (MASS) exam at the beginning of each clinical course. Failure to pass the MASS exam at the beginning of a clinical course will require students to delete their registration in the clinical course.

#### 134.1.2 Course Sequence

##### Year 1

###### Fall Term

NURS 140 (★3)  
NURS 150 (★3)  
NURS 190 (★5) (6 weeks)  
NURS 194 (★5) (6 weeks)

###### Winter Term

INT D 410 (★3) (10 weeks)  
MMI 133 (★3)

NURS 151 (★3)  
NURS 191 (★4) (7 weeks)  
NURS 195 (★4) (7 weeks)  
**Spring/Summer**  
ENGL (★3) (see Note 1)  
One of PSYCO 106 (★3) or SOC 100 (★3)

##### Year 2

###### Fall Term

NURS 215 (★3) (6 weeks)  
NURS 290 (★5) (6 weeks)  
NURS 291 (★7) (7 weeks) or NURS 295 (★7) (7 weeks)

###### Winter Term

NURS 294 (★5) (6 weeks)  
NURS 291 (★7) (7 weeks) or NURS 295 (★7) (7 weeks)  
NURS 301 (★3) (6 weeks)

###### Spring/Summer

One of PSYCO 106 (★3) or SOC 100 (★3)  
Elective (★3)

##### Year 3 (see Note 2)

###### Fall Term

NURS 341 (★3) (6 weeks) (see Note 3)  
NURS 390 (★5) (6 weeks)  
NURS 391 (★7) (7 weeks) or NURS 395 (★7) (7 weeks)  
PHIL 388 (★1.5) or PHIL 379 (★1.5)  
POL S 321 (★1.5)

###### Winter Term

NURS 394 (★5) (6 weeks)  
NURS 395 (★7) (7 weeks) or NURS 391 (★7) (7 weeks)  
PHIL 398 (★1.5) or PHIL 389 (★1.5)  
POL S 322 (★1.5)

###### Spring/Summer

Elective (★3)

##### Year 4 (see Note 4)

###### Fall Term

NURS 490 (★5) (6 weeks)  
NURS 491 (★7) (7 weeks)

###### Winter Term

NURS 494 (★3) (4 weeks) (see Note 5)  
NURS 495 (★9) (10 weeks)

###### Notes

- (1) Any junior- or senior-level English course. ENGL 108 is recommended. Students should consult Department of English guidelines regarding prerequisites for senior-level courses.
- (2) To proceed to Year 3, all courses listed in Years 1 and 2 of the Collaborative Program must have been successfully completed.
- (3) An equivalent STAT (★3) course may be accepted in lieu of NURS 341.
- (4) To proceed to Year 4, all courses listed in Years 1, 2, and 3 of the Collaborative Program must have been successfully completed.
- (5) To proceed with NURS 494 students must have passed all courses of the Collaborative Program except the prerequisite NURS 495.

### 134.2 BScN—Honors Program

#### 134.2.1 General Information

Only students enrolled at the University of Alberta in the first year of the BScN—Collaborative Program can seek admission to the BScN—Honors Program. Students planning to apply to this program should consult §15.11.2 for admission requirements. Students in the Honors program are required to complete a Nursing Honors Seminar and a Nursing Honors Project and maintain superior academic standing. They must also be committed to function in an apprenticeship model where under the guidance of their Honors Supervisor they develop a strong foundation in nursing research and scholarship.

Detailed course sequence of this program is provided in §134.2.2.

- (1) The curriculum is designed to be taken over four years. With the prior approval of the Honors Advisor, application for an extension to the program must be submitted to the Student Advisor. With approval, students have six years from the time of admission to complete requirements for this program.
- (2) 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.

- (3) Placements can be made anywhere in the Greater Edmonton area (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.
- (4) Clinical practice may include shift and weekend rotations.
- (5) Students will have two opportunities to pass the Medication Administration Safety Screening (MASS) exam at the beginning of each clinical course. Failure to pass the MASS exam at the beginning of a clinical course will require students to delete their registration in the clinical course.

### 134.2.2 Course Sequence

Students will take the same course sequence as the BScN—Collaborative Program through completion of Year 2 Winter Term.

#### Year 2

##### Spring/Summer

One of PSYCO 106 (★3) or SOC 100 (★3)  
NURS 341 (★3) (see Note 1)

#### Year 3 (see Note 2)

##### Two Term

NURS 399 (★3) (see Note 3)

##### Fall Term

NURS 390 (★5) (6 weeks)  
NURS 391 (★7) (7 weeks)  
PHIL 379 (★1.5) or 388 (★1.5)  
POL S 321 (★1.5)

##### Winter Term

NURS 394 (★5) (6 weeks)  
NURS 395 (★7) (7 weeks)  
PHIL 389 (★1.5) or 398 (★1.5)  
POL S 322 (★1.5)

#### Year 4 (see Note 4)

##### Fall Term

NURS 490 (★5) (6 weeks) (see Note 5)  
NURS 491 (★7) (7 weeks) (see Note 6)  
NURS 499 (★6) (see Note 7)

##### Winter Term

NURS 494 (★3) (4 weeks) (see Note 8)  
NURS 495 (★9) (10 weeks)

##### Notes

- (1) An equivalent STAT (★3) course may be accepted in lieu of NURS 341.
- (2) To proceed to Year 3, all courses listed in Years 1 and 2 of the Collaborative Program must have been successfully completed.
- (3) NURS 399 must be taken concurrently with NURS 390 during one six week block of Fall Term and with NURS 394 during one six week block of Winter Term.
- (4) To proceed to Year 4, all courses listed in Years 1, 2, and 3 of the Honors program must have been successfully completed.
- (5) NURS 490 must be taken during the first six weeks of Fall Term.
- (6) NURS 491 must be taken during the second six weeks of Fall Term.
- (7) All NURS 499 requirements must be completed by the end of Fall Term of Year 4.
- (8) To proceed with NURS 494 students must have completed all courses of the Honors Program except the corequisite NURS 495.

### Promotion Requirements

Promotion from year to year requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 on all courses taken during the Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer. Students who do not meet this requirement, but have a GPA of 2.0 are required to transfer back into the BScN—Collaborative Program.

### Graduation Requirements

- (1) Graduation with Honors requires a GPA of 3.0 on the last ★60. Students who are not recommended for graduation with Honors at the end of their fourth year may be granted the BScN degree if they meet the minimum requirements for this degree (see §134.1).
- (2) Graduation with First-Class Honors: Graduation with First-Class Honors requires a GPA of 3.5 or higher on the last ★60 taken for credit toward the degree and that no failing grades are incurred throughout the program.

## 134.3 BScN—After Degree Program

### 134.3.1 General Information

This two-year program is designed for those with a university degree and is available in both Edmonton and in Camrose. Methods of instruction are varied and include the use of Context-Based Learning (CBL).

- (1) The curriculum is designed to be taken over two calendar years. Application for an extension to the program must be submitted to the Student Advisor. With approval, students have three years to complete the requirements for this program.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Edmonton site students may be assigned to clinical placements anywhere in the Greater Edmonton area or as far away as 150 kilometers. Camrose site students may be assigned to clinical placements in Camrose or as far away as 150 kilometers. Students are responsible for their transportation to practice placements and for the costs of travel and accommodations.
- (4) Students must purchase a stethoscope, penlight and a lab coat. A uniform will be required later in the program.
- (5) Clinical practice may include shift and weekend rotations.

### 134.3.2 Course Sequence

Course sequence for students admitted in Fall Term and those at the Camrose site:

#### Year 1 (see Note 1)

##### Fall Term

NURS 113 (★3)  
NURS 301 (★3) (see Note 2)  
NURS 303 (★6)  
NURS 304 (★1)  
NURS 305 (★4)

##### Winter Term

NURS 215 (★3)  
NURS 307 (★6)  
NURS 308 (★6)

##### Spring/Summer

NURS 309 (★6)  
NURS 310 (★6)

#### Year 2 (see Notes 1 and 3)

##### Fall Term

NURS 407 (★6)  
NURS 408 (★6)  
NURS 409 (★3)

##### Winter Term

INT D 410 (★3) (10 weeks)  
NURS 405 (★6)  
NURS 406 (★6)

##### Spring/Summer

NURS 494 (★3) (see Note 4)  
NURS 495 (★9)

Course sequence for students admitted in Winter Term:

#### Year 1 (see Note 1)

##### Winter Term

NURS 113 (★3)  
NURS 301 (★3) (see Note 2)  
NURS 303 (★6)  
NURS 304 (★1)  
NURS 305 (★4)

##### Spring/Summer

NURS 215 (★3)  
NURS 307 (★6)  
NURS 308 (★6)

##### Fall Term

NURS 309 (★6)  
NURS 310 (★6)

#### Year 2 (see Notes 1 and 3)

##### Winter Term

INT D 410 (★3) (10 weeks)  
NURS 407 (★6)  
NURS 408 (★6)

**Spring/Summer**

NURS 405 (★6)  
 NURS 406 (★6)  
 NURS 409 (★3)

**Fall Term**

NURS 494 (★3) (see Note 4)  
 NURS 495 (★9)

**Notes**

- (1) Courses may be configured differently depending on clinical placement availability.
- (2) Students may take NURS 301 during any term of Year 1. NURS 301 must be completed prior to commencing Year 2.
- (3) To proceed to Year 2, all courses listed in Year 1 of the After Degree program must have been successfully completed.
- (4) To proceed with NURS 494 students must have passed all courses of the After Degree program except the corequisite NURS 495.

## 134.4 BScN—Post RN Program

### 134.4.1 General Information

This program is for Registered Nurses who have graduated from an approved diploma program and who are eligible for registration in Alberta. To be admitted to this program, all applicants must have proof of having worked the equivalent of full-time hours as a registered nurse for a minimum of 12 months (not necessarily consecutive, i.e., 1,920 hours) since graduation from the nursing diploma program.

The Faculty of Nursing will not admit to the BScN Post RN Program starting September 1, 2011. Contact the Faculty of Nursing for information regarding readmission.

- (1) The curriculum is designed to be taken over one year. Application for an extension to the program must be submitted to the Student Advisor. With approval, students have three years from the time of admission to complete the requirements for this program.
- (2) Students are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their registrations. Particular care should be exercised regarding prerequisite courses.
- (3) Placements can be made anywhere in the Greater Edmonton area (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.
- (4) Students must have a lab coat.

### 134.4.2 Course Sequence

**Fall Term**

NURS 415 (★5) (see Note 1)  
 NURS 468 (★4)  
 NURS 470 (★5)  
 STAT (★3)

**Winter Term**

NURS 301 (★3)  
 NURS 410 (★3) or 409 (★3)  
 NURS 475 (★7) or 492 (★7) (see Note 2)  
 Two courses from the following (see Note 3):  
 ENGL (★3) or Elective (★3)  
 PHIL (★3)  
 POL S (★3)

**Spring/Summer**

NURS 492 (★7) (see Note 2)  
 Complete remaining requirements from the following (see Note 3):  
 ENGL (★3) or Elective (★3)  
 PHIL (★3)  
 POL S (★3)

**Notes**

- (1) NURS 415 is a pre- or corequisite for NURS 301, 410 and 470; prerequisite for NURS 475.
- (2) All students must take one clinical course. Students must take NURS 475 unless they can demonstrate that they have met the requirements of this community nursing clinical course. If they have met these requirements they must take NURS 492. Students who need to take NURS 475 but would also like to take NURS 492 can select it as a senior elective in Spring/Summer.
- (3) All students must take political science (★3), philosophy (★3), and English (★3). Students who obtained credits for English in their nursing diploma program must take an elective instead.

## 134.5 Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) to BScN Program

### 134.5.1 General Information

This program is for graduates of Psychiatric Nursing Programs. Methods of instruction are varied and include the use of Context-Based Learning (CBL).

- (1) The curriculum is designed to be taken over 20 months. Application for an extension to the program must be submitted to the Student Advisor. With approval, students have three years from the time of admission to complete the requirements for this program.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Placements can be made anywhere in the Greater Edmonton area (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.
- (4) Students must purchase a stethoscope, penlight and a lab coat. A uniform will be required later in the program.
- (5) Clinical practice may include shift and weekend rotations.

### 134.5.2 Course Sequence

**Year 3 (see Note 1)****Fall Term**

NURS 301 (★3)  
 NURS 305 (★4)  
 NURS 341 (★3) (see Note 2)  
 POL S (★3)

**Winter Term**

NURS 215 (★3)  
 NURS 307 (★6)  
 NURS 308 (★6)

**Year 4 (see Notes 1 and 3)****Fall Term**

NURS 407 (★6)  
 NURS 408 (★6)  
 NURS 409 (★3)

**Winter Term**

NURS 405 (★6)  
 NURS 406 (★6)  
 PHIL (★3)

**Spring/Summer**

NURS 494 (★3) (see Note 4)  
 NURS 495 (★9)

**Notes**

- (1) Courses may be configured differently depending on clinical placement availability.
- (2) An equivalent STAT (★3) course may be accepted in lieu of NURS 341.
- (3) To proceed to Year 4, all courses listed in Year 3 of the RPN to BScN Program must have been passed.
- (4) To proceed with NURS 494, students must have passed all courses of the Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) to BScN Program except the corequisite NURS 495.

## 134.6 BScN—Bilingual Program/ Baccalauréat ès sciences infirmières (bilingue)

The BScN—Bilingual Program is a collaborative effort between the Faculty of Nursing and Faculté Saint-Jean. This program offers students the opportunity to study nursing in Canada's two official languages. It is designed to:

- (1) Respond to a need expressed by students who wish to obtain a bilingual degree in nursing in Alberta.
- (2) Offer a program that prepares graduates to provide nursing services in both official languages.
- (3) Offer a program that better prepares graduates to respond to the needs of the French-speaking communities in Western and Northern Canada.

During their program, students take courses at Faculté Saint-Jean and at the Faculty of Nursing. The total number of nursing courses where the primary language of instruction is French varies from 27 to 47 credits. These courses may include clinical practice in bilingual or francophone settings. In addition, based on academic and clinical performance, and on availability of placements, students may elect to complete all Year 4 requirements at another Canadian university where French is the language of instruction. Based on the same criteria, students may also elect to complete the senior practicum in a bilingual or francophone milieu outside of Edmonton.

- (1) The curriculum is designed to be taken over four years. Application for an extension to the program must be submitted to the Student Advisor. With approval, students have six years from the time of admission to complete requirements for this program.
- (2) Students are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their registration. Particular care should be exercised regarding prerequisite courses. Students are responsible for adjustments in registration made necessary by reexamination results.
- (3) Placements can be made anywhere in the Greater Edmonton area (Devon, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, Morinville, St Albert, Sherwood Park, Spruce Grove and Stony Plain) or as far away as 150 kilometers. For clinical courses delivered in English, required practice placements may be as far as 150 kilometers from Edmonton. For clinical courses delivered in French, required practice placements may be as far as 600 kilometers from Edmonton. Students are responsible for their transportation to practice placements and for the costs of travel and accommodations.
- (4) Students must purchase a stethoscope, a penlight, a lab coat and a uniform by the beginning of second year.
- (5) Clinical practice may include shift and weekend rotations.

Students seeking entry to this program should consult the admissions section for the Faculty of Nursing (§15.11.5). For a detailed program description in French, see §184.13.

### 134.6.1 Course Sequence

#### Year 1

##### Fall Term

ANATE 140 (★3)  
FRANC 220 (★3) or ALS 120 (see Note 1)  
MICRE 133 (★3)  
SOCIE 100(★3)

##### Fall/Winter

PHYSE 152 (★6)

##### Winter Term

FRANC 221 (★3) or ALS 125 (see Note 1)  
PSYCE 106 (★3)  
SC PO 320 (★3)  
STATQ 151 (★3)

##### Spring/Summer

FRANC 232 (★3) or ALS 130 (★3) (see Note 1)

#### Year 2 (see Notes 2 and 4)

##### Fall Term

NURS 305 (★4)  
PHILE 386 (★3)  
SC INF 217 (★8) (see Note 3)  
SC INF 218 (★6) (see Note 3)

##### Winter Term

INT D 410 (★3) (10 weeks) (see Note 4)  
NURS 215 (★3)  
NURS 307 (★6)  
NURS 308 (★6)

#### Year 3 (see Notes 4, 5 and 6)

##### Fall Term

SC INF 301 (★3)/NURS 301 (★3) (see Note 7)  
SC INF 309 (★6)/NURS 309 (★6) (see Note 7)  
SC INF 310 (★6)/NURS 310 (★6) (see Note 7)

##### Winter Term

NURS 407 (★6)  
NURS 408 (★6)  
NURS 409 (★3)

#### Year 4 (see Notes 4, 6, 8, and 9)

##### Fall Term

NURS 405 (★6)  
SC INF 406 (★6)/NURS 406 (★6) (see Note 7)  
Elective (★3) (see Note 11)

##### Winter Term

SC INF 494 (★3)/NURS 494 (★3) (see Notes 7 and 12)  
SC INF 495 (★9) (see Note 10)

##### Notes

- (1) Assistance is provided by Faculté Saint-Jean to determine, according to previous coursework and admission test in language proficiency, which course is suitable. (see §183.1.2)
- (2) To proceed to Year 2 students must have passed all Year 1 courses.
- (3) "SC INF" denotes nursing courses where French is the primary language of instruction.
- (4) Due to course scheduling conflicts, INT D 410 will be replaced with NURS 498 "Inter-Professional Team Concepts" Parts 1-3 scheduled during Years 2, 3, and 4. Current students should check the Faculty of Nursing website at www.nursing.ualberta.ca for details.
- (5) To proceed to Year 3 students must have passed all Year 2 courses.
- (6) Courses may be configured differently depending on clinical placement availability.
- (7) The Faculty of Nursing will offer this course in French whenever possible. When offered, students in the Bilingual Nursing Program must take this course in French.
- (8) To proceed to Year 4, students must have passed all Year 2 and 3 courses.
- (9) Based on academic and clinical performance, and on availability of placements, students may elect to complete all Year 4 requirements at another Canadian university where French is the language of instruction.
- (10) Based on academic and clinical performance, and on availability of placements, students may also elect to complete the senior practicum in a bilingual or francophone milieu outside of Edmonton.
- (11) The language of instruction of this elective must be French and it is normally taken at Faculté Saint-Jean.
- (12) To proceed with NURS 494 or SC INF 494 students must have passed all courses of this program except the corequisite SC INF 495.

## 134.7 Degree of Master of Nursing

For information regarding the MN program, refer to the Graduate Programs Calendar section.

## 134.8 Degree of PhD in Nursing

For information regarding the PhD Program in Nursing, refer to the Graduate Programs Calendar section.

## 134.9 The Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education

For information regarding the embedded Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education refer to §205.50.4.

## 135 Courses

Faculty of Nursing courses are listed in §231, Course Listings, under the subject heading Nursing (NURS).