

# BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED NURSES (BPRN)+

## Overview/Entrance Requirements

Effective in Fall 2019, admission intake has been suspended.

The College of Nursing BPRN was developed to recognize and value the knowledge and experience of practicing Registered Nurses. The learner-centred, process curriculum is designed to further the capacity of Registered Nurse practice in an ever-changing and increasingly complex health care system.

The curriculum consists of a minimum of 36 credit hours in Nursing, and 9 credit hours from Arts, Science or a professional faculty (for a total of 45 credit hours).

Students may elect full-time or part-time study. A variety of community settings are utilized for clinical experience. Courses may be offered in late afternoons or evenings, during Summer session and through distance education (correspondence) or internet-based study.

Students graduating with the minimum of 45 credit hours of coursework will be considered on an individual basis for admission to the graduate program in Nursing (Master of Nursing). For further information, contact the College of Nursing, 204-474-7452.

## Special Student Status in Nursing

Students who are not admitted to the BPRN, may be eligible to apply to the College of Nursing as a special student. Once admitted, students may register in University of Manitoba courses. Following are the guidelines for special student status:

- Special Students are allowed to register for a maximum of 15 credit hours.
- Special Students must obtain a minimum of "C" grade in a course in order to transfer credit into the BPRN.
- A nursing course completed as a special student may be accepted subsequently for credit in the BPRN up to five years from the date of completion.

Prior to registering for a nursing course, all special students must obtain written permission from a College of Nursing student advisor and present a photocopy of their current Active Practising Membership with the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba or other jurisdiction.

Completion of courses as a special student does not guarantee admission into the BPRN. All students must complete the application forms and submit required information by the application deadline for the term in which students are applying, unless otherwise indicated at the time of application.

The College of Nursing will allow Registered Nurses admitted to another faculty at the University of Manitoba or another university to register for a maximum of 15 credit hours of nursing courses prior to being admitted to the College of Nursing. Written permission must be obtained from a student advisor and does not guarantee space in the course.

## Degree Requirements

Note: Nursing electives may not be offered every year.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
NURS 3430	Seminar in Professional Nursing Foundations <sup>1</sup>	2
STAT 1000	Basic Statistical Analysis 1	3
NURS 3550	Professional Foundations 3: Evidence Informed Practice in the Health Sciences	4
NURS 3220	Community Health Nursing I <sup>2,3</sup>	4
NURS 3520	Professional Foundations 2: Health Education	2
NURS 4210	Independent Study in Nursing	4
NURS 3560	Professional Foundations 4: Law and Ethics in Nursing Practice	3
NURS 4550	Professional Foundations 6: Leadership and Change Management	4
<b>Electives</b>		
10 credit hours in Nursing Electives <sup>4</sup>		10
9 credit hours in Non-Nursing Electives <sup>5</sup>		9
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>45</b>

<sup>1</sup> NURS 3430 should be taken in the first 12 credit hours of the program. Students who have credit for the previous NURS 3190 may substitute this course for NURS 3430.

<sup>2</sup> Graduates of the DNA program at Red River College are required to substitute a 4 credit hour Nursing clinical course for NURS 3220.

<sup>3</sup> NURS 3360 and NURS 4300 are no longer offered. Students who have previously completed either course within 5 years prior to admission to the College of Nursing may use NURS 3360 in place of NURS 3220 and/or NURS 4300 as a nursing elective.

<sup>4</sup> Nursing electives may be used to customize a student's program. Electives may be used to expand on a number of different areas of nursing or may be used to focus on a particular area of nursing practice.

<sup>5</sup> Of the 9 credit hours of non-Nursing electives, no more than 6 credit hours may be at the 1000 (introductory) level. See section 5.4 for suggestions re: Non-Nursing Electives for the BPRN. Students may not take courses for credit for which it is assumed that the content was covered in the diploma nursing program (i.e., Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Pharmacology, Psychology, Sociology, etc.).

## Nursing Electives

10 credit hours of acceptable Nursing electives are to be chosen from the following list – at least one course chosen must be a 4 credit hour course.

Course	Title	Hours
NURS 2110	Health Assessment of Individuals	3
NURS 2200	Selected Topics in Aging and Health	3
NURS 3200	Nursing of Individuals and Families with Long-Term Illness and Disability	4
NURS 3230	Perspectives on Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 3330	Women and Health	3
NURS 2510	Client and Context 1: Human Growth & Development	2
NURS 3350	Counselling Skills for Nurses	3

NURS 3390	Nursing in Rural Environments	4
NURS 3400	Men's Health: Concerns, Issues and Myths	3
NURS 4160	Community Health Nursing II	4
NURS 3510	Client and Context 3: Supportive and Palliative Care	3

In addition, the following courses from the Inter-Faculty Option in Aging are acceptable as Nursing electives:

NURS/KIN 2610	Health and Physical Aspects of Aging	3
SWRK/REC 2650	The Social Aspects of Aging (or IDES 2650 or HMEC 2650)	3

## Clinical Courses and NURS 3200 and NURS 4210 for the BPRN

Review section 3.1 Regulations for All Students which contains information regarding the Personal Health Information Act (PHIA), immunization and CPR regulations, and other information specific to clinical practice.

A clinical project course (normally designated by the fact that it is a 4 credit hour project based course) involves a heavier workload and time commitment than a 3 credit hour course. For most of these courses, clinical placements/assignments will be arranged between the course leader and student at or prior to the start of a term.

NURS 3200, students must contact the course leader at least **three months prior to the start of classes** to state their intention to register for this course and to discuss preference of clinical sites. Placement sites will be arranged as requested by the student on a first-come, first-served basis according to the availability of the agency. Registration in this course is restricted to students who have contacted the course leader.

NURS 4210 The Independent Study in Nursing is designed to provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize previous learning while working with a high degree of independence. Under the guidance of a faculty advisor, students explore a topic of their choosing and design learning objectives consistent with the purpose of the course. Students are required to contact the course leader at least 8 weeks prior to the start of the course to select a topic and faculty advisor. The choice of topic, the proposed plan for completion of the Independent Study, and the faculty advisor must all be approved by the College of Nursing.

Information sessions are scheduled, normally in April for the Fall session and in October for the Winter session, to familiarize students with the course. Students should check the College's web page, BPRN section, for announcements about dates and times.

If a practice setting is required as part of the student's learning objectives, the student is responsible for negotiating access to the setting and addressing agency and faculty requirements. Be advised that there may be organizations which require contractual arrangements with the student and/or the University of Manitoba prior to permitting the student to enter the practice setting. These arrangements are subject to approval by the College and require pre-planning.

**Note: the prerequisite for this course is 35 credit hours of completed study in the program.**

## Courses Which May Be Used as Non-Nursing Electives in the BPRN

Courses may be selected from any faculty or school of the University, subject to faculty/department regulations and subject to the student's meeting any prerequisite requirements. Please refer

to Courses Available to Students in Other Faculties (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/health-sciences/nursing/#facultyacademicregulationstext>). Some suggestions follow:

- Faculty of Arts courses - e.g. anthropology, native studies, psychology, sociology, religion
- Asper School of Business (Management) - e.g. courses in business administration, management, organizational behaviour
- Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management
- Faculty of Science - e.g. biology, chemistry, computer science, microbiology, zoology
- Faculty of Social Work - e.g. courses in social welfare policy, communication skills