

Nursing

Get to know NURSING

There's never been a more exciting time to consider a Bachelor of Nursing Science degree! Nurses are among the most in-demand professionals in the health care environment. Along with enjoying a high degree of respect and trust from the public, students who graduate with a BNSc degree from Queen's enjoy a high employment rate doing what they have always done – caring for people and helping people care for themselves. The Queen's Bachelor of Nursing Science degree is a four-year degree program that prepares you to become a proficient practitioner in health care, and also builds a foundation for graduate study. The program provides a science foundation in year one, and then students continue to acquire and apply the foundational knowledge to care for patients and their families in acute, chronic, and long term care in hospitals, clinics and the community. Students may choose to complete their elective courses at Herstmonceux Castle during one spring session while others complete them during the academic year.

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Nursing Science

Queen's ADMISSIONS

Students apply to Queen's Nursing (QN) through the OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) website. Secondary School prerequisites include English 4U, Biology 4U, Chemistry 4U, and a 4U Mathematics course. Two additional U or M level courses are also required. A minimum grade of 75% is necessary in English 4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements. Please see information on the [admission policy for Aboriginal candidates](#).



Be part of a tradition of Nursing excellence that reaches back 75 years!!

Course HIGHLIGHTS

The School of Nursing emphasizes an inter-professional approach to education. Nursing students will have the chance to work and interact with students and professionals across the range of health professions.

All Queen's Nursing students receive instruction and practicums in the following areas:

- Community Health Promotion
- Management & Leadership in Health Care
- Maternal and Child Family Centered Nursing Care
- Medical and Post-Surgical Nursing Care
- Mental Health Nursing Care

Students may apply for a final practicum anywhere in Canada.



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That is a degree from Queen's. nursing.queensu.ca

1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR

FINAL YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

First year courses will cover many of the fundamentals of this professional program. We will register you in all of your required courses. You do not need electives in first year.

See requirements for applying to the [Certificate in Business](#) offered through the Smith School of Business. Students can only enroll in the Spring between their first and second year.

Second year continues to cover the fundamentals of nursing. Clinical placements start in second year. We will register you into your core courses.

Take a total of 5 (3.0 credit units each) electives while in the program. One 3.0 credit unit course fits into the Winter term of second year.

You will be preregistered into your clinical placements and associated theory courses. There is room for 3 electives (3.0 credit units each) in this year.

We will register you into all of your Fall term courses. There is room for your final elective in Fall term. In Winter term you can apply to take your final clinical placement (anywhere in Canada). You also take an on-line course.

Remember to apply to graduate on SOLUS.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus. See the [AMS Clubs Directory](#) or the [Queen's Get Involved page](#) for more ideas.

Volunteer with the [Nursing Science Society](#). Apply to be an orientation leader if interested. Participate in inter-professional activities such as [OIPEP](#).

Look into [summer jobs](#) by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through [SWEP](#) or [Work-Study](#).

Take leadership roles within different clubs or extracurriculars. Apply to be a [Student Wellness Services Volunteer](#). Explore volunteer opportunities at healthcare agencies.

Apply to be a research assistant for a faculty member at the School of Nursing. Send a letter of interest to Nurs.apply.jobs@queensu.ca

Apply for summer positions with health agencies.

Attend relevant conferences such as the Kingston Nursing Research Conference.

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, or clubs– check out the Career Services skills [workshop](#) for help.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as local charities.

Join professional associations such as the [Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario](#), [Canadian Nurses Association](#) and the [Canadian Nursing Students' Association](#)

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Attend RNAO or CNSA conferences.

Become active in professional associations such as the [Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario](#).

Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Nursing.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

The [Queen's University International Centre](#) is your first stop to learn how to internationalize your degree or to leverage your existing cross-cultural experience.

Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.

Consider taking spring electives at a Medieval castle owned by Queen's in Herstmonceux, UK. Courses at the castle – named the [Bader International Study Centre](#) – are available to upper year students throughout May and June.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your [language skills](#). Check [QUIC's resources](#) for ideas to go abroad, and [volunteer](#) or attend one of their events.

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's [Intercultural Competency Certificate](#), and research possible immigration regulations.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an [International Student Advisor](#).

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Questions about the program? Contact the Nursing Academic Advisor at nursing@queensu.ca

Start working on your professional portfolio (introduced in NURS 101).

Read books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as *101 Careers in Nursing*.

Explore different career options through [Career Cruising](#) or by finding and connecting with alumni on [LinkedIn](#). Attend Career Fairs organized by the Nursing Science Society.

Consider the Spring elective NURS 304 - Hospice Palliative Care Nursing.

Talk to professors at the School of Nursing about career and graduate school options. For more information, please contact the Grad Coordinator at the School of Nursing at nursing@queensu.ca.

Work on your curriculum vitae. Attend a workshop organized by NSS.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with [job searching](#), [resumes](#), [interviews](#), [grad school applications](#), or other decisions.

Speak to professors about being a referee for you, and provide them with your CV.

Where could I go after graduation?

Direct care/clinical nurse in:

- Acute care setting
- Community setting
- Complex continuing care
- Home care nursing
- Long-term care setting
- Public health
- Counselling
- Mental health care

Health administration

Health policy

Health promotion

Non-governmental organizations

Occupational health and safety

Research

*some careers may require additional training

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MAJOR MAP



How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My [Major Map](#) tool.

A balanced approach leads to long-term success. While you will learn a lot from your studies, taking time to get relevant experience outside of the classroom, build your network, and gain international experience, will position you to be more competitive in your job search or grad school applications.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally, and Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.

Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:

- 1 People skills
- 2 Communication skills
- 3 Problem-solving skills
- 4 Analytical abilities
- 5 Leadership skills
- 6 Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen's, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the [Career Services skills workshop](#).

What can I learn studying NURSING?

- **Application of evidenced-informed nursing interventions**
- **Understanding of ethical practices**
- **Specialized knowledge of the biological, social and psychological factors involved in health**
- **Experiential learning - all students will gain experience throughout all four years of the program**
- **Problem solving – analyze the components of complex health problems and identify appropriate courses of action**
- **Decision making – consider different sides of an issue and make decisions based on current information**
- **Ability to interact professionally with patients, families and other health care professionals**
- **Oral and written communication - write reports and give presentations**
- **Organization and time management**



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