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College of Nursing

Bachelor of Nursing Program – Collaborative University College of the North Cohort
(Thompson and The Pas)

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Application Deadlines

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Section 1: General Statement

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information to prospective applicants to the College of Nursing – Collaborative University College of the North Cohort of the Bachelor of Nursing. This document outlines categories of admission, requirements and deadlines.

This bulletin is available with, and constitutes part of, the application. It is assumed that all applicants have read and understood it prior to submitting the completed application.

Programs Offered: B.N. Bachelor of Nursing

Section 2: Eligibility Requirements

The University of Manitoba will require graded coursework to fulfill all admission requirements as outlined in this bulletin. Pass grades will not be considered for meeting any of these requirements unless otherwise stated.

A. Academic Requirements

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Completed Coursework

- Successful completion of the 30 credit hours* of courses identified below, with a minimum grade of "C" in each course. All required courses must be at a 1000 level or higher.
- 2. An **Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA)** of at least **2.5** (see Section 4: Selection Process, A. Calculation of the Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA))
- 3. Meet the University of Manitoba Written English requirement.
- 4. Meet the University of Manitoba Mathematics requirement.

*Priority is given to applicants who have completed a minimum of 18 credit hours of the Year 1 requirements at the University College of the North while physically residing in Northern Manitoba.

<u>Northern Manitoba</u> is defined as north of the 53rd parallel.

NOTES:

- All non-nursing courses used to meet admission requirements, and to be considered for advanced standing/transfer credit, must be completed within the 10 years prior to admission to the College of Nursing. Nursing courses must be completed within the 5 years prior to admission.
- Courses completed at recognized universities other than the University of Manitoba must be assessed as exact equivalents in order to meet specific course requirements.
- Students who fail the same Nursing course twice, prior to applying to the College of Nursing, are ineligible for admission to the College of Nursing. Students who fail a Nursing course twice, or who fail two clinical courses, and are required to withdraw from the College of Nursing are

ineligible for re-admission to the College of Nursing.

Applicants who have previously completed a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent program in Canada or the United States are not normally eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Nursing program in the College of Nursing at the University of Manitoba. Applicants will be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis.

2. Required Courses

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
BIOL 1410	Anatomy of the Human Body	3
BIOL 1412	Physiology of the Human Body	3
<u>or</u>	<u>or</u>	
BIOL 2410	Human Physiology 1	
and BIOL 2420 ¹	and Human Physiology 2	
MBIO 1220	Essentials of Microbiology	3
WIDIO 1220	LSSETTURIS OF WITCHODIOLOGY	3
<u>or</u>	<u>or</u>	
MBIO 3010	Mechanisms of Microbial Diseases	
Science Elect	ives ^{1,2}	9
Social Science and/or Humanities Electives ^{3,4}		12
Total		30

Students must meet the University of Manitoba **Written English**⁵ and **Mathematics Requirements** with a University level course completed within the last 10 years, must be at the 1000 level (or higher), and with a minimum grade of C in each. It is strongly recommended that these courses be completed within the elective credits indicated above.

The courses listed are University of Manitoba courses. For equivalent coursework completed at external post-secondary institutions, please refer to the <u>online transfer credit resource</u>.

¹Applicants who complete BIOL 2410 and BIOL 2420 in lieu of BIOL 1412 may use the additional 3 credit hours toward the 9 credit hour Science elective requirement.

² Students must meet the current Science prerequisites before registration for Science courses.

See the <u>Undergraduate Calendar chapter for the</u> Faculty of Science for the current prerequisites.

³ Social Sciences and Humanities information is found in the <u>Undergraduate Calendar chapter for the Faculty</u> of Arts, Faculty Academic Regulations.

⁴Social Science/ Humanities electives can also be satisfied by any of the following with a "C" grade or higher: NURS 2610/KIN 2610 Health & Physical Aspects of Aging, REC 2650/SWRK 2650/FMLY 2650 Social Aspects of Aging

⁵ Applicants who have completed the W requirement at an institution external to the University of Manitoba should carefully review the below requirements of the W course.

The W course syllabus must reflect that all of the following requirements are met within the course expectations:

- A minimum of 3 papers of at least 3-5 pages each OR a minimum of 2 papers of at least 6-8 pages each with a minimum total word count of 3000. One paper with a word count of 3000 words or more will not meet this requirement.
- The written work must include a written description or argument that is clear, concise and logically structured and that reflects an appropriate awareness of the audience or readership being addressed.
- There must be feedback given to the student on the style as well as content of written assignments.

If an applicant believes their W course syllabus meets the above stated criteria they can submit a detailed course syllabus to admissions.nursing@umanitoba.ca after the application has been submitted and before the listed deadline for syllabus (see Section 3: Application Process & Deadlines, B. Deadlines and Important Dates).

Acceptable University of Manitoba courses that satisfy the Written English (W) requirement can be found in the General Academic Regulations section of the Academic Calendar.

Please note that ENGL 0930 English Composition and ENGL 0940 Writing About Literature are not at the 1000 level and therefore cannot be used to meet the W requirement for admission to Nursing.

B. English Language Proficiency Requirements

All applicants whose primary language is not English and do not qualify for a waiver under the University of Manitoba's English language proficiency regulations will be required to demonstrate proficiency in English.

Additional information regarding specific proficiency requirements, waiver information, and test options can be found on the <u>English language proficiency</u> requirements page.

Results for most language tests, including TOEFL and IELTS, expire two years from the test date. Please confirm the validity of your test results.

C. Applicants from Diploma and Degree Nursing Programs

Applicants who have attended a nursing diploma or degree program, the completion of which would result in the graduate's eligibility to write the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (or equivalent) in order to qualify for registration to practice as a Registered Nurse, must:

- Complete the supplementary form, which is downloadable in your application portal shortly <u>after</u> the submission of your application and after the Admissions office has updated your application portal. On this form, you will be asked to provide the name and address of the Director, Dean, Coordinator, or Head of the Nursing program in which you are currently, or were previously registered, and the reason(s) for leaving the program and applying to the Bachelor of Nursing Program at the University of Manitoba.
- Satisfy eligibility requirements, including the competitive adjusted Grade Point Average in the year of application.

It is recommended that students who attended a nursing program outside of Canada submit their supplementary application as soon as possible to ensure that there is sufficient time to obtain information from that program by June 1st. The College of Nursing will contact the Director, Dean, Coordinator, or Head of the Nursing program in which you are currently, or were previously, registered to request that the following information be sent to the College of Nursing:

- Your status in the previous or current nursing program (including matters pending) with regard to failures, probation, suspension, determination of professional unsuitability, disciplinary action, or other related matters.
- This document is due May 1st for the Fall intake.

The Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny admission to the University of Manitoba Nursing program based on any of the supplementary information. Applicants who would be eligible to register in third or fourth year courses will be considered for admission only if space is available.

Section 3: Application Process & Deadlines

A. Application Fees

Canadian/Permanent Residents: \$100.00 International applicants: \$120.00

Applications are not considered received until the application is submitted and the non-refundable application fee has been paid by the posted deadline.

All correspondence, including <u>decision</u> release information will be sent via email and posted to your application portal.

Please ensure your email account remains current and will accept emails from the University of Manitoba. Check your filters.

It is important to check your email and application portal regularly and specifically around the deadlines and important dates listed below.

NOTE: An application is only assessed for the term selected. Applicants must submit and pay for an application for each term they wish to be considered.

B. Deadlines and Important Dates

Fall 2023

DATE	DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES
April 1, 2023	Last date for receipt of application and application fee.
April 15, 2023	Last date for receipt of official transcripts for <u>all</u> postsecondary study. If currently in studies, proof of registration must be submitted by this date.
	Course outline deadline for all completed and in-progress coursework not taken at the University of Manitoba that might be eligible towards meeting the required courses for admission.
May 1, 2023	Fall applicants must be eligible for admission.
	Last date to submit Proof of English Language Proficiency (if required).
	Last date to submit any additional information (if required).
June 1, 2023	Last date for receipt of all final official transcripts and other academic documents.
July 15, 2023	Last date for successful applicants to submit Non-Academic Requirements to the College of Nursing.

C. Required Application Documentation

The following documents will be required to complete your application:

- Interim transcripts showing current registration are to be submitted when applying or shortly thereafter.
- Final official transcripts from any university or college attended other than University of Manitoba. Student copies or photocopies are not acceptable. Transcripts become the property of University of Manitoba and will not be returned.

An English translation of international transcripts in languages other than English must be provided by the issuing institution or by a certified English translator. A translation must include a copy of the

document on which the translation is based. The certified translator must include the original language photocopy and the English translation in sealed envelopes and endorse the envelopes by signing across the seal.

NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to inform the Admissions Office in writing of any **deferred exams or grade changes**. All final grades, including grade changes must be submitted to the Admissions Office by the document deadline in order for them to be included in the final selection process.

- Course Outlines for coursework completed at accredited post-secondary institutions including universities and colleges are required. It may take several weeks to evaluate a transcript from another accredited post-secondary institution for possible credit transfer and admission eligibility. The Admissions Office must be able to evaluate previous coursework before the final admission selection process can be completed.
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship, Permanent Residence or Refugee Status is required if born outside Canada
- Name change documentation is required if name change has occurred as a result of marriage, divorce or other reason.
- Proof of proficiency in the use of the English language (see Section 2: Eligibility Requirements, B. English Language Proficiency Requirements).
- Applicants from a Diploma or Degree Nursing program (see Section 2: Eligibility Requirements, C. Applicants from Diploma and Degree Nursing Programs) must submit a Supplementary Application form. This form will be downloadable in your application portal shortly after the submission of your application and after the Admissions office has updated your application portal. The completed form can be uploaded in your application portal or emailed to admissions.nursing@umanitoba.ca by May 1st.

Please send all application documentation to the following address:

Admission for UCN Nursing University of Manitoba 424 UMSU University Centre 66 Chancellors Circle Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2

Electronic transcripts should be submitted to Applicant. Services@umanitoba.ca.

In order to be considered official, electronic transcripts must be sent **directly** from the email of the office responsible for issuing transcripts. Transcripts emailed or forwarded by the applicant are considered unofficial.

The University of Manitoba is a registered receiving organization with MyCredsTM. Applicants from participating member universities and colleges can release their transcripts to the University of Manitoba through their MyCredsTM portal.

Applications are not complete until all necessary documents are received. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that our office receives all required information.

D. Required Admission Documentation

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Successful applicants are required to submit Non-Academic Admission Requirements (i.e.,
 Immunization, Criminal Record Search Certificate,
 Child Abuse Registry Check, Adult Abuse Registry
 Check, CPR, and Mask Fit Testing)
 documentations. Acceptance to the program is
 conditional until completion of these
 items. Admission will be revoked if all
 requirements are not met and all documents are
 not submitted to the College of Nursing by the July
 15th deadline.

Non-Academic Admission Requirements:

- All students will be required to submit proof of an annual influenza vaccine each Fall. The deadline will be published by the College of Nursing.
 Further information will be provided upon admission.
- Attend Mandatory Orientation All students will be required to attend the mandatory orientation session prior to the start of classes. The dates will be provided to students upon admission.

A full list of requirements for students who are admitted to the Bachelor of Nursing program can be found on the <u>College of Nursing Student Experience</u> page.

E. Transfer Credit Information

At the University of Manitoba, all course work from a recognized prior post-secondary institution will be considered as part of the application for admission process for all undergraduate degree and diploma programs.

Courses are evaluated for advanced standing or transfer credit on a course-by-course basis and assigned a University of Manitoba equivalent, where applicable. Where a direct equivalent does not exist, students may receive general (unallocated) credit. The regulations regarding transfer credit are program specific and vary considerably depending on the faculty or school of application. Faculties and schools will only consider external courses completed within the last ten (or fewer) years.

Courses deemed acceptable for transfer credit will be awarded, subject to program approval, up to the maximum allowed under the program of admission, based on the Faculty or School's transfer credit policy and residency requirements (consult the section of the University's Academic Calendar for details).

Students may be asked to provide comprehensive and accurate course outlines or syllabi, as issued by their institution of study, for all courses lacking a current evaluation. Course outlines or syllabi should include information on: course objectives, outline of the units studied, textbook(s) used, assignments, and

accompanying laboratory information, if applicable, to assist in the transfer credit assessment process. An <u>online transfer credit resource</u> is available for information on current course evaluations receiving credit.

While we appreciate that some institutions do not have course information readily available, many students have been able to provide the information requested by contacting the individual departments or instructors at their prior institutions. Students that are unable to provide the requested course information may render themselves ineligible for programs with specific course requirements. In cases where outlines have not been provided, unsuccessful course attempts, including F grades, may be assessed as part of the academic assessment regulations of a student's program of study. Only successful applicants will be notified of transfer credit results.

<u>Additional information related to transfer credit</u> is available on the Admissions website.

LPNs

Licensed Practical Nurses who completed the Practical Nursing Program at Assiniboine Community College or the Diploma in Practical Nursing at University College of the North within five years of admission to the College of Nursing may be eligible for advanced standing in the Bachelor of Nursing Program. Please indicate on the application form if you are an LPN grad from either program. Contact a Nursing Student Advisor for information.

RPNs

Registered Psychiatric Nurses may be eligible for advanced standing in the Bachelor of Nursing Program. Please inform the College of Nursing at the time of admission if you are an RPN.

Section 4: Selection Process

A. Calculation of the Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA)

The Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA) will be calculated as follows:

(0.3 x the core course average)*

PLUS

(0.7 x the average of the most recent 45 credit hours)**

*The core average will be calculated on the most recent attempts of the following courses:

- BIOL 1410 Anatomy of the Human Body
- BIOL 1412 Physiology of the Human Body
 - o (or BIOL 2410 and BIOL 2420)
- MBIO 1220 Essentials of Microbiology
 - o (or MBIO 3010)

**Note: Only courses completed within the last 10 years prior to admission to Nursing will be used in AGPA calculation. The most recent 45 credit hours of University level work, including the original grades of any repeated courses if these fall within the most recent 45 credit hours. If an applicant has less than 45 credit hours, the AGPA will reflect all credit hours completed (i.e. a minimum of 30 credit hours to a maximum of 45 credit hours).

In the calculation of the AGPA, **all** university-level courses which have been assigned a final grade are considered completed university work, including failed and repeated courses. Courses graded "pass" are excluded from the calculation of AGPA. Courses completed on a full-or part-time basis in all undergraduate and graduate programs will be used in the AGPA. However, Summer 2023 courses will not be included in the AGPA calculations for admission in Fall 2023. A grade point average higher than the 2.5 minimum is recommended as admission is competitive.

NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to inform the Admissions Office in writing of any **deferred exams and grade changes.** All final grades, including grade changes must be submitted to the Admissions Office

by the document deadline in order for them to be included in the final selection process. Grade changes will not be accepted after the documentation deadline date. If a grade is not available by the documentation deadline date, an 'F' grade will be used in the final admission determination and calculation.

B. Selection Process

Applicants will be rank ordered based on their calculated AGPA. The applicants with the highest AGPA scores will be considered for admission. Priority is given to applicants who have completed a minimum of 18 credit hours of the Year 1 requirements at the University College of the North while physically residing in Northern Manitoba. The University of Manitoba defines Northern Manitoba as the part of Manitoba that is north of the 53rd parallel.

C. Tie Breaking Procedure for Offers

In the event of a tie, the following procedure will be used:

- 1. Increase the number of significant figures used in the calculation.
- 2. Where a tie still exists, the application that was received first will be used to break the tie. All completed applications are time stamped upon submission; in the case of a paper application, these applications will be time stamped after they have been entered into the system by a University of Manitoba Admissions Office staff member.

D. Notification of Decision

Decisions will be posted to the applicant's portal. Applicants must log into their application portal to view the decision and to accept or decline their offer. If the offer is not accepted and the subsequent deposit paid by the deadline date indicated in the letter, the offer will lapse. Lapsed offers will be considered a declined response. It is imperative that email accounts remain current and that emails and application portals are regularly checked.

In order to accept an offer of admission a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 will be required. The deposit will be applied to tuition fees at the time of registration.

Section 5: Reconsideration and Appeals

Individuals who wish to have their applications reconsidered should submit their request in writing to the Chair of the Selection Committee. Past experience has shown that most inquiries can be satisfied at this level without further reference. Persons wishing reconsideration of the decision of the Selection Committee shall direct their request to the Chair within ten (10) business days of the mailing of the Committee decision (see Section 8: Contact Information).

Should the student wish to pursue the reconsideration decision further, such an appeal will be made in accordance with the <u>Senate Committee on Admission</u> <u>Appeals Procedures</u>.

Applicants are advised that appeals of reconsideration decisions by the Chair of the Selection Committee and the Senate Admissions Appeal Committee focus on questions of correct adherence to published policies and procedures outlined in this document, and NOT on subjective issues or the relative merits of the application.

Section 6: Counselling of Applicants

The College of Nursing and Admissions Office are able to assist applicants who seek counselling regarding admission to the College of Nursing. However, it is policy not to instruct applicants as to a specific course of action they should follow, but rather to provide the information needed for applicants to make their own choice with respect to the alternatives available. The following points require special attention:

 Applicants are encouraged to discuss their plans with all who can usefully advise them, but they should be aware that second and third hand information about admission policies may not be accurate.

- 2. No official at the university can guarantee the admission of any applicant. Admission is determined by the Committee on the basis of an annual competition.
- 3. All applicants are advised to supplement any personal enquiries with a written request so that an official written response can be made. It is only these written responses which will be considered as evidence of any advice given (see Section 8: Contact Information).

Section 7: Student Accessibility

The University of Manitoba is committed to providing all students equal access to learning opportunities. If you are a student with a diagnosed disability (permanent, chronic, or temporary) who may require academic accommodations, please contact Student Accessibility Services at 204-474-7423 or by email at student accessibility@umanitoba.ca to learn more about the confidential supports that are available.

Section 8: Contact Information

College of Nursing	Helen Glass Centre for Nursing General Office Telephone: (204) 474-7452 FAX: (204) 474-7682 Web: umanitoba.ca/nursing E-mail: nursing@umanitoba.ca
Admissions Office	424 UMSU University Centre Telephone: (204) 474-8808 Email: admissions@umanitoba.ca
Admissions Officer	Mark Curran Telephone: (204) 474-8810 Email: admissions.nursing@umanitoba.ca

The following other contacts may also be useful.

Student Accessibility Services	520 UMSU University Centre Telephone: (204) 474-7423 Email: student accessibility@umanitoba.ca
Student Advocacy Office	520 UMSU University Centre Telephone: (204) 474-7423 Email: student_advocacy@umanitoba.ca

Section 9: Other

A. Professional Designation

A graduate of the Bachelor of Nursing program must write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become eligible to practice nursing. Completion of the program entitles students to work as graduate nurses and to write the NCLEX to obtain the designation, Registered Nurse (RN). Application and registration information can be obtained from the College of Nurses Manitoba (CRNM) website.

B. Bachelor of Nursing Program

Nursing education is centred at the Fort Garry campus in Winnipeg, but the College of Nursing also offers its program in collaboration with University College of the North in Thompson and The Pas. Those who are selected for the UCN Collaborative program are required to (temporarily) relocate to either The Pas or Thompson for the duration of the degree.

UCN Collaborative Nursing program students are not eligible to apply for Fort Garry campus in subsequent terms. They must instead contact the College of Nursing to discuss the transfer policies and processes if wanting to move campuses.