

**RPN Bridging to University Nursing**

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| Program #:      | 9251                                   |
| School:         | School of Community and Health Studies |
| Program Type:   | Graduate Certificate program           |
| Program Length: | 1 year/ 2 semesters                    |
| Credential:     | Ontario College Graduate Certificate   |
| Start Date:     | Fall                                   |
| Location        | Morningside Campus                     |

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**Description**

This program is an academic pathway offered to assist registered practical nurses (RPNS) bridge to BScN in approximately three years. Nurses taking this program may be: RNs who hold a certificate of registration in Ontario without evidence of current and safe clinical practice RNs who hold a certificate of registration in Ontario and are currently practicing but would like to review their nursing knowledge and practice in an acute medical and surgical or mental health and community setting Internationally-educated nurses who have not met the 2005 baccalaureate nursing education requirements for Ontario RNs RPNS who hold a diploma from a community college of applied arts and technology (CAAT) Curriculum is based on the College of Nurses' Standards of Practice for Nursing and Entry to Practice Competencies for Ontario Registered Nurses. You will apply theoretical knowledge in clinical settings under the direction, facilitation and guidance of faculty. Courses emphasize ethics and professional practice, health assessment, skill mastery and caring for clients with acute and chronic illness and will provide the foundation for nursing practice. An exciting and unique aspect of the Bridging to University Nursing program is the focus on caring for individuals, groups and communities in both the acute mental health and community settings.

**Benefits****Career Outlook**

Nurses work in a variety of settings inclusive of, but not limited to, the operating room, long-term care and specialty areas such as emergency, pediatrics and community settings. Typically, RPNS are attracted to positions where they can work with people through the healing process and provide hands on-nursing care. Graduates will be prepared to work with persons and communities of diverse backgrounds, ages, degrees of health and illness, in a variety of contexts.

A recent study commissioned by the Canadian Nurses Association predicts that by the year 2011, 59,000 to 113,000 new nurses will be needed.

**Program Highlights**

Upon completion, the graduate of the RPN to BScN Bridging Nursing program will be able to:

- Apply generic skills that will facilitate the practice of nursing, ongoing learning and self-development, including effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrate scholarly writing
- Apply decision-making models which reflect critical thinking and self-reflection
- Assess knowledge appropriately and using research outcomes
- Acquire basic technological literacy skills
- Understand self, society and its institutions in order to assume a role as a responsible citizen
- Practice from a primary healthcare perspective with a multicultural client population including individuals, families, groups and communities
- Provide nursing care to clients in complex healthcare situations
- Provide safe, effective and ethical nursing care that meets the current College of Nurses of Ontario professional standards for registered nurses

**Distinctive Benefits for Centennial Students**

- The certificate that is earned provides evidence of reflective practice, employment and continuing education opportunities
- Individual clinical feedback and evaluation gives employers valuable evidence of current and safe clinical practice
- Clinical placement allows you to develop employment networking opportunities
- The school houses a well-equipped nursing lab that is available for independent and self-directed practice
- Evidence based practices are threaded through the delivery of the program
- Faculty members are knowledgeable, experienced and caring
- The needs of adult and English-as-a-second-language students are supported

**Educational Partners**

- Upon successful completion of all program requirements, students may apply to the post-diploma nursing degree program at Ryerson University, offered by the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing and the Chang School of Continuing Education

**Admission Requirements****Eligibility**

- College diploma in nursing or practical nursing, or university nursing degree

**Additional Requirements**

For nurses who hold a current certificate of registration in Ontario:

- A photocopy of their current certificate of registration in Ontario (original may be requested)

For nurses who have an expired certificate of registration in Ontario and do not have evidence of current and/or safe nursing practice:

- A letter from the College of Nurses of Ontario outlining the requirements for re-entry or safe practice requirements

For nurses who have obtained a nursing diploma or degree out-of-country and do not hold a current certificate of registration in Ontario:

- A letter from the College of Nurses of Ontario stating that the diploma/ degree from country of origin does not meet baccalaureate entry to practice requirements
- Proof of English language proficiency may be required
- Proof of successful completion of a nursing program from country of origin or equivalent

For registered practical nurses:

- Transcripts from a community college diploma program (indicating minimum B average and inclusion of courses in Anatomy and Physiology and Pathophysiology) may be required
- A photocopy of their current certificate of registration in Ontario (original may be requested)

**Note**

All applicants apply to program code 9251. Transcripts/ documentation will be reviewed by the program coordinator to determine whether the full-time or flexible version of this program is appropriate for each applicant.

**After admission, but prior to Clinical Placement, students require:**

- Annual clear police check with vulnerable sector screening
- Completion of immunization requirements (immunization review form issued by the program coordinator)
- Successful completion and annual renewal of a recognized course in CPR (Healthcare provider level)
- Successful completion of a recognized course in standard first aid
- Mask fit testing will be provided by Centennial College (shaving of portions of face may be required to meet safety standards)

All of the above requirements must be in effect for the duration of each placement.

**Course Outline**

| Semester 1 Courses |                                    |                    |
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| Course Code        | Course Title                       | Campus             |
| NUPD-402           | Acute and Chronic Illness Practice | Morningside Campus |
| NUPD-401           | Acute and Chronic Illness Theory   | Morningside Campus |
| COMM-170/COMM-171  | College Communications 2           | Morningside Campus |
| NUPD-403           | Ethics and Professional Practice   | Morningside Campus |
| NUPD-400           | Health Assessment                  | Morningside Campus |
| PATH-400           | Pathotherapeutics                  | Morningside Campus |

| Semester 2 Courses |   |                    |
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| Course Code        | Course Title  | Campus             |
| NUPD-435           | Advanced Communication and Leadership                     | Morningside Campus |
| NUPD-442           | Community Nursing Practice                                | Morningside Campus |
| NUPD-441           | Community Nursing Theory                                  | Morningside Campus |
| NUPD-406           | Family-Centered Nursing Theory                            | Morningside Campus |
| NUPD-431           | Mental Health & Crisis Management Theory                  | Morningside Campus |
| NUPD-432           | Mental Health Nursing Practice                            | Morningside Campus |
| NUPD-450           | Nursing Knowledge: Historical and Futuristic Perspectives | Morningside Campus |
| NURS-237           | Nursing Research  | Morningside Campus |

Note:

1. all courses require a minimum C grade
2. cumulative GPA 3.0 is required to be eligible to apply to the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing at Ryerson University