

CAEN- BSN Program Application Package – Option A

The nursing program at North Island College is part of the Collaboration for Academic Education in Nursing (CAEN) a partnership of nine post-secondary institutions that offer the same nursing curriculum resulting in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Academic Admission Requirements

Prospective students must meet the following academic requirements:

1. Grade 12 or equivalent (completing all the prerequisites below is considered by NIC BSN program as Grade 12 equivalent)
2. C+ in Biology 12 or NIC BIO 060, or equivalent*. C+ in Chemistry 11 or NIC CHE 051, or equivalent*. C+ in Provincial English 12, NIC ENG 060, ENG 098, ESL 090 or an English assessment test.
3. C+ in Principles of Math 11, Applications of Math 12, NIC MAT 053 or a Math assessment test. For students graduating from high school in spring 2013 the math requirement will be a C+ in Pre Calculus 11; Foundations of Math 12 or NIC MAT 053 or a math assessment test.

Prospective students who are LPN's must meet the following academic prerequisites:

1. Transcripts from LPN program and other educational institution attended.
2. Current registration or eligibility for registration as a LPN in British Columbia.
Note: Students must have a valid license with the CLPNBC at the time of program commencement.
3. The prerequisite of Biology 12 is waived for LPNs.
4. C+ in Chemistry 11, or NIC CHE 051, or equivalent*.
5. C+ in Provincial English 12, NIC ENG 060, ENG 098, ESL 090 or an English assessment test.
6. C+ in Principles of Math 11, Applications of Math 12, NIC MAT 053 or a Math assessment test. For students graduating from high school in spring 2013 the math requirement will be a C+ in Pre Calculus 11; Foundations of Math 12 or NIC MAT 053 or a math assessment test.

*Biology 12 and Chemistry 11 are prerequisites for BIO 160, a required course in the Nursing program. BIO 160 is taught by the NIC Science Department which requires that both the Biology 12 and Chemistry 11 courses be current within the last 10 years.

Note: Prior to the beginning of classes, students will be required to complete a Math assessment test as an indicator of future learning needs in a program where accurate math calculations are critical.

Other Admission Requirements

In addition to fulfilling the academic admissions requirements listed above, a prospective student must submit the Student Information Form for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing—Program Application Package.

Note: *Some prospective students may be required to have an interview at the discretion of the Department Chair or designate. The interview is designed to assist students in making an informed decision about pursuing a nursing career.*

It is the student's responsibility to be certain that all components of the application are complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Before Classes Begin

Once the student has been accepted to the program, the student will be required to:

1. Attend a group information session. This mandatory session, usually held in June, is designed to assist students in making an informed decision about pursuing a nursing career.
2. Hold a current CPR Level HCP certificate or equivalent and have completed a Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (WHMIS) course. A photocopy of these certificates must be presented to the Nursing Program Support Assistant on the first day of classes. It is the responsibility of the student to complete re-certification of their CPR Level HCP every two years while in the nursing program.
3. Submit a completed immunization form. This immunization form will be sent to you once you are offered a seat in the program. This form should be validated by the public health nurse at your local health unit. The test must indicate Rubella IgG reactive and Varicella immune status. This form must be presented to the BSN Program Support Assistant on the first day of classes.

Note: *If the public health nurse recommends a rubella serologic test, a photocopy of the results of this test will also have to be submitted.*

4. Submit a Criminal Record Search form. This form will be sent to you once you are offered seat in the program.
5. The College of Registered Nurses of BC has approved requisite skills and abilities (RSA) to meet entry level RN competencies. These requisite skills and abilities are included in the information sent to once you are offered a seat in the program and will be discussed at the group information session. Prospective students need to review these and decide whether they believe they are able to meet them. Prospective students who have concerns about being able to meet the RSAs should contact the BSN Program Academic Advisor.

Other Important Information

- Nursing practice experiences in health agencies in the North Island Region are essential to the program. While the majority of clinical placements take place in the Comox Valley or in Campbell River, it is increasingly necessary to utilize agencies in other North Island regions such as Port McNeill, Port Hardy, Alert Bay, Bella Coola, Tofino, Powell River and Port Alberni. Students may be asked to do practice experiences in any of these areas and must arrange their own transportation and assume related transportation/accommodation costs. Students may also be required to complete their Consolidate Practice Experiences during the months of June, July and August depending on the availability of clinical resources. Shift work in the practice areas may include days/evenings/ nights/weekends, 8 and/or 12 hour shifts.
- Students will be required to submit typewritten essays and papers as part of course requirements therefore, basic computer literacy and Internet access is necessary.
- In order to enroll in BIO 160/161, English and/or elective courses while on a waitlist for the program, students are encouraged to apply concurrently to the University Studies Program and to the Nursing Program. College policies regarding advanced standing and transfer credit apply.

CAEN- BSN Student Information Form

Personal Information: *Please notify the College if there is a change in any of the information provided herein.*

Full Name: _____

Former Surname: _____ Birthdate: (yy/mm/dd) _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

High School Education

Grade completed: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____

Post Secondary Education

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Other courses, training camps, seminars etc

You and Nursing

Your past experiences can enhance future learning. Describe some of these experiences

Describe who you are

I certify that the information provided herein is correct:

Signature: _____ Date: _____