Nursing programs can be diploma, post-diploma, degree, after-degree, accelerated and post-RN. They may be offered in more than one location by an institution.

**Nursing Post-Diploma Programs**

Nursing Diploma graduates may receive two years program credit upon admission to a university post-RN baccalaureate nursing degree program. A post-RN baccalaureate nursing programs is offered by:

- Athabasca University

The Centre for Nursing and Health Studies offers two routes to a Bachelor of Nursing (BN) degree. Applicants who are graduates of a Registered Nurse (RN) diploma program may enrol in the post-RN BN degree program. Applicants who are graduates of a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program may enrol in the post-LPN BN degree program. Applicants to both programs must also meet all other stated admission requirements.

**Nursing Degree Programs**

**University of Alberta Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

The UofA offers a Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program. It is a four calendar year program which can be taken at one of the following institutions:

- University of Alberta
- Grande Prairie Regional College
- Keyano College
- Red Deer College

The UofA also offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Bilingual (BScN Bilingual) program, a Bachelor of Science for Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPN to BScN) program, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Honors (BScN Honors) program, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing After-Degree (BScN After Degree) program.

The BScN After Degree program is available for students with a completed undergraduate or graduate degree in another field. The Faculty of Nursing recognizes that students who already hold a degree have developed critical thinking and analytical skills. These skills, combined with career and life experience and, in many cases, additional education, make these individuals excellent candidates for this program.

Courses completed in a previous degree will be considered for credit if they are equivalent to courses in Nursing. The program can be completed in two years. The University of Alberta After Degree Program is also offered in Camrose, Alberta and has a rural/urban focus.

The goal of the UofA Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Programs is to prepare nurses to provide nursing services in complex and rapidly changing practice environments. Students receive instruction from leading nurses, scholars, and clinicians. Graduates will be able to provide and to coordinate quality care to individuals, families, groups, and communities in a variety of settings. The BScN Programs provide the necessary background for the national licensure examination for Registered Nurses (RN), which is a requirement for nursing practice in Canada.

A variety of teaching and learning strategies are used to help students develop essential knowledge and skills for nursing practice, including communication, teamwork, collaboration, leadership, critical thinking, and how to effectively research and continue learning throughout their career as a Registered Nurse. Our Nursing Simulation Centre provides opportunities for students to learn and practice nursing skills in an environment that is real to life. This learning is experienced in our skills and simulation labs.

Students are given supervised clinical experiences in a variety of community and institutional settings. These experiences enable graduates to be comfortable and competent in a variety of health care settings.

**University of Calgary Bachelor of Nursing**

The University of Calgary offers an innovative Bachelor of Nursing degree to prepare students for the opportunities and challenges of a nursing career in a changing health care system. Students are provided with a sound theoretical base and supervised clinical experiences in a variety of nursing practice settings. The Faculty of Nursing offers three degree programs routes:

- Bachelor of Nursing - Direct Entry route - a four-year traditional program primarily for high school students.
• Bachelor of Nursing - Transfer route - a 28-month program for transfer students.

• Bachelor of Nursing - Degree Holder route - a 24-month program for students who hold a degree.

The Degree Holder route enables students to complete a Bachelor of Nursing (BN Degree) in 24 months. Admitted students commence their studies in January.

Information about these programs are available at http://nursing.ucalgary.ca/undergrad program. Interested students may also contact the Student Advising Office in the Faculty of Nursing (403) 220-4636 for more details.

University of Calgary Bachelor of Nursing at Medicine Hat College

The University of Calgary (UofC) Bachelor of Nursing at Medicine Hat College (MHC) Site offers a Bachelor of Nursing Degree program that takes place solely on the MHC campus.

It is a four calendar year program, in which students apply through MHC and are MHC students for their first two years. Students apply to the UofC for the third year and are guaranteed acceptance if they successfully complete the first two years of the program and meet all other UofC Faculty of Nursing admission criteria. They complete their third and fourth year as UofC students, but remain on the MHC campus.

University of Lethbridge Bachelor of Nursing

The University of Lethbridge offers a collaborative four-year Bachelor of Nursing program with Lethbridge College. The first two years of the program are offered on the Lethbridge College campus and the final two years of the program are offered at the UofL. Students seeking admission to the Bachelor of Nursing program apply directly to the UofL.

This program prepares professional baccalaureate nursing graduates as generalist entry-level practitioners who are committed to self-directed lifelong learning in nursing practice. Graduates are prepared to be caring holistic professionals who base their nursing practice on theoretical knowledge, evidence, and standards for nursing practice. Theoretical and clinical emphasis on cultural, social, and health issues, particularly related to rural, elderly, and Aboriginal populations are key components of this program.

Students will be exposed to a variety of learner-centered active learning strategies, including problem-based learning. The learning environment will include small and large groups and diverse clinical settings. Students will learn under the guidance of faculty members who are experienced Registered Nurses.

The University of Lethbridge also offers a collaborative Bachelor of Nursing After Degree program with Lethbridge College. This program is designed for students who have completed an approved baccalaureate degree in another discipline, from a post-secondary institution recognized by the UofL. New applicants must apply directly to the UofL.

Newly admitted students will register in and attend courses at Lethbridge College for the first two semesters of the program. For the remaining semesters of the program, students will register in and attend courses at the UofL. This is a 23-month continuous program starting in September of each year.

Mount Royal University Bachelor of Nursing

This four year degree program is offered by Mount Royal. Applicants may enter directly from high school or as mature students or as transfer students with prior post-secondary courses. Graduates may elect to write the Canadian Registered Nurses Examination upon completion of the program.

MacEwan University Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program comprises 132 credits over four years. The program is offered at the City Centre Campus of MacEwan University and students have the option of a September or January entry into first year. The curriculum is designed to prepare graduates who are committed to excellence and have the knowledge and skills to practice in diverse settings.

Graduates are eligible to write the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE) to become Registered Nurses (RNs). This is a highly competitive program with strict intake limits. Applicants are advised to carefully review the competitive admission requirements outlined in the MacEwan University Academic Calendar and further details at www.macewan.ca/nursing.