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## Health Programs

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Location Offered:**

Nanaimo

**Credential:**

Bachelor Degree

**Program Length:**

4 Years

## The Program

VIU offers a full-time four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program (Option A), and a full-time 3 year PN to BSN Bridge-in Program (Option C). Option C is available only to licensed Practical Nurses. The same program/concept-based collaborative curriculum is also offered in partnership with North Island College (NIC) in Comox BC. The BSN program is accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) and approved by the BC College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP). Upon successful completion of eight academic semesters (fall and spring semesters) and three consolidated practice experiences (Intercession), students will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from VIU, be eligible to write the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses), and apply for nursing registration through BCCNP.

The concept-based curriculum is based on the concepts of caring and health promotion and includes core concepts such as leadership, advocacy, political action, nursing knowledge development, and nursing scholarship. Practice experience is emphasized, as well as the need for thoughtful, reflective action as defined by the concept of praxis. Settings include classroom, lab/simulation lab, practice (hospital and community settings) which offer diverse contexts to ensure students develop professional nursing skills to provide direct care and leadership as part of a team in urban, rural, and global settings.

Please visit the Program Website for more information.

## Program Outline

Option A involves completion of the program in its entirety in order to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. On successful completion of 8 academic semesters and 3 consolidated practice experiences, and institutional Degree English Requirements, students will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from VIU and be eligible to write the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses) and apply for nursing registration through BCCNP.

Option C students enter into a bridge-in semester consisting of bridge-in courses, a transition to BSN course, one of their required English and PHIL 331 (Ethics in Health Care). Following completion of the bridge-in semester, Option C students then follow the same program grid as Option A students.

## Program Outline - Option A - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 100 - (Health and Healing I: Living Health)	3
NURS 102 - (Relational Practice I: Self and Others)	3
NURS 103 - (Professional Practice I: Introduction to the Profession of Nursing)	3
NURS 104 - (Nursing Practice I: Introduction to Nursing Practice)	4.5
NURS 110 - (Health and Healing II: Health Indicators)	3
NURS 111 - (Nursing Learning Centre II)	3
NURS 113 - (Professional Practice II: Introduction to the Discipline of Nursing)	3
NURS 114 - (Nursing Practice II: Coming to Know the Client)	5
NURS 175 - (Consolidated Practice Experience I)	6
BIOL 156 - (Nursing: Anatomy and Physiology I)	4
BIOL 157 - (Nursing: Anatomy and Physiology II)	4
Degree English Requirements	6
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>47.5</b>

<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 200 - (Health & Healing III: Health Challenges/Healing Initiatives)	3
NURS 201 - (Nursing Learning Centre III)	3
NURS 202 - (Relational Practice II: Creating Health Promoting Relationships)	3
NURS 204 - (Nursing Practice III: Promoting Health & Healing)	5
NURS 208 - (Health Sciences III: Pathophysiology I)	3
NURS 210 - (Health & Healing IV: Health Challenges/Healing Initiatives)	3
NURS 211 - (Nursing Learning Centre IV)	3
NURS 214 - (Nursing Practice IV: Promoting Health & Healing)	6
NURS 218 - (Health Science IV: Pathophysiology II)	3
PHIL 331 - (Ethics in Health Care)	3
NURS 275 - (Consolidated Practice II)	6
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>41</b>

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 300 - (Health & Healing V: Complex Health Challenges/Healing Initiatives)	3
NURS 301 - (Nursing Learning Centre V)	3
NURS 302 - (Relational Practice III: Connecting Across Difference)	3
NURS 304 - (Nursing Practice V: Promoting Health & Healing)	6
NURS 310 - (Health & Healing VII: Promoting Community & Societal Health)	3
NURS 313 - (Professional Practice IV: Nursing Inquiry)	3
NURS 314 - (Nursing Practice VI: Promoting Health of Communities & Society)	4
NURS 318 - (Health & Healing VI: Global Health Issues)	3
NURS 375 - (Consolidated Practice Experience III)	8
Elective other than Nursing*	3
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>39</b>

\* *General electives: Any VIU course numbered 100 and above with content dissimilar to the BSN. Courses with a "T" suffix are not eligible as electives. Students interested in taking a non-VIU elective must consult with the BSN advisor.*

<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 400 - (Professional Practice V: Leadership in Nursing)	3
NURS 403 - (Professional Practice VI: Nursing Research)	3
NURS 404 - (Nursing Practice VII: Engaging in Leadership)	4
Approved Nursing elective	3
Elective other than Nursing*	3
NURS 414 - (Nursing Practice VIII: Transition to Graduate Nurse)	12
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>28</b>

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### **Program Outline - Option C - Practical Nurse (PN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Bridge-in Program**

<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 170 - (Health & Healing Bridge-In)	3
NURS 173 - (Relational Practice Bridge-In)	3
NURS 207 - (Transition to BSN Program)	3
NURS 210 - (Health & Healing IV: Health Challenges/Healing Initiatives)	3
NURS 211 - (Nursing Learning Centre IV)	3
NURS 214 - (Nursing Practice IV: Promoting Health & Healing)	6
NURS 218 - (Health Science IV: Pathophysiology II)	3
PHIL 331 - (Ethics in Health Care)	3
Degree English Requirements	6
NURS 275 - (Consolidated Practice Experience (CPE III))	6
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 300 - (Health & Healing V: Complex Health Challenges/Healing Initiatives)	3
NURS 301 - (Nursing Learning Centre V)	3
NURS 302 - (Relational Practice III: Connecting Across Difference)	3
NURS 304 - (Nursing Practice V: Promoting Health & Healing)	6
NURS 310 - (Health & Healing VII: Promoting Community & Societal Health)	3
NURS 313 - (Professional Practice IV: Nursing Inquiry)	3
NURS 314 - (Nursing Practice VI: Promoting Health of Communities & Society)	4
NURS 318 - (Health & Healing VI: Global Health Issues)	3
NURS 375 - (Consolidated Practice Experience III)	8
Elective other than Nursing*	3
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>39</b>

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<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 400 - (Professional Practice V: Leadership in Nursing)	3
NURS 403 - (Professional Practice VI: Nursing Research)	3
NURS 404 - (Nursing Practice VII: Engaging in Leadership)	4
Approved Nursing elective	3
Elective other than Nursing*	3
NURS 414 - (Nursing Practice VIII: Transition to Graduate Nurse)	12
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>28</b>

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## Admission Requirements

### Option A (4 Year BSN)

Option A involves completion of the program in its entirety in order to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. On successful completion of 8 academic semesters and 3 consolidated practice experiences, and institutional Degree English Requirements, students will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from VIU and be eligible to write the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses) and apply for nursing registration through CRNBC.

### Admission Requirements

- Minimum "C+" in each of Chemistry 11, Biology 12, English 12, and a minimum "C+" in one of Principles of Mathematics 11, Pre-Calculus 11, Foundations of Mathematics 12; or equivalents.
- Completion of CASPer test.

### Notes on Admission

- Aboriginal students can apply for reserved seats by submitting the Access Initiative for Aboriginal Students form.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to use their VIU student number when registering for the CASPer test.
- Click here for more information about the CASPer test, including upcoming test dates.
- Please note: CASPer scores are only valid for one admission cycle.
- **Note:** *The following documents are required by the first day of classes.*
  - Completed Immunization Requirements Form
  - Proof of C.P.R. level "C" training.
  - Proof of WHMIS training.
  - Criminal Record Check. Fieldwork and/or practicums will require a satisfactory criminal record check prior to placement. Criminal Record Checks are requested through VIU. The Registration Centre at VIU will contact prospective students by mail regarding the requirements for a Criminal Record Check. Criminal Record Checks are processed through the Ministry according to the Criminal Records Review Act. A check completed through the RCMP is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Act.
- Students who have graduated from an approved Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program and who have practiced a minimum of 450 hours as an LPN in BC within the preceding two years will be given advanced credit for NURS 175.
- Students who have graduated from an approved Health Care Assistant (HCA) program and have practiced a minimum of 450 hours as an HCA in BC within the preceding two years, may request a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) for NURS 175/Consolidated Practice I. Contact the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Advisor 1-888-920-9921 local 2267.
- Prior Learning Assessment credit may be available for courses in this program. Contact the Chair, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Advisor, 1-888-920-9921, Ext. 2267.
- This program is not currently available to international students.

### Option C (PN to BSN Bridge-in)

Option C allows Licensed Practice Nurses to access/bridge-in to second year of the Bachelor of Science program. On successful completion of 3 years and institutional Degree English Requirements, students will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from VIU and be eligible to write the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses) and apply for nursing registration through BCCNP.

### **Admission Requirements**

- Must have graduated from a recognized Practice Nurse (PN) Program.
- Must be currently licensed as a Practical Nurse through BCCNP (BC College of Nursing Professionals).
- Must have the equivalent of one year full-time employment (1700-1800 hours) as practicing PN in BC over the past 3 years.
- Letter of recommendation from current employer confirming work history over the past 3 years.
- Letter of personal intent outlining the following:
  - Personal understanding and experience with leadership.
  - Personal experience giving, receiving, and utilizing constructive feedback.
  - Perceived success in engaging in a rigorous 3 year degree program.

### **Notes on Admission**

- Enrolment in this program is limited. Students who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the program. Admission rankings are determined by a combination of final GPA from the applicant's Practical Nursing Program transcripts, letter of recommendation from current employer and letter of personal intent.
- Aboriginal students can apply for reserved seats by submitting the Access Initiative for Aboriginal Students form.
- **Note:** *The following documents are required by the first day of classes.*
  - Completed Immunization Requirements Form
  - Proof of C.P.R. level "C" training.
  - Proof of WHMIS training.
  - Criminal Record Check. Fieldwork and/or practicums will require a satisfactory criminal record check prior to placement. Criminal Record Checks are requested through VIU. The Registration Centre at VIU will contact prospective students by mail regarding the requirements for a Criminal Record Check. Criminal Record Checks are processed through the Ministry according to the Criminal Records Review Act. A check completed through the RCMP is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Act.
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### **Note on Progression - Option A and C**

- In order to apply credit for any course towards the requirements of the BSN degree, the nursing student must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in that course. In addition, students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.33 ("C+") for each academic year, and must pass each nursing practicum. The grade point average is calculated on nursing courses and includes PHIL 331, BIOL 156, BIOL 167, and upper nursing elective courses taken within that academic year.

- Practice experiences within the curriculum are a vital part of learning. Attendance is required in all practice courses. Students that miss more than 10% of a practice course may be at risk of not successfully completing the course.

### **Note on Progression - Option A**

- BIOL 156 must be completed with a minimum grade of 'C' as a prerequisite for semester 2 (Spring semester/year 1) of the BSN Program.
- BIOL 157 must be completed with a minimum grade of 'C' as a prerequisite for semester 3 (Fall semester/year 2) of the BSN Program.

### **Start Date and Application Deadline**

**Option A:** The program starts in September and applications are accepted starting the first business day in October. The application deadline is January 31.

**Option C:** Currently not accepting applications. Please contact the Nursing department at 250-740-6175 for information on start dates and application deadlines.

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