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ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Which programs are offered in Manitoba?

There are various types of nursing programs available in Manitoba. Red River College offers a diploma program while the University of Manitoba offers a baccalaureate program. The Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface in collaboration with the University of Ottawa offers a diploma program and a bachelor program in nursing.

How to choose a nursing program?

Your choice of a nursing program will depend on your career objectives, financial resources and language choice of study. A candidate with financial means can consider the accelerated nursing program and thus join the workforce at a much earlier date. On the other hand, a candidate who has to work while studying could be disadvantaged. The Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface does not offer the accelerated program. Therefore, your choice could be the regular program offered over an 8-month period each year, a formula that allows a proper balance between your studies, work and personal activities.

Would you like to study in French? The answer to this question is simple. Come and study at the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface. **It is important to note that fluency in written and spoken English is essential for clinical practice.**

How does the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface structure the Nursing program?

The Nursing program is structured in such a way that a student can obtain a nursing diploma on successful completion of the 3-year program or a nursing degree on successful completion of the fourth year of studies. The **Nursing Diploma** is granted by the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface whereas the **Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing** is awarded by the University of Ottawa. It is important to note that all the courses, including the fourth year courses, will be offered by the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface.

When can I join the workforce as a registered nurse?

You may enter the workforce once you have obtained a permit to practice as a registered nurse either after the 3-year program or on successful completion of the degree program. In order to obtain your permit as a registered nurse from the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba, you must write the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination.

Can I choose to take the fourth year of studies at the University of Manitoba?

It is definitely possible for you to pursue your fourth year at the University of Manitoba but, at this time, this option may require more than one year to complete the degree program.

What is the program like, in general?

By integrating theory to practice, the program seeks to develop professional nurses possessing critical judgment, interpersonal skills, a desire for life-long learning and the ability to work effectively in a variety of health care environments. Candidates will take courses in human and social sciences, nursing and biomedical sciences. The clinical practice experience, an important training component, is designed throughout the 4 years of the program to provide students with the opportunity to apply, in the practice setting, the knowledge and the skills learned in the theory courses.

Who should enroll in the program?

This program is designed for the person who:

- Has an aptitude in science, more specifically in anatomy and physiology;
- Is interested in social sciences;
- Has a sense of responsibility and leadership qualities;
- Is motivated by teamwork;
- Has the ability to quickly solve problems;
- Can easily adapt to change;
- Is dynamic, strong and in good health.

How do I apply for the program?

Applicants must fill out a program application form obtained from the Registrar's Office and forward it to the following address: Registrar's Office, Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface, 200, de la Cathédrale Avenue, Winnipeg, (Manitoba) R2H 0H7. Applicant's official high school transcript and the required application fee (\$60 for Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents and \$90 for international students) must be submitted with the completed program application form.

Are there bursaries available for the program?

CUSB is able to provide quality education at a reasonable cost with a variety of different financial supports such as: the Secretary of State's Bursary Program, the Manitoba Student Aid Program, the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface's 2000, 3000, and 4000 Excellence Bursaries, its Bursary Program and bursaries available through the *Training for Tomorrow* Educational Awards Program. ETP'S tuition fees are comparable to any of Manitoba's postsecondary educational institution.

What is the program content?

Please check the next section for the answer to this question. The courses are designed to equip and empower the student with the skills required for a meaningful and exciting career in the field. Nursing personnel account for two-thirds of the health care professionals in Canada. Our program has a place for you!

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PROGRAM CONTENT

Program description

Offered in collaboration with the University of Ottawa, this program seeks to develop professional nurses possessing critical judgment, interpersonal skills, a desire for life-long learning and the ability to work effectively in a variety of health care environments. Graduates will be eligible to join the workforce as entry-level nurses in all areas of health care such as hospitals, community health care centers and the public health sector. Their training will also prepare them to write the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination and to pursue postgraduate studies in nursing.

Upon successful completion of the three years of study (93 credits as of September 2007), the Nursing Diploma is granted by the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface. The Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing is awarded after the fourth year (123 credits as of September 2007) by the University of Ottawa, upon recommendation by CUSB (subject to approval by the Senate of the University of Ottawa).

Entrance requirements

The candidate must meet the following entrance requirements:

- 1) Must have successfully completed Senior 4 or the equivalent with a minimum average of 70%; 65% in at least one 40S science course (Biology and Chemistry are highly recommended); at least 60% in Français 40S, in either English Language Arts 40S or English Language Arts 40G, and in either Mathematics 40S or Mathematics 40G, Pre-Calculus 40S, Applied Mathematics 40S.
- 2) Candidates' immunization record must be current and according to standards set by the Regional Health Authority. Proof of immunity must be presented to the École technique et professionnelle's (ETP) administrative office when registering. All immunization requirements must be met before students are permitted to participate in the clinical practicum. The forms are available at the Registrar's office. The required immunizations must be up-to-date when registering and the immunization form must be filled out by your doctor.
- 3) Must hold a certificate of proficiency in Standard First Aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the Basic Rescuer level, valid for the year of admission. The certificate must be kept up-to-date throughout the period of studies. Applicants must submit a copy of the certificate at the ETP office and are responsible for the certificate fees.
- 4) Have mature student status. The high school diploma is not required for adult candidates. However, they must have a minimum average of 65% in at least one 40S science course (Biology and Chemistry are highly recommended) and at least 60% in Français 40S, in either English Language Arts 40S or English Language Arts 40G, and in either Mathematics 40S or Mathematics 40G, Pre-Calculus 40S, Applied Mathematics 40S. The university 100 level courses will also be accepted. In addition, candidates must meet requirements 2 and 3, as outlined above, and be 21 years of age on or before September 30 in their year of registration.

- 5) Six weeks prior to the program's start date, students must submit to the ETP's administrative office the **original documents** of a Criminal Record Check and Manitoba Child Abuse Registry Check.

LINGUISTIC REQUIREMENTS

The program is offered in French. However, certain textbooks and reading materials are in English. It is important to note that **fluency in written and spoken English is essential for the clinical practicum.**

The linguistic profile in French

The ETP requires that all applicants in the Nursing program submit to the linguistic profile in French which serves as a placement tool in the French courses and, if need be, in enrichment activities.

The linguistic profile in English

The linguistic profile in English determines the enrichment activities needed for the candidates who are not fluent in English. It also determines if a candidate needs to take the non credit English courses (*AN-001/AN-002 Parts 1 and 2*) before acceptance into the Nursing program. A minimum final note, B (70%), is required in the *AN-002* in order to take the credit course *AN-106 English as a Second Language I*. The credit courses *AN-106 English as a Second Language I* and *AN-107 English as a Second Language II* will then be taken during the first year of the Nursing program. Upon successful completion of *AN-107 English as a Second Language II* with a minimum final note, B (70%), a student may register for a second year NSG course. This minimum proficiency level in English is required to participate in the second year clinical practicum. **These courses must be taken in addition to the 93 credits required for the successful completion of the Nursing program and to obtain the diploma.**

Special academic requirements

(Consult the CUSB's course calendar for all academic requirements)

Minimum grades that must be attained in the Nursing program:

- a) A minimum grade of **C+** in the following **NSG** courses :
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| NSG 2513 | Introduction to Nursing Science |
| NSG 2717 | Health Assessment |
| NSG 3507 | Family-centered Care of Children with Acute and Chronic Illness |
| NSG 3511 | Care of the Childbearing Family |
| NSG 3720 | Mental Health Nursing |
| NSG 3505 | Care of Adults Experiencing Illness |
| NSG 3523 | Community Health Nursing |
| NSG 4730 | Complex Nursing Care |
- b) A minimum grade of **D** in any other course;
- c) A minimum diploma grade point average of at least 2.5 (the 1000 level courses are excluded);
- d) A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25;
- e) A grade of **S** (satisfactory) for all clinical training courses.

LIST OF COURSES

Year I – Session I

AN 106	English as a Second Language I L (ENGL 1061).....	3 credits
NSG 2513	Introduction to Nursing Science	3 credits
NSG 2717	Health Assessment	3 credits
ANP 1505	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3 credits
PSY 1501	Introduction to Experimental Psychology	3 credits
ANP 1506	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3 credits

Total of 15 credits (excludes AN 106)

Year I – Session II

AN 107	English as a Second Language II L (ENGL 1071).....	3 credits
FRA 1538	Writing Skills for Nurses	3 credits
HSS 1501	Determinants of Health.....	3 credits
NSG 2713	Introduction to Nursing Practice	3 credits
PSY 2514	Lifespan Psychology	3 credits
ANP 1507	Anatomy and Physiology III.....	3 credits

Total of 15 credits (excludes AN 107)

Year II – Session I

NSG 3511	Care of the Childbearing Family	3 credits
NSG 3711	Practicum: Childbearing Family.....	3 credits
HSS 2781	Measurement and Data Analysis	3 credits
PHA 3512	Pharmacology	3 credits

Total of 12 credits

Year II – Session II

NSG 3505	Care of Adults Experiencing Illness.....	3 credits
NSG 3705	Practicum: Care of Adults Experiencing Illness.....	3 credits
HSS 3501	Health Research: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches.....	3 credits
BAC 2500	Microbiology and Immunology.....	3 credits
PHS 4700	Pathophysiology.....	3 credits

Total of 15 credits

Year II – Session III

NSG 3720	Mental Health Nursing.....	3 credits
NSG 3537	Practicum: Mental Health	3 credits

Total of 6 credits

Year III – Session I

NSG 3507	Family-centered Care of Children with Acute and Chronic Illness..	3 credits
NSG 3707	Practicum: Family-centered Care of Children with Acute and Chronic Illness.....	3 credits
NSG 3523	Community Health Nursing	3 credits
NSG 3503	Theory in Nursing	3 credits

Total of 12 credits

Year III – Session II

NSG 3527	Nursing Professionalism and Ethics	3 credits
NSG 4730	Complex Nursing Care	3 credits
NSG 4535	Practicum: Complex Nursing Care I (to confirm)	3 credits
NSG 3723	Practicum: Community Health Nursing.....	3 credits

Total of 12 credits

Year III – Session III

NSG 4537	Practicum: Consolidation I.....	6 credits
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Total of 6 credits

Year IV – Session I

NSG 3522	Therapeutic Interaction: Individual and Group.....	3 credits
NSG 4536	Practicum: Complex Nursing Care II (to confirm)	3 credits
PHI 1770	Philosophical Issues in Health Care	3 credits
2 recommended elective courses	6 credits

Total of 15 credits

Year IV – Session II

1 recommended elective course	3 credits	
NSG 4546	Practicum: Consolidation II.....	3 credits
NSG yyyy	Self-directed Learning	3 credits
NSG 4534	Political and Economic Contexts of Health Care	3 credits
NSG 4xxx	Self-directed Learning	3 credits

Total of 15 credits

Note: The *Nursing* program and its courses are subject to change.