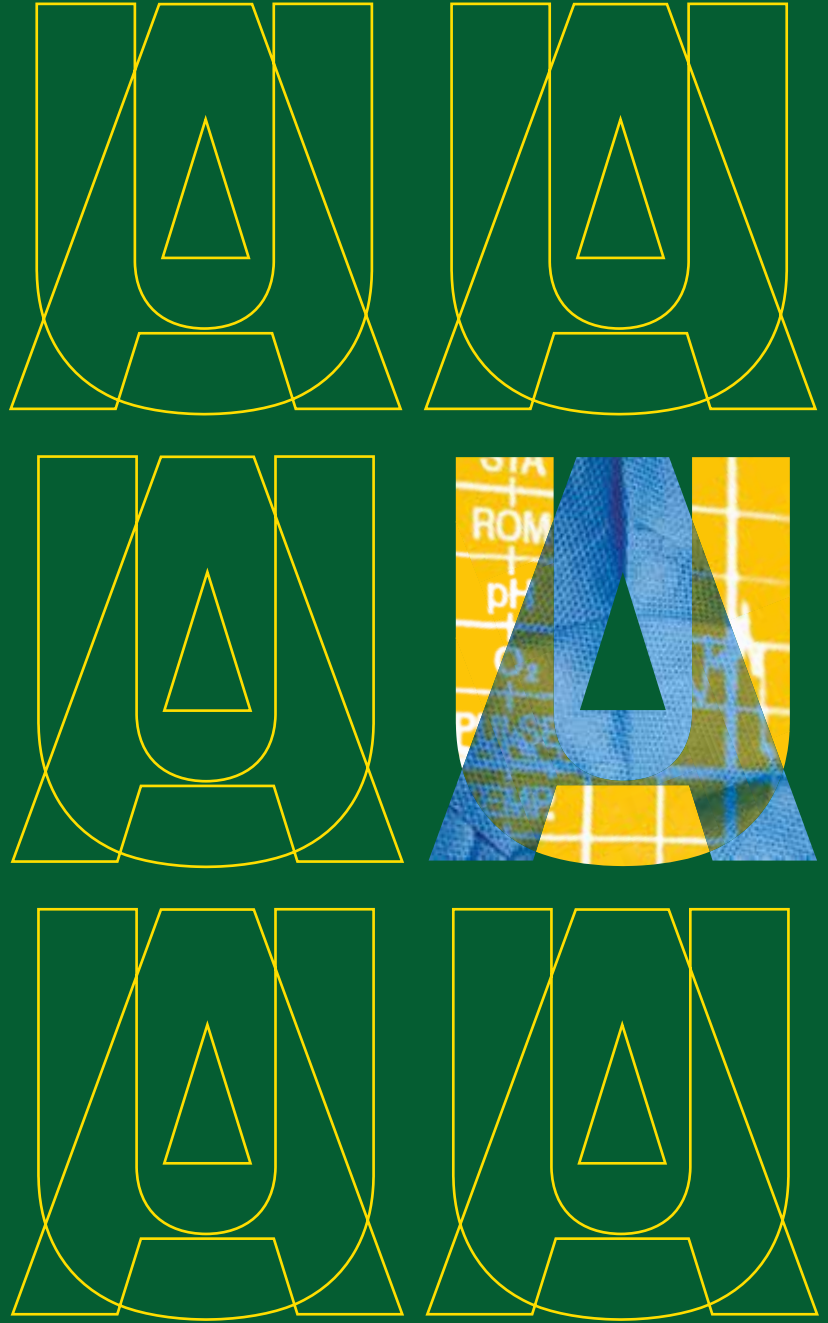




UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA

FACULTY OF NURSING

2026-2027 VIEWBOOK



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 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA), a 150,000 square meter building, is designed specifically to teach team-based and patient-centered 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
*2025 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 three Canada 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: nurturing students to become the next generation of nursing leaders!

The Nursing Simulation Centre in ECHA 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.

Throughout the program, students apply their learning with advanced teaching methods, including many different interactive and simulated learning experiences in the Nursing Simulation Centre.

Clinical placements then take students outside of the classroom, putting their theory and skills into practice across hospital, community and rural healthcare settings.

STUDENT COMMUNITY:

Nursing Undergraduate Association

- Student-run to focus on the student experience.
- Connects students to faculty and Canadian Nursing Students' Association (CNSA).

Canadian Black Nurses Alliance University of Alberta Chapter

- Empowering Black nursing students through mentorship, advocacy, and leadership.



STUDENTS IN THE **4-year PROGRAMS** CAN EXPECT TO STUDY **FALL AND WINTER TERMS, PLUS SPRING TERM FOR YEARS 1 & 2**



COLLABORATIVE STUDENTS ALSO HAVE THE OPTION FOR A **FAST TRACK ROUTE**, WHERE STUDENTS CAN CONTINUE **STUDYING YEAR-ROUND** AFTER YEAR 2 TO **FINISH EARLY**

Highlights



AMONG THE **TOP NURSING PROGRAMS** NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY



OVER \$1.9M IN **AWARD FUNDING** FOR **UNDERGRADUATES** IN 2024

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.
- Our faculty members are leading nursing researchers, which means you will study in an environment that allows you to engage in the development of new nursing knowledge.

Our Approach

The Faculty of Nursing uses a learner-centered 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.



Nursing student, Colin, in the Nursing Simulation Centre in ECHA 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.

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

uab.ca/typ



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

3rd Year, BScN Collaborative student from Port Harcourt, Nigeria



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

4th Year, BScN Bilingual student 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 allow you to better know your fellow students and professors and to receive more support.
- Additional scholarships are available to bilingual nursing students.
- 55% of classes are in French, encouraging the ongoing development of oral, written and clinical communication in French.
- Opportunities for clinical placements in both French and English, plus increased guidance for completing clinical experiences in rural placements and with Francophone agencies across the province.
- La Centrale (CSJ's success centre) and North Campus student services offer extensive support in specific subjects, as well as in the French and English languages.



“

Throughout university, you will meet amazing people and discover new passions and interests that will influence your journey. That's the beauty of university; it's a time to explore and try new things and learn more about yourself.”

DENISE

2023 BScN After Degree grad from Edmonton, AB



Nursing students in the High Fidelity Simulation Suite in ECHA 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.

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

- There are two pathways to enter the Honors program:
 - Apply from our BScN Collaborative Program.
 - Apply directly to the After Degree Honors Program.
- 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.

“

I've always been someone who finds beauty in human connection. It's why I decided to pursue a career in nursing, and it's also why it is no surprise that some of my favourite memories at the U of A have just been little moments of connection that I've shared with the incredible people I've met here. From getting fast food after clinical to talking about our shifts with the friends I've met in my program. University can get busy, but my advice is: don't forget to stop and cherish the little things.”

DAWN

2024 Honors grad from Edmonton, AB



FINDING YOUR PLACE

Among the best and brightest.



“

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

4th year, BScN student 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



1,480 TOTAL
CLINICAL HOURS
OVER 4 YEARS



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



“

I was thrilled with the variety of departments I got to experience. In addition to shadowing numerous orthopedic and plastic surgeries in the OR, I worked in acute care, day surgery, emergency, and long-term care.”

WILL

2024 BScN grad from Banff, AB

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 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

Your clinical placement and preceptorship will take place in a variety of settings, and hours are often divided. Day shifts typically run from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., while evening shifts run from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Most group placements occur in the local Edmonton and area hospitals in non-critical areas such as medicine, surgery, cardiology, neurology and more.

Additionally, some placements occur in assisted and supporting living facilities and public health centres. Students in the community health course may actively work with a number of local not-for-profit organizations that support historically, persistently or systematically marginalized groups and work to address barriers to equity.

The majority of preceptorship placements occur in the same areas as group placements; however, there is more opportunity for diverse placements in preceptorship including placements in:

- Critical care areas such as the emergency room, operating room and intensive care unit
- Pediatrics units
- Ambulatory clinics
- Out-of-province placements
- Rural communities: nurses in rural practice often work in different areas of the hospital, and this experience can provide students with a range of practice in different areas.

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



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 Nursing—Nurse Practitioner
- 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 2024



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**



PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: PINNING CEREMONY

A time-honoured tradition that welcomes new graduates into the nursing profession.

Join more than 22,000 Nursing alumni spanning 45 countries.



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

Casper Assessment

A Critical Part of Your Application Process

Most applicants applying to Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs at the University of Alberta are required to complete the Casper test as part of their application.

The Casper test is a 100- to 120-minute online, open-response situational judgment test.

It is a standardized online assessment of non-cognitive skills, interpersonal characteristics and personal values and priorities that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program.

The Casper test will complement the other factors that we use for applicant review and evaluation, including equity-based review of applications.

Students in the Bilingual Program have the option to take the test in either French or English.

Self-Declared First Nations, Métis and Inuit applicants are not required to submit a Casper score to be eligible for admission.

Learn more and take a practice test at: acuityinsights.app/test-prep-casper/

Important deadlines and to apply: uab.ca/apply

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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 One of an approved:
 - Fine Arts
 - Humanities
 - Math/Science*
 - Physical Education
 - Language other than English course

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

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.

** 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

FIND YOUR PURPOSE

uab.ca/nursing

ASK US

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and we've got advisors.
uab.ca/advising

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