Accelerated Nursing Track

Are you considering a career in nursing and have attended another university program?

Did you not get accepted into nursing when you applied from high school?

There is another route for you:

- **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.

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 areas such as hospitals, public health, clinics and community agencies (such as schools, flu clinics, and Alzheimer agencies).

See [nursing.queensu.ca/undergraduate/AST](http://nursing.queensu.ca/undergraduate/AST) for program details and admission requirements.

Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, 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 us as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and is often seen as a university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified us as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and is often seen as one of the greatest universities in the world.

For more information on the AST program and pre-requisites, visit our [website](http://nursing.queensu.ca).

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 program offers two tracks of study: a four-year program for those entering from high school and an accelerated standing track (AST) for students from another university. Both prepare you to become a proficient practitioner in health care and build a foundation in science for graduate study. Students learn how to care for patients and their families in various settings, such as hospitals, long-term care, 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.

**Queen’s ADMISSIONS**

Students apply to Queen’s Nursing (QN) through the OUAQ (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. For more information on the AST program and pre-requisites, visit our [website](http://www.queensu.ca).

Please also see our website for the admission policy for Aboriginal candidates.
2018 - 2019
Nursing MAJOR MAP *

BACHELOR OF NURSING SCIENCE

1ST YEAR

- 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.
- For an additional credential, consider applying to the Certificate in Business, the Arts & Science Certificates, the Certificate in Law, or a Dual Degree program.

2ND 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 credits each) electives while in the program. One 3.0 credit course fits into the Winter term of second year.

3RD YEAR

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

FINALS

- 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.

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**GET THE CERTIFICATES YOU NEED**

Certificate

- BACHELOR OF NURSING SCIENCE

**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.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as nursing homes or in health care clinics across Kingston.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.
- Prepare for work or study in a multi-cultural environment by taking the QUIC and Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centers Training Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Questions about the program? Contact the Nursing Science 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.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!

Employability skills

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

- 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

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
  - Mental health nursing
- 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.

Some careers may require additional training. Career paths are suggestions only.

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**  Students in the AST: Take the same courses in a different order (excluding electives) over two calendar years.