

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL  
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE  
REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**PRESENTED BY:** Carolyn Augusta, Chair, Academic Programs Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** December 19, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Admission Qualifications

**MOTION:** *It is recommended by the Academic Programs Committee that Council approve the humanities deficiency admission requirement in the pre-professional requirements to the B.S.N. beginning in the 2026-2027 admission intake year.*

**PURPOSE:**

University Council has the authority to approve changes to admissions qualifications. Senate confirmation of the decision is required before the changes can take effect.

**CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:**

The College of Nursing is proposing a new deficiency for admission to the BSN program. Pending approval, students will be eligible for admission to the B.S.N. if they are deficient in a Humanities course. Currently students are allowed a deficiency in the Social Sciences; therefore, this is an additional deficiency that students would have to satisfy within their first term upon admission. A student may only have one deficiency on the list; the intent here is to add a subject to the list of potential deficiencies.

**CONSULTATION:**

On December 4, 2024, the College of Nursing brought forward a proposal to the Academic Programs Committee of Council (APC). Members reviewed the deficiency proposal and voted in favour of the change.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Admission Qualifications

The following motion was approved by faculty council on November 4, 2024

**Motion:** The Undergraduate Education Committee recommends Faculty Council to add a humanities elective to the current list of approved deficiencies allowed in the pre-professional year courses effective 2026-27.

**Rationale:** Currently, social sciences are allowed as deficiencies, but humanities are not. The committee found no reason for this discrepancy.

## Consultation with the Registrar (CWR) – Proposal Highlights

**Title of Proposal:** Introduce a new deficiency for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program

**General Description:** Add 3 credit units of Humanities courses to the list of deficiencies that a student may have upon admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program

**Degree College:** College of Nursing

**Effective Term:** 2026-27 Admission Intake Year

**Course implications:** N/A

**Registration and classes:** N/A

**Convocation:** N/A

**Financial and Budget:** N/A

**Student Mobility:** N/A

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## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) (~~133~~ **130** credit units)

The College of Nursing offers three years of nursing education that builds upon a pre-professional year leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree. Students in the pre-professional year study courses in the humanities, natural, social and health sciences, all of which are foundational for the nursing program. The complete program is offered at the College of Nursing campuses in Saskatoon and Prince Albert, or through distributed learning at satellite sites in Ile-a-la-Crosse, La Ronge, Lloydminster, North Battleford, **Muenster**, and Yorkton.

Part-time study is an option in second and third year, but all courses must be completed within six years of commencing the first nursing course.

For additional information on the B.S.N. and other nursing educational programming, please contact the College of Nursing at 306-966-6221 or visit the [College of Nursing website](#).

In order to be eligible for licensure with the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan (CRNS) graduates must pass a national council licensure examination (NCLEX) and pay the required fees.

### **Admission and Academic Requirements**

For information, please visit the [Admissions website](#).

### **Indigenous Students**

For information, please visit the [Indigenous Students website](#).

### **Persons with Disabilities**

For information, please visit the Access and Equity Services [website](#).

### **International Students**

For information, please visit the International Students [website](#).

## **Pre-Professional Year 1 (30 credit units)**

In order to study some university-level courses, you are required to have completed certain high school classes.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- to study university-level biology, chemistry or physics, the Grade 12 (senior-level) course of the same subject is required.
- to study university-level calculus, Grade 12 (senior-level) pre-calculus or a university-level pre-calculus class is required.

The pre-professional year of study at a post-secondary level consists of 30 credit units of courses. A minimum weighted average of 60% in these pre-professional

courses is required for admission. Admission to Year 2 of Nursing is competitive. The average for admission to Year 2 is normally higher than 60%. Please contact the College of Nursing for details.

**The pre-professional year classes:** 60% weighting

**Situational Judgement Test Score:** 40% weighting

The pre-professional year classes and the situation judgement test together form the admission score. Applicants are ranked according to admission score and the top candidates are selected.

**English Language Proficiency:** If you have been asked to provide proof of your English proficiency, details on acceptable examinations and minimum requirements that must be attained are available under Information for Students. For information, please visit the [English Language Requirements](#).

After receiving admission to the BSN., the following program requirements must be completed. Please check the following website for completion dates: <https://nursing.usask.ca/clinical/health-and-safety.php>

- HSPnet Consent Form
- CPR-C Certification with AED
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)
- Transferring Lifting Repositioning (TLR) course\*
- N95 Respiratory Protection Fit Testing
- Immunizations
- Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search
- Workers Compensation Board (WCB) form
- Confidentiality forms
- Uniforms
- Other supplies and resources

Please visit the [College of Nursing website](#) for more information.

**Students who fail to submit proof of the above requirements will be unable to attend clinical placements.**

## Registration:

Students are responsible for the continuing completeness and accuracy of their registration(s). Note that clinical placements are arranged across the province and students will not always be placed in their place of residence, nor at one site for their whole program.

Students are not usually permitted to register in more than 15 credit units per term. Permission to take an extra course may be given in special situations and is limited to students with a cumulative weighted average of 70% or over.

The following University of Saskatchewan courses meet the requirements for the Pre-Professional year in the nursing program. Other educational institutions may offer equivalent courses. Please consult the College of Nursing regarding equivalencies from other institutions.

## Register for the following courses (or their equivalents) (30 credit units):

- **BIOL 120.3** The Nature of Life
- **NUTR 120.3** Basic Nutrition\*\*
- **PSY 120.3** Biological and Cognitive Bases of Psychology or **PSY 121.3** Social Clinical Cultural and Developmental Bases of Psychology
- **SOC 112.3** Foundations in Sociology Social Construction of Everyday Life
- **INDG 107.3** Introduction to Canadian Indigenous Studies or **HIST 195.3** History Matters Indigenous Perspectives on Canadian History
- **NURS 120.3** Human Anatomy for Nursing
  
- **3 credit units from the following:**
  - **ENG 110.6** Literature and Composition
  - **ENG 111.3** Literature and Composition Reading Poetry
  - **ENG 112.3** Literature and Composition Reading Drama
  - **ENG 113.3** Literature and Composition Reading Narrative
  - **ENG 114.3** Literature and Composition Reading Culture
  - **ENG 120.3** Introduction to Creative Writing
  - **PHIL 133.3** Introduction to Ethics and Values

\*\*Pre-existing credits must have been obtained within the past 10 years.

\*Courses that exceed the number of required subject credits may be used to fulfill the restricted humanities elective.

- **3 credit units of Statistics:**
  - **STAT 244.3** Elementary Statistical Concepts, or equivalent, as follows:
  - **STAT 242.3** Statistical Theory and Methodology
  - **STAT 245.3** Introduction to Statistical Methods
  - **STAT 246.3** Introduction to Biostatistics
  - **PLSC 214.3** Statistical Methods
  - **COMM 104.3** Foundations of Business Statistics
  - **PSY 233.3** Statistical Methods in Behavioural Sciences A
  - **SOC 225.3** An Introduction to Survey Research and Data Analysis in Sociology
  - **GE 210.3** Probability and Statistics
  
- **Choose 6 credit units** of unrestricted electives from the following Humanities and Social Sciences lists (3 cu from Humanities and 3 cu from Social Sciences), as defined by the College of Arts & Science:

## Humanities

- **ARBC 114.3** Beginning Arabic I
- **ARBC 117.3** Beginning Arabic II
- **CHIN 114.3** Introductory Chinese I
- **CHIN 117.3** Introduction to Chinese II
- **CLAS 110.3** Greek Civilization
- **CLAS 111.3** Roman Civilization
- **CMRS 110.3** The Graeco Roman Tradition Evolution and Reception
- **CMRS 111.3** Medieval and Renaissance Civilization
- **CREE 101.6** Introductory Cree
- **CREE 110.3** nehiyawetan Let Us Speak Cree
- **DENE 110.3** Dene Language and Culture An Introduction
- **ENG 110.6** Literature and Composition
- **ENG 111.3** Literature and Composition Reading Poetry
- **ENG 112.3** Literature and Composition Reading Drama
- **ENG 113.3** Literature and Composition Reading Narrative
- **ENG 114.3** Literature and Composition Reading Culture



- **ENG 120.3** Introduction to Creative Writing
- ESL 115.3
- ESL 116.3
- **FREN 103.3** Beginning French I
- **FREN 106.3** Beginning French II
- **FREN 122.3** Intermediate French I
- **FREN 125.3** Intermediate French II
- **FREN 160.3** Stardom in French Cinema
- **FREN 218.3** Advanced French II
- **GERM 114.3** Elementary German I
- **GERM 117.3** Elementary German II
- GRK 112.3
- GRK 113.3
- **HEB 114.3** Introduction to Hebrew I
- HEB 117.3
- **HIST 115.3** History Matters Ideas and Culture
- **HIST 125.3** History Matters Indigenous Colonial and Post Colonial Histories
- **HIST 135.3** History Matters Gender Sex and Society
- **HIST 145.3** History Matters War Violence and Politics
- **HIST 155.3** History Matters Science and Environment
- **HIST 165.3** History Matters Health and Society
- **HIST 175.3** History Matters Identities and Communities in Transition
- **HIST 185.3** History Matters Conflict Law Politics and the State
- **HIST 193.3** History Matters Topics in Canadian History
- **HIST 194.3** History Matters Topics in European History
- **HIST 195.3** History Matters Indigenous Perspectives on Canadian History
- HNDI 114.3
- HNDI 117.3
- **JPNS 114.3** Introductory Japanese I
- **JPNS 117.3** Introductory Japanese II
- **LATN 112.3** Latin for Beginners I
- **LATN 113.3** Latin for Beginners II
- **LING 110.3** Introduction to Grammar
- **LING 113.3** Language Use in the Digital Era
- **LING 114.3** Indigenous Languages and Stories Introduction to the Structure of Language
- **LIT 110.3** Journeys in Masterpieces of European Languages in English Translation

- **LIT 111.3** Rebellion in Masterpieces of European Languages in English Translation
  - **MUS 101.3** Fundamentals of Music I Exploring Foundations
  - **MUS 111.3** History of Popular Music
  - **MUS 112.3** The History of Country Music
  - **PHIL 110.6** Introduction to Philosophy
  - PHIL 115.3
  - **PHIL 120.3** Knowledge Mind and Existence
  - **PHIL 121.3** Introduction to World Philosophies
  - **PHIL 133.3** Introduction to Ethics and Values
  - **PHIL 140.3** Critical Thinking
  - **RLST 111.3** Asian Religions
  - **RLST 112.3** Western Religions in Society and Culture
  - **RLST 113.3** Islamic Civilization and Culture
  - **SNSK 114.3** Introduction to Sanskrit I
  - SNSK 117.3
  - **SPAN 114.3** Elementary Spanish I
  - **SPAN 117.3** Elementary Spanish II
  - **UKR 114.3** Elementary Ukrainian I
  - **UKR 117.3** Elementary Ukrainian II
  - **WGST 112.3** Introduction to Womens and Gender Studies
- Any senior-level humanities course provided that the prerequisite is met.
  - CLAS 101, CLAS 103, CLAS 104, CLAS 105, CLAS 107 and CLAS 203 may not be used to fulfill the Humanities requirement.

## Social Sciences

- **ANTH 111.3** One World Many Peoples Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- **ARCH 112.3** The Human Journey Introduction to Archaeology and Biological Anthropology
- ARCH 116.3
- **ECON 111.3** Introductory Microeconomics
- **ECON 114.3** Introductory Macroeconomics
- **GEOG 130.3** Environment Health and Planning
- **GEOG 150.3** Introduction to the Circumpolar World
- **HLST 110.3** Introduction to Health Studies
- **INDG 107.3** Introduction to Canadian Indigenous Studies
- **LING 111.3** Structure of Language

- **LING 112.3** Dynamics of Language
  - **LING 113.3** Language Use in the Digital Era
  - **LING 114.3** Indigenous Languages and Stories Introduction to the Structure of Language
  - **POLS 110.3** Understanding our Globalized World
  - **POLS 111.3** Politics Power and Government
  - **POLS 112.3** Justice and Injustice in Politics and Law
  - **PSY 120.3** Biological and Cognitive Bases of Psychology
  - **PSY 121.3** Social Clinical Cultural and Developmental Bases of Psychology
  - **SOC 111.3** Foundations in Sociology Society Structure Process
  - **SOC 112.3** Foundations in Sociology Social Construction of Everyday Life
  - **WGST 112.3** Introduction to Womens and Gender Studies
- Any senior-level social science course provided that the prerequisite is met.
  - Statistics courses in social sciences are not eligible for use in this requirement (e.g. PSY 233, PSY 234, SOC 225 and SOC 325).

**Students may be considered for admission with a deficiency in ONE of the following pre-professional year courses:**

- INDG 107 or HIST 195
- NUTR 120
- STAT 242, 244, 245, 246 or PLSC 214 (formerly PLSC 314), COMM 104, PSY 233, SOC 225 or GE 210
- SOC 112
- NURS 120
- Social Science or **Humanities** restricted elective

**NOTE:** It is recommended that students complete all required pre-professional year courses by April 30; however, students will be considered for admission with a deficiency as listed above.

A deficiency in the application to the BSN is defined by the College of Nursing as a pre-professional year course not completed by April 30 of the admission year. When the admission average is calculated, 50% will be used as the grade for the deficient class. This deficiency must be completed by the end of December of the year you are admitted but it is recommended that all deficiencies are completed in the spring and summer terms before beginning the nursing program. Proof of completion must be received by January 31 of the academic year the student was admitted.