

PRACTICAL NURSING

2-YEAR DIPLOMA • BIGGAR • SWIFT CURRENT



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate, you may find employment in medical, surgical, maternal-child or pediatric units at acute care hospitals, rehabilitation or palliative care units, medical centres, community and home care facilities and extended care facilities.

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EARNING POTENTIAL

In 2016, the average annual salary for full-time licensed practical nurses in Saskatchewan was \$59,200, according to the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy. Employees may earn more or less depending on their employer, location, training, experience and hours worked.

Demand for health care workers will continue to rise as Saskatchewan's population ages in the coming years.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Receive the training required to write the exam to become a licensed practical nurse in Saskatchewan. Through a combination of hands-on classroom learning and practicums, you will receive clinical experience in medicine, surgery, pharmacology, acute care, obstetrics, pediatrics, long-term and rehabilitative care, health promotion and illness prevention. You will be highly skilled and well prepared to write your licensure exam upon graduation.

At Swift Current Campus, the Practical Nursing program starts in September. At Biggar Program Centre, the Practical Nursing Program starts in February. This program is full-time.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 12 with a minimum overall average of 65% in the following five subjects: English Language Arts A30; English Language Arts B30; one of Foundations of Math 30, Workplace and Apprenticeship Math, or Pre-Calculus 30; one of Biology 30, Chemistry 30, or Physics 30; and one of Social Studies 30, History 30, or Native Studies 30
- English language requirement (specific to Practical Nursing)
- Up-to-date immunization record*
- Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector checks*
- Current Standard First Aid, CPR Heartsaver 'C' AED and Health Care Provider or equivalent*
- Transferring, Lifting and Repositioning (TLR) certification*
- 2015 WHMIS

This program follows a high demand intake process. Please contact a student adviser to confirm application deadlines.

*Required upon admission to the program.



SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBLE

Apply before April 30 for the Swift Current program, or before October 31 for the Biggar program, and you are eligible for a \$500 Entrance Scholarship.

If you are in Grade 11 and have at least a 70% average, apply before June 30 and you are eligible for a \$1,000 Early Entrance Award.

FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about the Practical Nursing program, book an appointment with a student adviser today.

Toll-free: 1 (866) 296-2472

Biggar: (306) 948-3363

Swift Current: (306) 773-1531

Email: info@greatplainscollege.ca

COURSE LIST

Semester 1

- BIOL 100 - Human Anatomy and Physiology 1
- CLIN 103 - Health Assessment and Praxis 1
- NURS 171 - Foundations 1 - Foundations of Health
- NURS 172 - Variations in Health 1
- NURS 163 - Professional Practice and Communication 1
- PHAR 101 - Pharmacology 1

Semester 2

- BIOL 101 - Human Anatomy and Physiology 2
- CLIN 104 - Health Assessment and Praxis 2
- NURS 176 - Foundations 2 - Mental Health
- NURS 293 - Variations in Health 2
- NURS 240 - Professional Practice and Communication 2
- PHAR 102 - Pharmacology 2

Semester 3

- CLIN 105 - Integrated Clinical Practice 1
- SOCI 160 - Foundations of Sociology

Semester 4

- CLIN 240 - Health Assessment and Praxis 3
- NURS 257 - Professional Practice and Communication 3
- NURS 294 - Variations in Health 3
- NURS 258 - Addictions
- SOCI 101 - Culture and Diversity in Health Sciences

Semester 5

- CLIN 241 - Health Assessment and Praxis 4
- NURS 292 - Foundations 3 - Maternal Child Health
- NURS 298 - Foundations 4 - Community Health
- NURS 299 - Variations in Health 4
- PHAR 215 - Pharmacology 3

Semester 6

- CLIN 242 - Integrated Clinical Practice 2

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