

# Nursing

## Get to know NURSING

There has 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 both internationally and across Canada.

This professional degree program qualifies graduates to apply to the regulatory body of the province in which they plan to work, to secure registration to practice with the title "Registered Nurse". Our philosophy is that exemplary nursing practice is built upon the foundational blocks of both the sciences and arts. You will get to know faculty and your peers well, as our smaller class sizes and group settings allow for community building, mentorship, and collaboration. Students learn how to care for patients and their families in various settings, such as hospitals, long-term care, clinics, and the community. You will also engage in collaborative and team building opportunities with students from other Faculty of Health Sciences programs. Furthermore, Queen's BNSc degree options not only prepare you to become a capable practitioner in health care, but they also build a foundation for future graduate studies.

## Degree OPTIONS

**Bachelor of Nursing Sciences (4 Years)**  
123 units

**Bachelor of Nursing Sciences Accelerated Standing Track - AST (2 years) \***  
90 units

There are a number of pathways that applicants may apply under, including [Equity Admission Self-Identification](#), [Admission Pathway for Indigenous Students](#), and the First Generation Pathway (for students whose parents did not attend post-secondary).



*Queen's Nursing empowers our graduates to be health leaders and advocates.*

\*Please note the AST program is only for those with previous university education. For more information on the AST program please see page three of this Major Map.

## Queen's ADMISSIONS

Those applying to Queen's Nursing from high school will do so 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. Applicants with previous university education looking to apply to the Accelerated Standing Track BNSc should follow the admissions process outlined on our [website](#).

## Course HIGHLIGHTS

The School of Nursing emphasizes an inter-professional approach to education. Nursing students will have the chance to work with students from across the Queen's Health Sciences and interact with a variety of health professionals.

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

- Community health promotion
- Pediatrics
- Maternity
- Acute and/or chronic care
- Mental Health

Students may apply for a final practicum anywhere in Canada.



# Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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# Nursing MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF NURSING SCIENCE



## Knowledge & Workplace Skills

Your time at Queen's will give you valuable skills to boost your employability, including:

- Application of **evidence-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**

## Career Possibilities

- Direct care/clinical nurse in:
  - Acute care setting
  - Community setting
  - Complex continuing care
  - Home care nursing
  - Long-term care setting
  - Mental health nursing
  - Public health
- Health administration
- Health policy
- Health promotion
- Non-governmental organizations
- Occupational health and safety
- Research

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smoother transition to the world of work after graduation.

### 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.

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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. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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# Accelerated Nursing Track

*Are you considering a career in nursing and have previous university education?*

*Enrolled in a university level program and looking to transfer to a nursing degree?*

- ✓ **Same degree**
- ✓ **Same courses**
- ✓ **Same clinical hours**



For students with 10 full-year University courses and certain prerequisites.



Two calendar years in length including two summers.

The Bachelor of Nursing Science - Accelerated Standing Track gives you the opportunity to build on your previous education to get a head start on your nursing career. Clinical placements start in the winter term of your first year. You will have a placement in children's health, maternity, mental health, and with acute and chronic care adults. You will have clinical placements caring for patients of all ages and stages in life, in hospitals, public health clinics, and community agencies.

## Why study in Kingston?

Since 1841, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

*We're closer than you think*

