

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs Lower Mainland

It's highly recommended that you attend a Nursing Information Session that most schools offer regularly. Admission requirements and admission process are subject to change by each school, therefore when planning your admission to nursing, it is highly recommended that you thoroughly research the information available on the school's website and speak to an admissions advisor.

BCIT

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree is a 3 year full-time (year round) program. There are two intakes per year in January and August.

Applications for the January intake are accepted from May 1 of the previous year until July 15th. The deadline for completion of all academic prerequisites and submission of all documentation is August 31st.

Applications for the August intake are accepted from October 1 of the previous year until December 15th. The deadline for completion of all academic prerequisites and submission of all documentation is January 31st.

BCIT does not guarantee admission to applicants who meet the minimum requirements. The Nursing program mandate is to select those applicants deemed to have the best opportunity for success. The Nursing program does not maintain a waitlist. Obtaining a seat in the Nursing program is by competition. **Priority is given to applicants with a minimum of 30 credits of post-secondary course work. Recommended post-secondary courses include 3 credits of a university transferable English Composition course and 6 credits of Introductory Psychology or Sociology.**

High School Prerequisites:

- High school graduation or equivalent
 - English 12 (B) or 3 credits of university/college first-year transferable English composition course with a (C+) and English language proficiency (if ESL student)
 - Biology 12 (C+) or [BHSC 0100](#) or equivalent*
 - Chemistry 11 (C+)
 - One of the following math requirements:
 - Principles of Mathematics 11 (C+) or 12 (C)
 - Applications of Mathematics 12 (C+)
 - Foundations of Mathematics 11 (B) or 12 (C+)
 - Pre-Calculus 11 (C+) or 12 (C)
 - [MATH.0007⁶](#) (C+)

The prerequisites for the Nursing program are currently under review. Please check BCIT's website regularly for updates.

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Douglas College:

New requirements for Sept 2013 nursing. It will continue to be a 4-year program, BUT students will not be able to enter the Nursing program directly. Applicants must satisfy the Academic Foundations of Nursing requirements and then apply to Nursing, which will be a 3 year program comprised of Nursing-intensive courses. No volunteer work is required for admission. Entry into the Academic Foundation is not competitive. Students must identify themselves as prospective Nursing students to their academic advisors. Then students are tagged and it is easy to get Biology courses. On completion of the Foundation year, admission to Nursing is first-come, first-served, first-entry, first qualified basis (i.e. when students complete all courses with a min. C+). Nursing Health Sciences is held at the Coquitlam campus. There are two intakes--Jan and Sept. There might be a waitlist. Completed applications with all required documents must be submitted to the Registrar's office by **February 1** for Fall (September) and **June 1** for Winter (January).

Academic Foundations of Nursing requirements: include the completion of 30 university transfer credits (10 - 3 credit courses) (or one of the equivalents) with a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in each course as listed below:

BIOL 1103 Human Anatomy and Physiology I

BIOL 1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology II

BIOL 2401 Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences OR BIOL 2400 General Microbiology

BIOL 2200 Pathophysiology – Course Under Development

ENGL 1130 Academic Writing

English Elective (3 credit University Transferable)

*MATH 1160 Introduction to Statistics OR

**PSYC 2300 Data Analysis in Psychology

Any Human Social Sciences Course (3 credit University Transferable) (Recommended subject areas include: Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Women's Studies)

2 Open Elective Courses (each course is 3 credit University Transferable)

*High School prerequisite for Math 1160 is Principles of Math 11 with a minimum of B; or Applications of Math 11 with an A- or better; or Principles of Math 12 with a C or better; or Applications of Math 12 with a B or better; or precalculus 11 with a B or better; or Precalculus 12 with a C or better; or Foundations of Math 11 with a B or better; or Foundations of Math 12 with a C or better.

**High School prerequisite for PSYC 2300 is Principles of Math 11 or Foundations of Math 11 with a C or better.

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Langara College:

The School of Nursing has changed their admission and application process and will no longer maintain wait lists. **There is no admission to the School of Nursing directly from high school.** The earliest semester that high school students graduating in June 2013 can apply for is Fall 2014; the second option is Spring 2015. Within the three semesters immediately preceding application, applicants must have successfully completed a minimum of 15 credit hours of university-transfer courses with a minimum C+ (2.33) in each course including **three required courses as outlined below, plus two additional university-transfer courses – can be any two university transfer courses, for e.g. Psych 1115 and Psych 1215**). Your admission GPA will only be calculated on the university transfer courses you complete prior to applying to the program, NOT on your high school marks. **Please note that admission to nursing is competitive and successful applicants to the program will have marks higher than a C+.** Also, any additional coursework you do above the 15 credits will also be used to calculate your GPA, therefore you should choose your courses and your course load carefully in order to ensure that you can apply yourself fully to achieving the best mark you can in these required courses. Once you are admitted to the Nursing Program, it is approximately 3 years in length, 8 classroom semesters and 1 practicum semester. **You cannot work while you are enrolled in the program as you will be studying all year long.** Therefore, if you spread out the pre-requisite courses over 2 semesters, and while you are waiting for admission, you can work and save up \$.

Pre-requisites for the Nursing Program:

- English 1127 or 1128
- Biology 1190* (this is an Anatomy & Physiology course)
- Statistics 1124
- 2 university transferable courses

*if you are taking Biology 1190 at another institution, then you must complete both BIOL 1190 and 1191 at the same institution

1. High School prerequisite for English 1127 or 1128 is: minimum of 80% in one of BC English 12 or BC English Literature 12 (blended mark) or a score of “4” on the Langara English Test (LET). If you score a “3,” it is recommended that you be concurrently registered in ENGL 1121). Or an “S” in one of ENGL 1107, 1108 or 1110. For more info on the LET, visit www.langara.bc.ca/admissions/diagnostic-tests/english/index.html.
2. Prerequisite for Biology 1190 is a minimum C+ in Biology 11 or 12, or a minimum “C” grade in one of the following Langara Biology courses: 1115, 1116, 1175 or 1216; **and one of the following:** LET level 3; LPI with a minimum 26 on the essay and one of a “5” in English usage, “5” in sentence structure, or “10” in reading comprehension; BC English 12 or Lit 12 with a minimum “C+” grade; minimum “C-” grade in a university-level English course for which Langara awards transfer credit; or an “S” grade in one of ENGL 1107, 1108 or 1110.

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3. Prerequisite for Statistics 1124: a minimum “C” grade in one of Foundations of Math 11, Principles of Math or Pre-Calculus 11, or Applications of Math 12 (or equivalent); a minimum “C-” in MATH 1150; or with permission of the Statistics Coordinator. Entrance may also be gained through an appropriate score on the Statistics Diagnostic Test. www.langara.bc.ca/admissions/diagnostic-tests/math-stats/index.html.

Kwantlen University

In addition to meeting Kwantlen’s general university admission requirements, applicants to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing must meet the following criteria:

- Pre-calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of B; or undergraduate equivalent with a minimum grade of C+
- Biology 12 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of B; or undergraduate equivalent with a minimum grade of C+
- Chemistry 11 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of B; or undergraduate equivalent with a minimum grade of C+
- English 12 (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of B; or undergraduate equivalent with a minimum of C+; or ENGL 1100 level (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of C+

Selection of Qualified Applicants

Only students who meet all of the program’s admission requirements as outlined above will be considered for admission. Meeting the criteria does not guarantee admission into the program. Admission to the program will be made through an established process that includes the selection of sixteen (16) students from each of the high school and post-secondary categories for a total of 32 per intake. There are 2 intakes per year, September and January.

High School Category

High school applicants and post-secondary students with less than 24 credits of undergraduate courses will be selected using the highest cumulative percentages from the English, mathematics, chemistry and biology courses required for admission. One program seat will be reserved for a self-identified Aboriginal student with the highest cumulative percentage. High school students will be offered conditional acceptance based on interim grades. Final grades must be equal to or greater than interim grades or acceptance may be withdrawn.

Post-secondary Category

Students who have a minimum of 24 eligible undergraduate post-secondary credits with a minimum GPA of 2.33 qualify under this category. Sixteen (16) students with the highest CGPA from a recognized post-secondary institution will be selected.

Students who are not admitted and plan to re-apply for the next intake can choose to take the following university transfer courses, which are required for the nursing program.

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Please note that the only way to increase your chances of being accepted is to increase your GPA.

Courses Required for the Nursing Program

English 1100
English 1200
Biology 1160*
Biology 1260*
any 2 university transfer courses

*these Biology courses are reserved for Nursing students first to register in. Any seats remaining are then available for non-Nursing students.

Applications are accepted from Nov 1 to Mar 31 for Fall 2012 intake. Dates are not currently available for January 2013 intake.

UBC-Vancouver

Please note that UBC Vancouver's Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a 3rd year entry program after completing at least 48 credits of post-secondary study.

Course Work

To be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, with advanced standing, applicants must have a completed bachelor's degree or significant progress (minimum of 48 credits) toward a degree in another field of study. In this accelerated program, students enter at a level equivalent to that of third-year university and complete 81 credits in five consecutive terms. Because of limitations in clinical placements and resources, enrolment is limited.

Prerequisites

The following courses are required:

- First-year English (3 credits): English 112 is recommended or an equivalent first year higher education English composition course. The English prerequisite may be waived for students who have **completed** a bachelor's degree from an accredited North American, or U.K. University (where English was the main language of instruction during that degree).
- Human Anatomy and Physiology (6 credits): BIOL 153 (7 credits) is recommended or an equivalent human anatomy and physiology course/courses. As a general guideline, Human Anatomy and Physiology courses must have been completed within the last seven years. **NOTE: BIOL 155 is currently under review, and applicants are strongly encouraged to take BIOL 153 to meet the human anatomy and physiology requirement.**

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Looking to take the equivalent of first year English or Human Anatomy & Physiology at another institution? UBC has a chart on their website showing equivalent courses that you can take at other colleges and universities in BC.

www.nursing.ubc.ca/Undergrad/EnglishBioEquiv.aspx

Vancouver Community College – Nursing (BScN)

Applicants should be 18 years of age or older or a graduate of a secondary school.

Admission Requirements

1) University Transfer first year courses* equivalent to 18.0 credits including:

- VCC English 1127 and 1229 or equivalent with a minimum C+ or better in each course, or VCC 1101 and 1102 with a 'C+' or better in each course and the Listening and Speaking components of the VCC ELA with a score of 27/30 or higher

- VCC Biology 1120 and 1220 (Human Anatomy & Physiology), or equivalent within the last five years with a minimum C+ or better in each course

- 2 semesters (6.0 credits) of a Humanities course (Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, or another Humanities course) with a minimum C+ or better in each semester. Note: Students are required to take both halves of the Humanities course. eg. Psychology 1100 and 1200 qualifies as two semester (6.0 credits). Psychology 1100 and Sociology 1100 does not qualify.

2) Proof of English Language Proficiency: English is the language of instruction at VCC and is necessary for successful completion of clinical requirements within the Health Science programs. Therefore, **all** students are required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language (reading/writing/listening/speaking). Applicants whose first language is **not** English, must successfully complete a VCC English Language Assessment (ELA) or recognized equivalency.

English as a first language speakers require one of the following:

- Academic English 12 with a “B” grade or higher; or
- 3 credits of First Year English equivalent to VCC’s English 1127 with a “C+” grade or higher; or
- VCC English 0981 and English 0991 with a “B” grade or higher; or
- VCC ABE Reading and Writing Assessment with minimum scores as follows: Reading: 60 Writing: 52 Writing Sample: 071 placement; or LPI with minimum scores as follows: English Usage: 5/10, Essay Score: 26/40, Essay Level: 4; or
- VCC Writing Skills 1076 and VCC Reading and Study Skills 1076; or
- VCC Communication for Health Sciences
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Applicants whose first language is not English require one of the following:

- VCC English Language Assessment (ELA) (scores valid for one year). Overall score of 145/200 or higher with minimum scores as follows: Listening: 27/30, Speaking: 27/30, Essay: 16/20, Reading: 50/70; or
- VCC English 098 and English 099 with a “B” grade or higher in Reading 0996 and Writing 0995, and the Listening & Speaking components of VCC’s ELA with a score of 27/30 or higher; or
- VCC English for Health Sciences 2 (ELSK 1084) with an “S” or higher in all skills, or
- VCC English for Professional Advancement Level 4 with a “B” grade or higher in Reading and Writing, and the Listening & Speaking components of VCC’s ELA with a score of 27/30 or higher; or
- VCC ENGL 1101 with a “C+” or better and the Listening & Speaking components of VCC’s ELA with a score of 27/30 or higher; or
- TOEFL Internet-based (scores valid for one year). Reading, Writing and Listening component scores must total a minimum of 60; minimum Speaking component score of 26; or
- IELTS Academic Module (scores valid for one year). Overall score of 6.5 or higher with no band score less than 6.0 and a minimum score of 7.0 on the Speaking band

3) Volunteer experience in a health care setting or employment in a health care field consisting of a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer work with adults or children in an acute care, long-term care or community health care agency. A written reference from an employer or volunteer coordinator that reflects the length and nature of the volunteer experience or employment in a health care setting must be submitted

4) Criminal Record Search

In accordance to the Criminal Records Review Act, all individuals who work with vulnerable adults and/or children must complete a Criminal Records Check through the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General. Access <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/criminal-records-review/apply/index.htm> to complete the review request. The Criminal Record Form, with payment (no personal cheques), need to be sent directly to the Solicitor General’s Office.

The Criminal Record Check Form will ask for the Organization Name: Vancouver Community College and the Organization Contact Name - Fiona McComb, Registrar's Office, ID Number 937836 for Dental, BScN, Tutoring ESOL programs and Kathy Andreatta, Registrar's Office, ID Number 113043 for all other VCC programs.

Ensure you use your legal name and that you have applied at VCC under the same name.

Please Note: The regulatory body, the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia asks each applicant about criminal offenses. If you have ever been convicted of a criminal offense (other than a minor traffic violation) you should consider whether your application for membership would be accepted. Registration to practice is mandatory.

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Recommended characteristics

- A caring attitude
- A sincere interest in people of all ages who require all levels of care. This includes individuals who are: mentally or physically disabled, experiencing life threatening situations, confused or requiring rehabilitation
- Good command of oral and written English
- Good manual dexterity
- A basic foundation in mathematical calculations of decimals, fractions and metric conversions
- Flexibility to adjust to early morning and evening practicum shifts, to a variety of clinical settings and locations within the Metro Vancouver area

Program Status

Accepting applications (approximate 2 year waitlist)

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