



UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA

FACULTY OF NURSING

VIEWBOOK

2027
2028



WE ARE

continuing to build on something truly special, leading the nation in nursing by enhancing the health and well-being of Albertans, Canadians and humankind.

Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Alberta respects the sovereignty, lands, histories, languages, knowledge systems and cultures of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit nations.

The University of Alberta, its buildings, labs and research stations are primarily located on the territory of the Nêhiyaw (Cree), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Nakoda (Stoney), Dene, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and Anishinaabe (Ojibway/Saulteaux), lands that are now known as part of Treaties 6, 7 and 8 and homeland of the Métis.

The Dianne and Irving Kipnes Health Research Academy (Kipnes Academy), a 150,000 square metre building, is designed specifically to teach team-based and patient-centred care. It houses many of the U of A's health science disciplines, including a dedicated Health Sciences Library.



#1 PLACE
TO STUDY NURSING
IN WESTERN CANADA
*2027 QS WORLD UNIVERSITY
RANKINGS BY SUBJECT



100+ YEARS
OF **EXCELLENCE**
IN **NURSING**



A **FACULTY** OF **FIRSTS**
THE U OF A WAS THE FIRST TO OFFER:

- NURSING **MASTER'S** PROGRAM IN ALBERTA
- **PUBLICLY-FUNDED DOCTORAL** PROGRAM AND A DISTANCE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN CANADA

Renowned faculty

Our award-winning faculty consists of four Research Chairs who improve our quality of life, strengthen Canada's international competitiveness and help train the next generation of highly-skilled people through student supervision, teaching and the coordination of other researchers' work.

Support in success

We are a tight-knit nursing community, valuing mentorship and a culture of excellence across teaching, research and clinical care. We're here for one big reason: To nurture students to become the next generation of nursing leaders!

The Nursing Simulation Centre in the Kipnes Academy where students apply what they've learned using simulated patients.

THE FACULTY OF NURSING

We are recognized in Canada and internationally for our expertise in nursing research, leadership and practice.

Students build skills through hands-on, interactive learning in the Nursing Simulation Centre.

Clinical placements then let them apply their knowledge in real hospital, community and rural healthcare settings.

STUDENT COMMUNITY:

Nursing Undergraduate Association
Student-run group connecting students with faculty and the CNSA.

Canadian Black Nurses Alliance University of Alberta Chapter
Mentorship, advocacy and leadership for Black nursing students.

Indigenous Nursing Student Association
Community, culture, support and leadership for Indigenous nursing students.



Highlights



AMONG THE
TOP NURSING PROGRAMS
NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY



OVER \$2M
IN AWARD FUNDING
FOR UNDERGRADUATES
IN 2025

Learning at its best

- We have a diverse range of undergraduate routes, including the Bilingual Program, Honors Program (one of only a few in Canada), Collaborative Program and After Degree Program.
- State-of-the-art Simulation Centre and SMART Technology equipment are in all learning labs.
- Students can work as Undergraduate Nursing Employees or Healthcare Aides during their programs.
- Learn from leading nursing researchers in an environment shaping new knowledge.



4-YEAR PROGRAM
STUDENTS STUDY FALL/WINTER,
PLUS SPRING IN YEARS 1 & 2



COLLABORATIVE STUDENTS MAY FAST-
TRACK BY STUDYING YEAR-ROUND
AFTER YEAR 2 TO FINISH EARLY

Our Approach

The Faculty of Nursing uses a learner-centred approach that develops critical thinking skills and innovative problem solving with applied learning opportunities starting in the first year.

Our Tech

The **Nursing Simulation Centre** supports immersive learning in a safe environment and provides learning experiences that range from introductory to highly complex situations, including ones that may be difficult to experience in clinical settings (e.g. cardiac arrest or birthing of a baby).

The **High Fidelity Simulation Suite** includes a variety of simulated human patients of various ages, including a new pediatric model.

The **Virtual Reality Suite** provides immersive simulations where students interact with virtual patients in diverse care environments, thereby strengthening clinical judgment, communication and decision-making skills.





Nursing student Colin in the Nursing Simulation Centre in the Kipnes Academy where students apply their learning starting in their first year.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)—Collaborative Program

Overview

- Primarily for high school graduates or those who have some post-secondary education
- 4-year full-time program
- Campus options: University of Alberta North Campus in Edmonton, Red Deer Polytechnic, Keyano College (Fort McMurray) or Northwestern Polytechnic

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Being a nursing student is a demanding commitment, but having a supportive network of peers has made the journey much more enjoyable. Being able to share hardships, laugh together and encourage one another has turned what could have been an overwhelming experience into a fun one.”

GABRIELLE

4th Year, BScN Collaborative student from Port Harcourt, Nigeria



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If I ever find myself worrying about the exciting challenges to come, I can look back on the challenges I’ve already overcome; there’s nothing you can’t do without the right support and the right people in your corner, and that’s what makes Nursing so special to me.”

« Si jamais je m’inquiète pour les défis du futur, je peux me rassurer en regardant les obstacles que j’ai déjà surmontés. Il n’y a rien que vous ne pouvez pas faire sans les bons appuis et les bonnes personnes dans votre équipe et cela, c’est que-ce que le programme BScN Bilingue offre qui se fait si extraordinaire. »

THOMAS

2026 BScN Bilingual grad from Saskatoon, SK



DID YOU KNOW?

The BScN Bilingual Program is one of the oldest bilingual nursing programs in Canada!

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)—Bilingual Program

Have you thought about a degree in both of Canada’s official languages?

Overview

- Help meet demand for bilingual healthcare workers.
- Unique career paths outside of the traditional hospital setting, including: the military, corrections, non-governmental organizations, international or travel nursing or roles within the federal government.

Students have the opportunity to study at both North Campus and Campus Saint-Jean. This partnership between the Faculty of Nursing and Faculté Saint-Jean is funded in part by Health Canada and in part by the Province of Alberta. Upon completion, the Bilingual Program is recognized on the student’s parchment.

Program Highlights

- Smaller cohorts mean closer connections, more interaction with professors and greater academic support.
- Additional scholarships are available to bilingual nursing students.
- 55% of classes are taught in French to strengthen communication skills.
- Clinical placements available in French and English, including rural and Francophone settings.
- Academic and language support through La Centrale (CSJ’s success centre) and North Campus student services.



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After finishing my previous degree, I began volunteering at the hospital and realized I wanted to be more involved at the point of care for patients and families. The nursing program at U of A is highly regarded and offered me the chance to work in unique and challenging team-based environments that I wasn't able to find in other fields.”

ADAM

2nd Year, After Degree student from Edmonton, AB



Nursing students in the High Fidelity Simulation Suite in the Kipnes Academy where they learn to care for a variety of simulated human patients that are being controlled by an instructor.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)—After Degree Program

Overview

- For students who already hold a recognized degree in any field of study
- 2-year full-time program
- Option to apply directly to the After Degree Honors Program.

The program leverages students' unique talents, critical and analytical abilities and additional education. Upon graduating, After Degree students are uniquely positioned to access the wide range of opportunities that having a nursing degree offers, including clinical roles in hospitals and the community, research, education, leadership and management.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)—Honors

Overview

- Participate in scholarly and research work to enrich your undergraduate program experience.
- Gain in-depth knowledge in an area of research and be mentored by a Faculty of Nursing researcher while carrying out an honors research project.
- Support in presenting research and writing for publication.

Who should apply to this program?

- Students who demonstrate excellence in their previous coursework.
- Students interested in strengthening their capacity for evidence-based practice and in pursuing research or teaching as future career choices.

The program helps to prepare students to ask and answer important research questions, to engage in the research process, to provide evidence-based nursing practice in health care settings and to facilitate the transition from undergraduate to graduate studies in nursing.

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I always dreamt of being in the healthcare field. Last summer I conducted women's heart health research at the Lois Hole Hospital for Women and presented my findings at three major conferences. Looking back now, I realize I didn't wake up one day having found my voice. I built it: moment by moment, conversation by conversation and community by community. And now, I get to use it in a way that would make first-year me really proud.”

VISHWA

2025 Honors grad from Ahmedabad, India



FINDING YOUR PLACE

Among the best
and brightest.



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Rural placements allow for a great deal of learning in a short amount of time. The placements will give you a broad foundation of learning to support you wherever your nursing journey goes.”

KRISTEN

2026 BScN grad from Sylvan Lake, AB

A NURSE'S WINDOW TO THE WORLD

The Faculty of Nursing has a Global Nursing Office (GNO) that collaborates with students and faculty to:

- Provide leadership in globally-minded nursing education, research and service
- Promote international, national and local mobility and outreach
- Foster the development of global citizenship

Clinical Placements

A nursing education isn't complete without the real-life experiences and knowledge gained only by working in clinical settings.

As a U of A student, you'll learn firsthand what it takes to be a competent, compassionate nurse through regular and varied clinical placements. Working alongside clinical and community partners, students are immersed in the world of healthcare.

Preceptorships

During the final year, at the site of your final placement you'll be assigned a preceptor or Registered Nurse (RN) to work alongside to build on your previous clinical and lab learning.

Placement Possibilities

You'll gain hands-on education in a variety of healthcare settings throughout your program. Clinical placements usually take place in Edmonton area hospitals in all areas of healthcare like medicine, surgery, cardiology, community health, mental health, long-term care and public health, with opportunities for intensive care, emergency and rural placements. Shifts may be during the day or evening.

In your final preceptorship, you may also have the chance to explore specialized areas such as emergency, intensive care, pediatrics, rural hospitals, clinics or even out-of-province placements — helping you build broad, real-world nursing experience.

Nursing student Sarah prepares for her first clinical placement which could take place in areas such as surgery, cardiology or public health.



1,480 TOTAL
CLINICAL HOURS
OVER 4 YEARS



YOU WILL COMPLETE A **GUARANTEED**
CLINICAL PLACEMENT WITHIN
150 KM OF THE GREATER
EDMONTON REGION

Graduate Nursing students Alyssa, Emmanuel and Karlin gather in the Sperber Health Sciences Library in the Kipnes Academy.

AFTER GRADUATION

CAREERS

Registered Nurse (RN)
Nurse Practitioner
Nurse Educator
Health Researcher
Healthcare Advocate
Travel Nurse
Healthcare Leader

Where can a BScN Degree take you?

There are many areas of registered nursing practice, and over the span of a career an RN may practice in a variety of areas.

For more information visit uab.ca/nursco

Graduate Programs within the Faculty of Nursing

Shape the future of Nursing with research, adding new knowledge to advance care in Canada or teaching the next generation of nurses.

- Master of Nursing
- Master of Nurse Practitioner Practice
- PhD in Nursing

Want to get started with graduate studies?
Learn more at uab.ca/nurgradpro

Graduate Office contact information
nursing.graduate@ualberta.ca

Highlights



OVER **\$1M**
IN **GRANTS AND AWARD FUNDING**
FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN 2025



OVER **200**
GRADUATE STUDENTS
RESEARCHING
A VARIETY OF TOPICS



AREAS OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE:
CHILDREN AND WOMEN'S HEALTH, HEALTHY AGING, HEALTH EQUITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

U of A students in a favourite study spot in the Sperber Health Sciences Library in the Kipnes Academy.



READY, SET,
APPLY!



Transition Year Program

We specifically designate seats each year for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who can also enter nursing through the University of Alberta's Transition Year Program (TYP).
uab.ca/typ

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The Transition Year Program answered all of my questions and more. TYP showed me how to become resourceful and independent as a university student. This helped me feel confident when I transitioned into the Nursing program. The friendships, support, and connections I made in my TYP year carried me through my nursing degree, and now through my master of nursing, and will stay with me long after I graduate.”

MARISA

2nd year, Master of Nursing student from Ermineskin Cree Nation in Maskwacis, AB

Important deadlines and to apply: uab.ca/apply

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Age Requirement:
Students must be 18 years old prior to the start of their second year of study (September 1, 2028).

- Mathematics 30-2/
Mathématiques 30-2
- Mathematics 31/
Mathématiques 31

COLLABORATIVE

- 1 English Language Arts 30-1
- 2 Biology 30
- 3 Chemistry 30 or Science 30
- 4 One of:
 - Mathematics 31
 - Mathematics 30-1
 - Mathematics 30-2
- 5 Choose one of:
 - Fine Arts
 - Humanities
 - Math/Science*
 - Physical Education
 - Language other than English

For course listings please visit uab.ca/programs

BILINGUAL

- 1 English Language Arts 30-1
- 2 Biology/Biologie 30
- 3 One of:
 - French 30 (9-year)
 - French 31
 - Français 30-1
 - Français 30-2
 - French Language Arts 30-1
 - French Language Arts 30-2
- 4 One of:
 - Chemistry 30/
Chimie 30
 - Science 30
- 5 One of:
 - Mathematics 30-1/
Mathématiques 30-1

AFTER DEGREE

- 1 A baccalaureate degree from a recognized academic institution
- 2 An Admission GPA (AGPA) of at least 3.0 or equivalent†
- 3 Completion of the following prerequisite courses:
 - English (3 units)
 - Human Anatomy (3 units)
 - Human Physiology (3 units)
 - Medical Microbiology (3 units)
 - Statistics (3 units)
- 4 The following prerequisite courses require a minimum grade of C+§ and must be taken within 5 years of BScN program start date:
 - Human Anatomy (3 units)
 - Human Physiology (3 units)
 - Medical Microbiology (3 units)

* Only one of Mathematics 30-1 or Mathematics 30-2 can be used for admission.

† After Degree - Honors: Admission GPA (AGPA) of at least 3.5 or equivalent required.

§ Students must obtain a grade equivalent to C+ or higher as determined by the grading scale in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta. Students with grades of CR will not be considered as meeting the C+ requirement.

To view the English Language Proficiency (ELP) and Spoken Language Proficiency (SLP) requirements, visit: uab.ca/languagereqs

Programs and admission requirements (including non-direct entry programs): uab.ca/programs

Historical admission averages by faculty: uab.ca/averages

Apply for scholarships and awards: uab.ca/awards

Funding Options

Connect with an advisor to explore your funding options: uab.ca/ask

Get an estimate for program costs at: uab.ca/costcalc

ASK US

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and we've got advisors.
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