**DOUGLAS**COLLEGE

**Faculty of Health Sciences**

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program



# Information Booklet for Prospective Students

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# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Thank you for your interest in Douglas College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Douglas College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is an innovative program that will educate graduates to provide safe, competent and compassionate nursing care that is grounded in theory and professional standards. They will be prepared to practice nursing working collaboratively with individuals, families, groups, and communities in a variety of settings to promote health and well-being.

Graduates will demonstrate strong leadership qualities that support an inter-professional collaborative model of client centered care. They will be able to positively influence the future of nursing practice and health care from a Canadian context with a strong understanding of the global health care environment.

Upon completing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, graduates will be able to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and register with the College of Registered Nurses of BC.

**CURRICULUM**

The curriculum is a 4 year program with a 1+3 structure. The first year is the **Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants;** this first year will provide students with a strong liberal arts and science foundation. Applicants are required to successfully complete 30 University Transfer Credits with a grade of C+ or better in each of the required courses (refer to the admission requirements for additional information). The remaining three years focus on the practice of nursing and nursing studies. Students in the BSN program are required to maintain a passing grade of 65% (C+) in all courses in order to progress in the program.

The curriculum is based on the concepts of relational practice, leadership, critical nursing inquiry and ethics of care. There is a strong emphasis on critical and reflective inquiry and working in collaborative partnerships with clients to promote their health and well being. Students begin their nursing education in both theory and practice settings. Innovative teaching strategies are used, such as simulations, to provide safe and realistic learning situations prior to performing hands on care with live clients. Expert faculty teach in a supportive environment that respects diversity and inclusiveness.

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For general Douglas College admission requirements, please see General Admission Requirements.

Note: International students are not currently eligible for this program. For more information, please contact Douglas College International.

**I. ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program, students must complete the following required 30 university (UT) credits, with a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in each 3 credit course:

| COURSE | DOUGLAS COLLEGE PRE-REQUISITES | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| BIOL 1103 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (**or equivalent, i.e. BIOL 1109**) | None | 3 |
| BIOL 1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (**or equivalent, i.e. BIOL 1209**) | BIOL 1103 | 3 |
| BIOL 2401 Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences (**or equivalent, i.e. BIOL 2400**) | BIOL 1103 & BIOL 1203 | 3 |
| BIOL 2200 Pathophysiology (**or equivalent**) | BIOL 1103 & BIOL 1203 | 3 |
| ENGL 1130 Academic Writing (**or equivalent**) | ENGLISH 12 (C) | 3 |
| ENGLISH Elective | ENGLISH 12 (C) | 3 |
| MATH 1160 Introduction to Statistics (Faculty of Science & Technology) (**or equivalent**)<br><br>**OR**<br><br>PSYC 2300 Data Analysis in Psychology (Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences) (**or equivalent**) | **Pre-requisites for MATH 1160:**<br>Math 1105; or<br>BC Principles of Math 11 with a B or better; or<br>BC Applications of Math 11 with an A- or better; or<br>BC Principles of Math 12 with a C or better; or<br>BC Applications of Math 12 with a B or better ; or<br>Precalculus 11 with a B or better; or<br>Precalculus 12 with a C or better; or<br>Foundations of Math 11 with a B or better; or<br>Foundations of Math 12 with a C or better<br><br>**Pre-requisites for PSYC 2300:**<br>PSYC 1100 and PSYC 1200 and<br>BC Principles of Math 11 or Foundations of Math 11 (or equivalent) with a C grade or better | 3 |
| **Any Social Sciences UT Course** Recommended subject areas include: Philosophy, Psychology. Sociology, Anthropology, Women's Studies (Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences) | May vary | 3 |
| 2 UT **Open** Elective Courses | May vary | 6 |

Students are accepted to the BSN program on a first qualified, first admitted basis. Students may apply to the BSN program for the Fall or Winter semester following completion of the required 30 credits listed above. In the event where students qualify for admission at the same time, but there are fewer program seats available than demand dictates, offers will be given to those students with a higher GPA on the required courses for admission to BSN.

**Priority Registration for Potential Nursing Applicants**

As the above courses are in high demand, students do have the option of applying for priority registration. To receive priority registration, students may apply to **Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants**. To be eligible for this option, students must meet the following minimum requirements:

- English 12 with a minimum grade of B (or [acceptable substitution](#)*)
- Biology 11 or 12 with a minimum grade of B (or acceptable substitution*)
- Foundations of Math 11 or 12 with a minimum grade of B (or acceptable substitution*)

*In most cases, university transferable coursework completed in the above subject areas can be used toward meeting the priority registration eligibility requirements.

Students who are approved for priority registration under the Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing applicant's category are not guaranteed admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Students may also complete the BSN entrance requirements from any other open enrolment program (i.e. General Studies, Academic Foundations, Science).

*\* Effective Winter 2019* - **Those students who are accepted to and complete the <u>Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants</u> program will receive priority admission to the BSN Program.**


**APPLICATION DATES TO APPLY FOR ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS (FOR POTENTIAL NURSING APPLICANTS)**

- [Refer to Program and Course Catalogue](#)

**APPLICATION DATES TO APPLY FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

- [Refer to Program and Course Catalogue](#)

## II. NON-ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**A.** After successful completion of the required 30 credits for BSN eligibility, and <u>prior to an offer of admission</u> to the second year of the BSN program:

- **Mandatory Program Orientation** - Attendance at a BSN Program Orientation before the semester starts or during the first week of classes is required. Applicants will be notified by email of the Program Orientation date.

**B.** **Following** an <u>offer of admission</u> to the BSN program, the applicant is required to comply with and/or provide documentation of the following:

- **Potential Interview** - Applicants may be required to participate in an interview with a representative(s) of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for the purposes of providing additional information and/or for academic counselling.

- **Basic Life Support (BLS)** - Certificate must be current within 1 year of the start date of the program. Standard First Aid Certificates that include BLS within 1 year of the date of application are also accepted.

  **Note:** *Re-certification of BLS Certificate is required annually for all students once admitted into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.*

- **Standard First Aid Certificate** - must be current within 3 years of the start date of the program. Unlike the BLS Certificate, the Standard First Aid Certificate **does not** need to be updated yearly once admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

- **Health Assessment** - A satisfactory health assessment completed by a physician or nurse practitioner.

- **Immunization Record** - A current record of recommended immunizations consistent with the requirements of practice agencies. Details will be provided at the time the applicant is offered admission to the program.

    i. Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis Vaccine (within the last 10 years)
   ii. Polio Vaccine
  iii. Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine
   iv. Hepatitis B Vaccine
    v. Varicella Vaccine
   vi. Flu Immunization (annual)
  vii. Tuberculin Skin Test or X-ray (within 6 months of starting the BSN Program)

  ***Note:*** *For admission, we anticipate that you will have completed the above immunizations. They are required for your own protection and the protection of patients and families you meet as a student. If you are not immunized you will not have access to clinical agencies and subsequently the inability to complete required clinical courses. This could alter or*

*prevent progression in the program. Immunization regimes are reviewed annually with Provincial Department of Health.*

- **Criminal Record Check** - Applicants will be required to undergo a criminal record check that satisfies the requirements of the program and professional nursing association (College of Registered Nurses of BC).  Details of how to complete the Criminal Record Check will be provided at the time an applicant is offered admission to the program.

  **Note:** *A criminal record check is required by the Ministries of Health and Social Services prior to students being placed in health care agencies. The College of Registered Nurses of BC also requires a criminal record search in order to be eligible for licensure (eligible to write the National Exams at the end of the program and become a Registered Nurse).*

- **Respiratory Mask Fit-test (N95)** - All semester one students will be required to be fit-tested for a respiratory mask. There is an additional applicant cost to for fit-testing.

  **Note:** *Repeat fit-testing is required annually to ensure that the face seal remains effective. This requirement is in compliance with Work Safe BC and the BC Practice Education Guidelines.*

## APPLICATION PROCESS

If you require assistance you can contact the Registrar's Office at 604-527-5478 or the Faculty of Health Sciences:  Bachelor of Science in Nursing Department at 604-777-6403.

**A.        For applicants who <u>do not</u> meet the Academic Admission Requirements for BSN:**

1.  Complete a Douglas College Application Form online at
    http://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/apply  indicating
    **Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants;**

2.        Include the following with your application form:

    - $34.00 non-refundable application fee
    - official High School transcript
    - official transcripts from all other post-secondary institutions attended

      *If you believe you are eligible to receive transfer credit from another post-secondary institution towards the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for elective purposes or to satisfy academic admission requirements; please submit these **official transcripts with a "Transfer Credit Request Form"** (this form may be obtained from the Registrar's Office at http://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/register/canadian-students/forms
      *Transcripts from other provinces and/or countries will require a minimum of 6 - 8 weeks to process. You must also submit two copies of a detailed course outline for each course.*
      **Please note: Nursing courses are not transferable.**

      Upon receipt of the completed application form, all required documents, and the non-refundable application fee, you will be mailed relevant information on your assigned registration date.  You can then register on-line for specific courses that will assist you to meet the academic admission requirements.

      If you are unsure of which courses you need in order to meet the academic admission requirements of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, please seek assistance from Academic Advising or the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Department.

      **\*Once you meet all the academic admission requirements, you must complete a new on-line Application Form for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program** (see application process for those applicants who do meet the academic admission requirements).

**B.**     **For applicants who <u>do</u> meet the Academic Admission Requirements for BSN:**

All applicants must obtain a current (within 1 year) **Basic Life Support Certificate** and a current (within 3 years) **Standard First Aid Certificate** as part of the final admission requirements.

1. <u>Complete a Douglas College Application Form</u> online at http://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/apply indicating **Nursing – Bachelor of Science;**

2. <u>Include the following with your application form:</u>

   - $34.00 non-refundable application fee
   - official High School Transcript (if not submitted previously)
   - official transcripts from all other post-secondary institutions attended

     *If you believe you are eligible to receive transfer credit from another post-secondary institution towards the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for elective purposes or to satisfy academic admission requirements; please submit these **official transcripts with a "Transfer Credit Request Form"** (this form may be obtained from the Registrar's Office at http://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/register/canadian-students/forms
     *Transcripts from other provinces and/or countries will require a minimum of 6 - 8 weeks to process. You must also submit two copies of a detailed course outline for each course.*

     **Please note: Nursing courses are not transferable.**

   Once initial requirements are met, selected students will be required to complete the final admission requirements.

3. <u>Final admission requirements:</u>

   - a satisfactory **Health Assessment** completed by a physician (a form will be provided). Please note: incomplete forms will be returned to you.
   - a current record of recommended **immunizations** (a form will be provided). Please note: incomplete forms will be returned to you.
   - a **Criminal Record Check** (details will be provided).
   - a non-refundable **deposit of $350.00 (plus $20 Criminal Record Check Fee).**

   Once all final admission requirements are met, applicants will receive specific program and course information.**\*Applicants who are not accepted must re-apply (complete a new Application Form) for each subsequent intake.**

# COMPLETION OF SEMESTERS

Bachelor of Science in Nursing program has two intakes every year: January and September

## January Intake

### YEAR II

| January - April | May - June | July - August | September - December |
|---|---|---|---|
| Semester One 15 weeks | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes | Semester Two 15 weeks |

### YEAR III

| January - April | May - June | July - August | September - December |
|---|---|---|---|
| Semester Three 15 weeks | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes | Semester Four 15 weeks |

### YEAR IV

| January - April | May - June | July - August | September - December |
|---|---|---|---|
| Semester Five 15 weeks | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes | Semester VI 15 weeks |

## September Intake

### YEAR II

| September-December | January - April | May - June | July - August |
|---|---|---|---|
| Semester One 15 weeks | Semester Two 15 weeks | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes |

### YEAR III

| September-December | January - April | May - June | July - August |
|---|---|---|---|
| Semester Three 15 weeks | Semester Four 15 weeks | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes | *No Scheduled Nursing Classes |

### YEAR IV

| September - December | January - April |
|---|---|
| Semester Five 15 weeks | Semester VI 15 weeks |

## SEMESTER FOCUS

| | | SEMESTER FOCUS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Focus** | **Population/Client** | **Nursing Skills & Practice Focus** | **Practice Settings** |
| **SEMESTER 1** | Health & Health Challenges<br><br>Professional Foundations | Adults and older adults with emphasis on elder care. | Beginning level holistic health assessment & commonly used psychomotor skills with adult/older adult populations | Medical units<br>Long-term care<br>ALC<br>Assisted living |
| **SEMESTER 2** | Common and predictable acute health challenges | Adults and older adults | Novice level assessment & skill w/ medical-surgical focus | Surgical units<br>Medical units |
| **SEMESTER 3** | Health transitions and challenges -<br>Maternity & Pediatric nursing | Child bearing/child rearing families, newborns, infants, children, adolescents | Holistic Assessment & commonly used psychomotor skills for maternal/child & pediatric nursing | Maternity<br>Pediatrics |
| **SEMESTER 4** | Health transitions & challenges Mental health, psychiatry, community health | Psychiatry<br>Mental health and substance use disorders<br>Community health | Holistic assessment & commonly used skills for mental health, psychiatry, community & home health nursing | Psychiatry<br>Mental Health<br>Home Health<br>Community Health |
| **SEMESTER 5** | Complex health challenges | Adults and older adults | Advanced medical and surgical holistic assessment & commonly used psychomotor skills. | Acute medical<br>Acute surgical |
| **SEMESTER 6** | Complex health challenges & Professional transition | Varied | Consolidation | Varied – tertiary care or community placements |

# CURRICULUM STRUCTURAL FRAMEWORK

| BSN CURRICULUM STRUCTURAL FRAMEWORK | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SEMESTER 1**<br>Focus: Health & Health Challenges<br><br>Elder Care | **SEMESTER 2**<br>Focus: Health & Acute Health Challenges<br><br>Adult/Older Adult | **SEMESTER 3**<br>Focus: Health Transitions & Challenges<br><br>Pediatrics and Maternity | **SEMESTER 4**<br>Focus: Community Health & Mental Health and Psychiatry<br>Health promotion | **SEMESTER 5**<br>Focus: Complex Health Challenges<br><br>Adult/older adult | **SEMESTER 6**<br>Focus: Complex Health Challenges<br><br>Professional transition |
| Nursing Art & Science:<br>Professional Foundations | Nursing Art & Science:<br>Acute Health Challenges | Nursing Art & Science:<br>Family-Centered Care | | Nursing Art & Science:<br>Vulnerable Populations | Nursing Art & Science:<br>Acuity and Complexity | Nursing Art & Science:<br>Professional Transition |
| Health Assessment:<br>Adults and Older Adults | Health Assessment:<br>Acute Health Challenges | Health Assessment:<br>Maternal and Child Care | | Health Assessment:<br>Community Health and Mental Health | Health Assessment:<br>Complex Health Challenges | Nursing Practice:<br>Professional Transition |
| | | Pediatric | Maternity | Mental Health/ Psychiatry | Community | Medical and Surgical | |
| Nursing Practice:<br>Beginning Client Care | Nursing Practice:<br>Acute Health Challenges | Nursing Practice:<br>Family Centered Care | | Nursing Practice:<br>Community Health and Mental Health | Nursing Practice :<br>Complex Health Challenges | |
| | | Pediatric | Maternity | Mental Health/ Psychiatry | Community | Advanced Medical and Surgical | |
| Pharmacology:<br>Introduction for Nurses | Leadership:<br>Interprofessional Collaboration | Leadership:<br>Partners in Health Promotion | | Leadership 2:<br>Ethics and Moral Courage | Leadership:<br>Influencing Health Care Reform | |
| Relational Practice:<br>Introduction | Nursing Inquiry:<br>Evidenced-Informed Practice | Relational Practice:<br>Engaging with Families | | Nursing Inquiry:<br>Research in Nursing | Nursing Elective:<br>Issues in Nursing Practice Focus | |
| **16.5 credits** | **16.5 credits** | **16.5 credits** | | **16.5 credits** | **16.5 credits** | **11.5 credits** |

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

| Year | Number | Semester/Courses | Credits | Hours/Week | Number | Semester/Courses | Credits | Hours/Week |
|------|--------|------------------|---------|------------|--------|------------------|---------|------------|
| II | | Semester One | | | | Semester Two | | |
| | NURS 2111 | **Nursing Art and Science**: Professional Foundations | 3.0 | *4-0-0-0 | NURS 2211 | **Nursing Art and Science**: Acute Health Challenges | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 |
| | NURS 2112 | **Health Assessment**: Adults and Older Adults | 2.5 | 0-3-0-0 | NURS 2212 | **Health Assessment**: Acute Health Challenges | 2.5 | 0-3-0-0 |
| | NURS 2113 | **Nursing Practice**: Beginning Client Care | 5.0 | 0-0-189-0 | NURS 2213 | **Nursing Practice**: Acute Health Challenges | 5.0 | 0-0-189-0 |
| | NURS 2114 | **Pharmacology**: Introduction for Nurses | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 | NURS 2215 | **Leadership**: Interprofessional Collaboration | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 |
| | NURS 2116 | **Relational Practice**: Introduction | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 | NURS 2217 | **Nursing Inquiry**: Evidence-Informed Practice | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 |
| | | **Total** | 16.5 | ~28.5 | | **Total** | 16.5 | ~28.5 |
| III | | Semester Three | | | | Semester Four | | |
| | NURS 3311 | **Nursing Art and Science**: Family-Centered Care | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 | NURS 3411 | **Nursing Art and Science**: Vulnerable Populations | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 |
| | NURS 3312 | **Health Assessment**: Maternal and Child Care | 2.5 | 0-3-0-0 | NURS 3412 | **Health Assessment**: Community Health and Mental Health | 2.5 | 0-3-0-0 |
| | NURS 3313 | **Nursing Practice**: Family-Centered Care | 5.0 | 0-0-189-0 | NURS 3413 | **Nursing Practice**: Community Health and Mental Health | 5.0 | 0-0-189-0 |
| | NURS 3315 | **Leadership**: Partners in Health Promotion | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 | NURS 3415 | **Leadership:** Applied Nursing Ethics, Leadership and Moral Courage | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 |
| | NURS 3316 | **Relational Practice**: Engaging with Families | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 | | | | |
| | | | | | NURS 3417 | **Nursing Inquiry**: Research in Nursing | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 |
| | | **Total** | 16.5 | ~28.5 | | **Total** | 16.5 | ~28.5 |
| IV | | Semester Five | | | | Semester Six | | |
| | NURS 4511 | **Nursing Art and Science**: Acuity and Complexity | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 | NURS 4611 | **Nursing Art and Science**: Professional Transition | 1.5 | 2-0-0-0 |
| | NURS 4512 | **Health Assessment**: Complex Health Challenges | 2.5 | 0-3-0-0 | NURS 4613 | **Nursing Practice**: Professional Transition | 10.0 | 0-0-392-0 |
| | NURS 4513 | **Nursing Practice**: Complex Health Challenges | 5.0 | 0-0-189-0 | | | | |
| | NURS 4515 | **Leadership**: Influencing  Health Care Reform | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 | | | | |
| | NURS 4518 | **Nursing Elective**: Issues in Nursing Practice Focus | 3.0 | 4-0-0-0 | | | | |
| | | **Total** | 16.5 | ~28.5 | | **Total** | 11.5 | ~37.5 |

**Total Program Credits=94**      * Lecture/seminar, Laboratory, Nursing Practice (hours/semester)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## A.    Location

All Nursing classes are taught at the Coquitlam Campus at 1250 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, BC.

## B.    Program Information

Information Sessions:
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Information sessions are held once a month, (5 - 7 p.m.).
BSN Faculty will provide information and answer your individual questions.

Please plan on attending one of the information sessions.  For information on the specific dates, times and location please refer to:

a.   The website at http://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/information-sessions
b.   The Registrar's Office at **604-527-5478 Room A1450 David Lam Campus**
c.   The Faculty of Health Sciences: Bachelor of Science in Nursing Department at **604-777-6403 Room D3039**

Web Page:

http://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/health-sciences/nursing

Program Support and Services Specialist, Bachelor of Science in Nursing: 604-777-6403

The Program Support and Services Specialist can provide specific information regarding the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program such as:  dates & times of courses (scheduling); required texts, etc.

## C.    Learning Centre

Applicants who are currently registered at Douglas College (e.g. Academic Foundation Students) can access the Learning Centre for assistance with:

- reading skills
- writing skills
- study skills
- basic word-processing skills
- understanding course concepts

Students can also be referred to the Learning Centre by their course instructors and receive individual assistance from staff, faculty, and/or students (peer tutor).

**\*Students who require assistance with more basic skills (reading and writing) are referred to the English Upgrading Office or the English Language Learning and Acquisition Department.**

The Learning Centre is located in:
Room:        **A1040**
Phone:       **604-777-6139**


**D.       Student Services**

Counsellors are available to assist applicants and Douglas College Students.  They offer a wide range of services.

**Professional Counsellors:**
- career counselling
- personal counselling
- workshops
- credit courses designed to promote personal growth and development

***Counsellors are available for appointments between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.  Some evening appointments can also be made.***

Counsellors are located in:
Room:        **A1050**
Phone:       **604-777-6185**


**E.       Registrar's Office**

**Academic Advisors:**

If you need assistance with program admission requirements, course selection or additional general information about the topics outlined below, our Academic Advisors are here to help.

If you are looking for information on career options or advice on which career path to pursue, contact one of our Career Counsellors as listed above.

Advisors are available for one-on-one drop-in appointments, in a virtual classroom (chat) and by email for potential, new, and returning students and can answer your questions on topics including (but not limited to):

- application procedures
- admission requirements
- transfer credit information, including transferring to university and appropriate course selection at Douglas for the faculty or department you are interested in
- course and program planning, as well as information on credentials such as certificates, diplomas, associates degrees and Douglas College degrees
- information on when you can expect to graduate and the courses you need to complete your credential
- upgrading to meet the admission requirements for our programs

Contact at 604-527-5478.

**F.      Office for New Students**

Information sessions regarding application and registration procedures, tuition fee information, job prospects and answers to all your other questions.
Contact at 604-777-6095

**G.      Campus Tour**

The Future Students' Office offers guided walking tours led by a Douglas College Student. Campus Tours are offered three days a week at the New Westminster and Coquitlam Campus. Tours end with an advising session with a Student Recruiter-Advisor to answer questions. Prospective students can register online to arrange a tour. High School Counsellors can book group tours.

**H.      Expenses**

The following list of expenses is an **approximation** of current costs and is subject to change.

1. Application fee:  $34.00
2. Tuition Fees ($105.70/course credit). Students are also required to pay the following additional fees:
   - Students' Union fee which ranges from $20.94 to $55.38 (according to the total number of credits taken per semester; subject to change).
   - DSU Fee of $9.34, other student activity fees of $49.90 (Other Press fee, Building fee, Alumni fee, Athletic fee, and Performing Arts fee).
   - General Registration and Service fee of $34.65.
   - Medical/Dental Plan fee of $250 (payable in the Fall semester for students registered for 9.0 or more credits).
   - U-Pass Fee of $164.00
   **\*For Program Costs refer to Financial Aid.**
3. Required Textbooks & Lab Equipment                    $2600.00
   BSN students are expected to purchase all required textbooks, resources, and equipment as they progress through the program. The majority of program resources are purchased upon entry into the program in the first semester.  As students progress through the program there will be additional nominal expenses for required resources.
4. Nursing Uniforms (2), shoes, watch,                    $560.00
   scissors, stethoscope
5. N95 Mask Fit Testing                                          $30.00 (annual)
6. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Basic Life Support Recertification     $45.00 (annual)
7. Laptop
8. National Council Licensure Examination for          $360.00
   Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)*
9. Registered Nurses' (RN) Applicant Assessment*       $212.00
10. Registered Nurses' (RN) Licensing Fee*               $448.95
    *Required upon completion of the BSN degree

I.  **Financial Aid**

The Student Financial Aid Office provides a wide variety of services related to:

- student loans (workshops are offered throughout the year to assist students with their loan applications)
  ***Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits each semester in order to apply***
- grants
- work-study programs
- *awards
- *bursaries
- *scholarships

Note: *Students may be eligible for specific awards, bursaries, and/or scholarships.  Please consult the College Calendar or the Student Finance Office for specific information.*

The Student Financial Aid Office is located in:
Room:          **A1030** Coquitlam Campus (main level)
Phone:         **604-527-5487**

J.  **Housing**

There are no residences or on-site housing available at Douglas College.  Contact the Student Society Office for information regarding off-campus housing.

The Student Society Office is located in:
Room:          **A1060** David Lam Campus (main level)
Phone:         **604-777-6257**

K.  **Transportation**

Douglas College, Coquitlam Campus, is accessible via the Evergreen Line SkyTrain (Lafarge Lake-Douglas Station). All nursing classroom learning is at the Coquitlam Campus.

Contact the Student Society Office for additional information regarding bus passes, maps, and student discounts at **604-777-6257**.

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing Students are required to have their own transportation in order to travel to health care agencies, community agencies, professional organizations and meetings.  It is necessary when visiting patients/clients (families) in their own homes.  Therefore, it is a necessity to have a car or be able to independently find your own transportation.**

L.  **Parking**

Limited surface and underground parking is available for students.  Students are strongly encouraged to organize car-pooling. Contact the Student Society Office for additional information regarding parking at **604-777-6257**.

**M.**     **Student Health**

All students are required to have their own health and medical/hospital insurance. They are responsible for maintaining their own health (physical and mental health) and notifying the Director and course instructors of any changes in their health status (i.e. pregnancy, disability, or diagnosis of a medical condition) that could interfere with their ability to carry out the required activities of the program and/or jeopardize their own personal safety or the safety of clients.

***Students may be asked to provide a re-assessment of their health status from a physician during the course of the program.***

**There is no student health services office at Douglas College. For First Aid Assistance, students need to contact Security located on the main floor in the Atrium, Coquitlam Campus.**

**N.**     **Students' Union**

The Students' Union provides a handbook with information on:

- student identification cards (access to library)
- scholarships
- lockers
- off-campus housing
- student associations and clubs
- access to recreational facilities & events (films, social events)
- parking
- how to access the Ombudsperson

For further information contact the student union at 604-777-6257.

**O.**     **Library Services**

The library offers a variety of services in addition to its resources:

- orientation sessions for new and returning students
- audio-visual equipment
- access to computers
- study rooms (need to be booked in advance)

**Students are required to have a library card (student identification card) in order to take out materials.**

The library is located on the main floor at the Coquitlam Campus and the library phone number is: **604-777-6130.**

**P.**     **Computer Labs**

The college has a number of computer labs which are available for students to use for word-processing assignments. For additional information and handbooks, students can contact Systems & Computing at 604-527-5330.

***All students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program are expected to submit their assignments word-processed or typed unless indicated otherwise.***

**Q.**     **Additional Telephone and Room Numbers**

|  | Room | Telephone |
|---|---|---|
| Faculty of Health Sciences: | D3039 | 604-777-6403 |
| Bachelor of Science in Nursing | FAX | 604-777-6500 |
| Registrar's Office | A1450 | 604-527-5478 |
|  | FAX | 604-777-6068 |
| Student Services | A1050 | 604-777-6185 |
| Day Care |  | 604-777-6101 |
| Bookstore | A1507 | 604-777-6260 |

**R.**     **Professional Websites and Documents**

i)     BC College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP)
       *Requisite Skills and Abilities*
       https://www.bccnp.ca/becoming_a_nurse/Pages/Requisite_skills_abilities.aspx
       *Professional Standards for Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners*
       https://www.bccnp.ca/Standards/RN_NP/Pages/Default.aspx
       *Practice Standards*
       https://www.bccnp.ca/Standards/RN_NP/PracticeStandards/Pages/Default.aspx

ii)    Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses
       http://www2.cnaaiic.ca/CNA/documents/pdf/publications/Code_of_Ethics_2008_e.pdfwww.crnbc.ca

iii)   Association of Registered Nurses of BC (ARNBC)
       www.arnbc.ca

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Question:**    Is this program right for me?

**Answer:**    Successful nurses tend to have the following qualities:
- Knowledge-seekers
- Able to manage time and stress
- Professional in demeanor and behavior
- Committed to learning
- Able to work as part of a team
- Creative and critical thinkers
- Becoming a Registered Nurse: Requisite Skills and Abilities

**Question:**    What about the clinical practicum?

**Answer:**    Every semester, supervised clinical experiences in a variety of health care settings will help you apply what you have been learning. Practicum locations include hospitals and community facilities throughout the Lower Mainland. Bachelor of Science in Nursing students are required to have their own transportation or to independently find their own transportation in order to travel to health care agencies, community agencies, professional organizations and meetings.

**Question:**    What are the practicum hours?

**Answer:**    Students must be able to attend clinical practicums which can occur any day of the week (including weekends). The shifts can be 8 or 12 hours long and may start as early as 0630 am.

**Question:**    Can I study part-time?

**Answer:**    Due to the nature of the program, the Bachelor of Nursing is not offered on a part-time basis. It is a full-time, four-year program.

**Question:**    I am an aboriginal student interested in the Nursing program.

**Answer:**    There are a limited number of seats reserved for aboriginal students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Please note that all admission requirements must be met in order to qualify for a seat.
Interested students should contact either Dave Seaweed or Tanya Joostema for further details.

**Question:**    What are the career opportunities?

**Answer:**    Upon graduation, you will be able to work in a variety of settings including hospitals, nursing homes and community health settings. Nursing careers are diverse and include practice, education, administration and research.
For more information on nursing demand in Canada, visit the Canadian Nursing Association.

**Question:** How do I become a Registered Nurse?

**Answer:** After graduation from the Douglas College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, you can apply to the BC College of Nursing Professionals to become a Registered Nurse (RN) in British Columbia. This requires proof of graduation and a written exam.

For more information on becoming an RN, see **Becoming a Registered Nurse, Prerequisites and Abilities** on the Student Resources page.

**Question:** I am a mature student and do not meet the academic admission requirements.  How do I get started?

**Answer:** You need to do the following:

1. Attend an Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Students Information Session.
2. Meet with an Academic Advisor to discuss the academic requirements.
3. Submit an application form to the Registrar's Office with your $34.00 processing fee indicating **Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants** as your course of study and all official transcripts (high school and post-secondary).
   *Refer to page 8 regarding the application process for applicants who do not meet the academic admission requirements.
4. Seek out advice from Student Services regarding how to be successful, such as planning your finances, support systems, and study skills.
5. Apply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program when you meet the academic admission requirements (refer to page 8).

**Question:** I applied to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program and was not accepted.
I am not sure why I was not accepted, who can I contact to find out why?

**Answer:** You may contact the Registrar's Office:  Bachelor of Science in Nursing Admissions 604-527-5478. *You need to have your student number available.

**Question:** I have completed some courses at another post-secondary institution.  How can I have them assessed?

**Answer:** You must submit your official transcript and complete the "Transfer Credit Request Form" to the Registrar's Office with your application.

*It can take six weeks or longer to have your transfer credits assessed by the Registrar's Office.  The time varies depending upon if the courses were taken in BC, Canada or another country.  If your courses are not from BC then you need to submit two copies of detailed course outlines for each course.
**Please note: Nursing courses are not transferable.**

**Question:**     I applied to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program and was not accepted because I did not have all of the academic admission requirements. I now meet all of them; do I still need to re-apply?

**Answer:**     Yes, you need to re-apply for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for the next intake. For example, if you were not accepted into the September class you would need to re-apply for the January class.

**Question:**     I am a highschool student. Can I apply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program right away?

**Answer:**     Highschool students will apply to Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants to complete the academic requirements (see page 8). Once complete you can apply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

**Question:**     What are the benefits of completing the Health Care Support Worker (HCSW) program if I am interested in doing a nursing program?

**Answer:**     There are many benefits of completing this program prior to a nursing program:

In the HCSW program you learn how to provide basic nursing care and how to interact with people in a variety of settings. You will find that because of your competence in basic nursing care, you will have more time to focus on nursing theory courses and an increased confidence in the first semester of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Working with Health Science students, in a variety of activities, will increase your understanding of and familiarity with the roles of healthcare team members, such as RNs and RPNs.

The program provides the opportunity to increase your earning capacity and work in healthcare immediately while you wait for admission to and during other programs.

**Question:**     I've done my LPN, can I bridge-in to the BSN program?

**Answer:**     We do not offer an LPN to BSN program. If you wanted to apply to our BSN Program, you would need to start with the Academic Foundation for Potential Nursing Applicants program.