

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program educates nurses to work with individuals, families, groups or communities from a health promotion perspective and an ethic of caring. The curriculum is based on a commitment to consider the changing health care needs of our society; emerging from this commitment is the concept of caring. Nursing practice experiences have been planned and integrated throughout the program of studies.

The School of Nursing at TRU offers a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) degree program, with a year one intake on the TRU Williams Lake campus commencing every other year (even years). **TRU Williams Lake offers years one and two of the BScN, with students seamlessly moving to the TRU Kamloops campus for years three and four, upon successful completion of the first two years.**

The BScN degree does not qualify the graduate to undertake employment as a registered nurse; it qualifies the graduate to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). Successful completion of the NCLEX exam allows graduates to register with the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP) and practice as a Registered Nurse (RN). **Please note** graduates applying for the NCLEX and BCCNP will be asked to provide information regarding any convictions for criminal offences (other than minor traffic violations). Candidates with criminal convictions may not be eligible for BCCNP registration.

Next Intake Date(s)

Every other year, on even years; September 2022 (Fall), September 2024 (Fall), etc.

Learning Options

- **Full-time study.** The program is offered on a full-time basis over four years. All BScN program requirements must be completed within seven years of the date of entry. Part-time study is not available.
- **The BScN at TRU is not available as an online/distance program.** Select courses within the curriculum are available through TRU Open Learning. Please discuss online/distance course options with your School of Nursing Academic Advisor, once you're admitted to the BScN.

Application Dates

Applications are accepted **every other year** from October 1 to January 31.

Late applications will not be accepted. The supporting document deadline, including high school and post-secondary transcripts, is the same date as the application deadline or within 10 days of submission of the application, or whichever is later.

Admission Requirements

Admission is selective and competitive. Not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements are accepted into the program. Students with post-secondary education will be given priority consideration into the program. Seats for high school (or students without any post-secondary) applicants are limited, and with the increased number of applicants, admission to the BScN is very competitive. It is recommended that high school applicants take some first-year courses in science and English. Please meet with an Academic Advisor for guidance.

Educational Requirements

1. Grade 12 (or equivalent), or mature student status
2. English 12/English 12 First Peoples with a minimum 73% (or equivalent)
3. Biology/Anatomy & Physiology 12 with a minimum 67% (or equivalent)
4. Foundations of Math 12 (recommended) or Pre-Calculus 12 with a minimum 67% (or equivalent)
5. Chemistry 11 with a minimum 67% (or equivalent)
6. One additional science 11 or science 12 course with a minimum 67% (or equivalent)

Additional Admission Requirement

7. Letter of Introduction: A brief personal history, including health care related experiences, reasons for choosing nursing, and positive attributes the applicant may bring to the program and nursing profession. (Two typed pages).

What if I don't meet the program requirements?

If you don't meet the program specific admission requirements, we're here to help you.

You can still apply and be accepted to the Bachelor of Arts. Then, the TRU Williams Lake Academic Advisor will help you create a personalized course plan to upgrade and prepare for your program of choice. Please see page 4 of this package for your pathway to the BScN.

Education Ranking Guidelines

Applicants with the highest post-secondary and high school GPA will be ranked highest. When selecting students for the BScN, the admissions committee considers the applicant's academic performance, plus the Letter of Introduction. The following is a GUIDELINE showing how education is ranked:

1. Applicants with a completed undergraduate degree and a GPA of 3.33+ on 5 science, math or English courses
2. Applicants with an incomplete degree and some post-secondary coursework and a GPA of 3.33+ on 8 science, math or English courses
3. High school applicants with the highest GPA in secondary school admission requirements

Please note: The competitive admissions average varies with every intake year. **If you meet minimum admission requirements (below), you are encouraged to apply.**

Advancement Placement for Licensed Practical Nurses to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

TRU does not offer an official bridging program for licensed practical nurses (LPN) to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN). LPNs may apply for advancement placement into year 2 of the four-year BScN program, dependent on seat availability. Applicants who have a combination of nursing education and work experience of at least 1,600 hours as an LPN may be granted appropriate credit in the program.

Admission requirements are the same for all applicants applying to the BScN program. To apply as an LPN for a year 2 seat in the BScN program at TRU Williams Lake, you must apply the opposite (odd) year as an intake year as that is when year 2 is offered at TRU Williams Lake. If you apply for a year 1 BScN seat during an intake year at TRU Williams Lake, you will not receive advanced placement.

Admission to year 2 of the full-time BScN program is offered upon seat availability. In recent years, few, if any seats have come open. You will be notified of acceptance into year 2 only if a BScN seat becomes available.

How to Apply

1. **Submit your application after October 1.** There are two ways to submit a TRU application form: by printing and filling in the paper [TRU Application Form](#), then submitting it to the TRU WL admissions office in-person or by email to wladmissions@tru.ca; or you may apply online via [Education Planner BC website](#) (the latter method requires payment with credit card).
2. **Pay the application fee of \$31.02.** Your application will not be processed until the application fee is paid.
3. **Submit Letter of Introduction** before the application deadline of January 31.
4. **Submit official high school transcripts and any post-secondary transcript(s)**, before the application deadline, to:
Thompson Rivers University – Williams Lake Campus
Admissions Office
1250 Western Avenue
Williams Lake, BC V2G 1H7

BC high school applicants and graduates can submit their official transcripts through the [Student Transcripts Service \(STS\)](#).

Current high school applicants are required to submit their official transcripts before the application deadline and at the time of graduation. Please also ensure submission of interim grade 12 grades before the application deadline to increase your competitive consideration. Past high school applicants are required to submit their official transcript before the application deadline. To order your official high school transcript, please visit your provincial or territorial Ministry of Education website for further information.

Applicants are responsible to ensure all transcripts and required documents are submitted by the application deadline.

If you have previously applied to the BScN program, but were not accepted or did not attend, you must submit a new application.

Permanent Resident Students

If you are a Canadian Permanent Resident, and/or you did not graduate from a BC or Canadian high school, you may be required to meet and/or obtain the minimum English Language Proficiency requirement through additional coursework or approved English placement assessment. In general: If your high school and/or post-secondary was completed in a country where English is not the official language, you will likely have to complete one of the following:

- Assessment: TOEFL (iBT: 88+ with no sections below 2.0), IELTS (6.5+ with no bands below 6.0) or Pearson Test of English. Please note: English placement assessment likely needs to be completed in either Vancouver, Kamloops, Prince George, or another city.
- Additional Coursework: English as a Second Language (ESAL) course. Please note: TRU Williams Lake does not offer any ESAL courses.

Funding and Support Services

TRU Grit Awards are awarded annually to TRU Williams Lake students. The financial awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 and all students are encouraged to apply as all applications will be considered. Students who demonstrate a financial need will be given a higher priority. Applications open in late spring every year: tru.ca/williamslake/student-services/financialaid

TRU Student Awards & Financial Support offers a comprehensive range of programs to both assist students in financing their educational and living costs, and to recognize academic excellence. Financial support can be a combination of bursaries, scholarships, awards, work-study, loans and grants. More information can be found online: tru.ca/awards

Student loan funding is designed to supplement the resources of those who could not otherwise afford post-secondary studies. **BC Student Loan applications can be found online at studentaidbc.ca.** If you are a resident of another Canadian province or territory, you apply for government student assistance through your home province/territory.

Accessibility Services provides academic accommodations and service to all eligible TRU students, both on campus and Open Learning. They facilitate equal access to educational opportunities by reducing physical, attitudinal and systematic barriers. Find out more online: tru.ca/as

Visit the TRU Williams Lake website, tru.ca/williamslake/student-services for more information regarding additional support services, including counselling, sponsorship and student housing options.

Program Costs Estimate

Tuition – Year 1	\$5,084.70
Student Fees – Year 1	\$852.04
Books – Year 1	\$2,000
Additional fees - Year 1 (immunizations, scrubs and shoes, lab kits, criminal record checks, etc.)	\$975
Total Approximate Cost – Year 1	\$8,911.74

Commitment Fee: If you are offered a seat in the BScN program, to accept and hold your seat you are required to pay a \$500 tuition deposit within two weeks of receiving your official seat offer. The commitment fee will count as payment towards your tuition.

Payment deadlines: Tuition and student fees are due the last Friday in August for the Fall semester and the first Friday in January for the Winter semester.

Program Checklist

Please check off the following:

- Application Form
- Application Fee \$31.02
- Check that you meet the educational requirements:
 - English 12/English 12 First Peoples with a minimum 73% (or equivalent)
 - Biology/Anatomy & Physiology 12 with a minimum 67% (or equivalent)
 - Foundations of Math 12 (recommended) or Pre-Calculus 12 with a minimum 67% (or equivalent)
 - Chemistry 11 with a minimum 67% (or equivalent)
 - One additional science 11 or science 12 course with a minimum 67% (or equivalent)
- Official high school graduation transcript
- Any post-secondary transcripts

How to Strengthen Your Application to BScN

You may need to improve your grades for some of the admission requirements. Using the following table, enter your current grades and strategically select the courses you need to upgrade. **Based on historical data, these grades are recommended, but will not guarantee admission.** Your goal should be approximately an A- (84%) average, or higher, for the five admission requirements. See the following example:

Current Grade	My Goal	Admission Requirements
B	B	English 12, or equivalent
C+	A	Foundations of Math 12 or Pre-Calculus 12, or equivalent
A	A	Biology 12, or equivalent
B	B	Chemistry 11, or equivalent
C+	A	Additional Science 11 or 12
B-	A-	Average Grade

GPA will be calculated on the following courses with the highest grades:

Grade %	High School or UPrep Courses
	English 12 or TRU ENGL 0600/0620
	FOM 12 or TRU MATH 0650
	Biology 12 or TRU BIOL 0600
	Chemistry 11 or TRU CHEM 0500
	Additional Science 11 or 12

Grade %	Post-Secondary Courses Evaluated
	English (3 credits)
	Math (3 credits)
	Biology (3 credits)
	Chemistry (3 credits)
	Additional Science course (3 credits)

TRU (post-secondary) courses that can be used to strengthen your application and used to calculate your GPA as above (not all of the courses listed in the table below will count as credit towards the BScN, see advanced credit next):

TRU Williams Lake Campus Courses	TRU Open Learning (Online) Courses
BIOL 1592 and 1594	BIOL 1593 and 1595
BIOL 1692 and 1694	BIOL 1693 and 1695
ENGL 1100	ENGL 1001, 1011, 1021, 1101
BIOL 1050	CHEM 1503 and 1505, or CHEM 1523 and 1525
MATH 1900	STAT 1201
	MATH 1001, 1101, 1141, 1157, 1241
	BIOL 1113 and 1115, or BIOL 1213 and 1215
	Various other courses (see advisor to confirm)

Advanced Credit for BScN Program

Advanced credit courses will lighten the workload in the BScN program, should you be offered a seat. However, taking any below-mentioned courses DOES NOT GUARANTEE acceptance into the program.

TRU Williams Lake Campus Courses	TRU Open Learning (Online) Courses
BIOL 1592 and 1594	BIOL 1593 and 1595
BIOL 1692 and 1694	BIOL 1693 and 1695
ENGL 1100	ENGL 1101
HLTH 2300	No online equivalent
PHIL 2310	No online equivalent
1000 level elective (see an advisor to confirm)	1000 level elective (see an advisor to confirm)
2000 level elective (see an advisor to confirm)	2000 level elective (see an advisor to confirm)

Courses from other post-secondary institutions: Transfer applicants to the BScN should present transfer credit for courses completed in the subjects of English, Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology. Other sciences will be reviewed by admissions and School of Nursing for potential consideration.

Need Help? Contact Us.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a very competitive program. We're here to help you with every step of the way.

TRU Williams Lake Reception (General inquiries and to book an advising appointment):

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Email: wmain@tru.ca

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