



Nursing Applicants

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

Admission Requirements – For Admission, September 2026 and beyond

Enrolment in first year is limited and admission is competitive. The minimum admission average is determined each year and is dependent on the number and quality of applicants, and number of available places in the program. Meeting the minimum requirements listed does not guarantee admission.

Note: All students applying to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program do so through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre, choosing program code

'ENW' for Western.

Note: Priority consideration shall be given, all other things being equal, first to Canadian citizens and permanent residents from Ontario, and second to Canadian citizens and permanent residents from other Canadian provinces. Special consideration may be given to a student supported by the Canadian International Development Agency or a similar agency.

1. Prerequisite requirements:

All applicants must also have completed the following or equivalent Ontario secondary school courses with a minimum grade of 70% in each:

- English ENG4U
- Biology SBI4U
- Chemistry SCH4U
- One of:
 - Functions MCR3U
 - Functions and Applications MCF3M

Note: If an applicant does not meet the minimum Math requirement in one of the Grade 11 prerequisites, Western will check for a minimum of 70% in one of Advanced Functions MHF4U, Calculus and Vectors MCV4U, or Math of Data Management MDM4U.

Applicants may be required to submit official detailed course syllabus information to determine if courses other than the above are deemed equivalent to the prerequisite requirements.

2. CASPer requirements (for Admission, September 2026 and beyond):

Applicants to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program will be required to complete CASPer (Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics), a mandatory online 90-minute computer-based assessment as a component of the admission process. Applicants who do not complete the CASPer test will not be considered for admission. CASPer test results are valid for one admissions cycle. Applicants who have already taken the test in previous years will therefore be expected to re-take it.

CASPer is an online test designed to evaluate key non-cognitive skills, as well as interpersonal and professional characteristics essential for students to be successful in nursing programs and ultimately, as practicing nurses. Since CASPer assesses non-cognitive and interpersonal characteristics, studying is not required.

3. Academic Requirements:

Applicants Presenting an Ontario Secondary School Diploma

Applicants must complete an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and have a minimum of six Grade 12 U and/or M-level courses (excluding co-op courses), including the prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of 70% in each.

Applicants with High School Standing from other Canadian Provinces

Applicants from other provinces in Canada are eligible to apply for admission on the basis of senior matriculation if their academic records meet, in subject matter and standing obtained, both the requirements of admission to this School and to a recognized university in their own province. This must include the successful completion of (Grade 12 university preparation) courses in English, Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics with a minimum grade of 70% in each.

Applicants Currently Enrolled in a University, or who have Previously Attended University or other Post-Secondary Institutions

Applicants applying to enter the nursing program from Post-Secondary studies are considered on the basis of their high school prerequisite coursework and university, college or other post-secondary standing. Specifically,

- students applying with one year of full-time university study must have achieved a minimum 70% overall average;
- students having completed two or more full-time years of university study must have achieved a minimum 70% average in the final two years (10.0 credits) of study. If courses are repeated within the last 10.0 credits completed, both attempts are utilized in the admission average.
- students applying from a College of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT) must have achieved a cumulative average of "B" (GPA of 3.0) in a completed program.

All applicants must also have completed the equivalent of the following Ontario secondary school courses with a minimum grade of 70% in each:

- English ENG4U
- Biology SBI4U
- Chemistry SCH4U
- One of:
 - Functions MCR3U
 - Functions and Applications MCF3M

Applicants may be required to submit official detailed course syllabus information to determine if courses meet the pre-requisite requirements.

Mature Applicants

Applicants will be considered for admission who:

- meet Western's definition of mature applicant, and
- are able to demonstrate academic success within the last four (4) years by achieving a credit equivalent to the following Ontario secondary school courses, according to the general criteria at Western, with a minimum mark of 70% in each:
 - English ENG4U
 - Biology SBI4U
 - Chemistry SCH4U
 - One of:
 - Functions MCR3U
 - Functions and Applications MCF3M

Indigenous Applicants

The Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing recognizes that Indigenous Peoples are not represented adequately in the nursing profession and therefore welcomes their applications.

Eligible Indigenous applicants may be admitted to the nursing program from one of two paths:

1. Indigenous applicants who have successfully completed the program's admission requirements, and whose admission average has met the annual program admission average as determined by the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing and the University's Admissions Office, will be considered for admission along with all other program applicants.
2. Indigenous applicants who have successfully completed the program's admission requirements, but whose overall average has NOT met the annual program admission average as determined by the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing and the University's Admissions Office, will be considered on a discretionary basis set aside for applicants in this latter category.

Applicants from Degree Nursing Programs

Applicants in this category must have completed the requirements as outlined below to receive admission consideration:

1. Meet admission requirements as stated in this policy;
2. Submit, in writing, the reason for leaving the previous or current program and for applying to a nursing program at Western University.

The applicant must provide written permission to the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing to contact the Dean, Director, Coordinator, or Head of the Nursing program in which the student was previously or is currently registered for release of information about the student's status in the previous or current nursing program (including matters pending) with regard to failures, probation, suspensions, determination of professional unsuitability, disciplinary action, or other related matters.

Applicants are not admitted into upper year studies. All core Nursing courses must be completed at Western University.

Submission of Applications for Admission

Applications for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program must be submitted by February 15. It is recommended that the application be made early to ensure all required documentation arrive in a timely manner. The enrolment in this program is limited.

COMPRESSED TIME FRAME BScN PROGRAM (REGULAR STREAM)

Admission Requirements (for Admission, September 2025 and beyond)

Enrolment in this program is limited and meeting the minimum requirements listed does not guarantee admission.

1. Prerequisite requirements:

All applicants must also have completed the following courses at an accredited University with a minimum grade of 60% in each of physiology, anatomy and statistics (see below):

1. 1.0 course in human physiology, or equivalent
2. 0.5 course in human anatomy
3. 0.5 course in introductory statistics

Prerequisite courses must be taken within 10 years of the year seeking admission.

Applicants may be required to submit official detailed course syllabus information to determine if courses meet the prerequisite requirements.

2. Academic requirements:

To be eligible to apply to the Compressed Time Frame Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program (Regular Stream), applicants:

- Must have completed at least ten (10.0) university-level full-course equivalents with a minimum 75% (3.0 GPA), and
- Have no more than 5.0 courses at the introductory level (equivalent to courses numbered 1000 to 1999 at Western University).

If courses are repeated within the last 10.0 credits completed, both attempts are utilized in the admission average.

Students with university preparation outside of North America must submit documentation from the World Education Services (WES).

Submission of Application for Admission

All applicants must apply through the Ontario Universities Application Centre. The application deadline is February 15. It is recommended that the application be made early. The enrolment in this program is limited.

COMPRESSED TIME FRAME BScN PROGRAM (RPN STREAM A)

Admission Requirements (for Admission, September 2025 and beyond)

Enrolment in this program is limited and meeting the minimum requirements listed does not guarantee admission.

1. Academic requirements:

- Completion of a Practical Nursing program from an accredited College of Applied Arts and Technology in Ontario with a minimum GPA of 75%, or 3.5.
- A minimum average of 65% in 5.0 degree-credit courses (equivalent to one full year) at a recognized university. For applicants with more than 5.0 credits, the top 5.0 course grades will be used.
- Applicants must complete the Practical Nursing diploma by the end of May in the year they are applying.

Applicants with university preparation outside of North America must submit a course-by-course evaluation through the World Education Services (WES).

2. Experiential and Registration Requirements:

- A) For applicants who completed the Practical Nursing Diploma within five years prior to applying:
- Have RPN registration in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario
 - Be entitled to practice with no restrictions
- B) For applicants who completed the Practical Nursing Diploma more than five years prior to applying:
- Completion of the equivalent of two years of full-time RPN practice experience (3,640 hours in Canada)
 - Applicants must provide a complete Verification of Employment Hours form
 - Have RPN registration in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario
 - Be entitled to practice with no restrictions

Submission of Application for Admission

All applicants must apply through the Ontario Universities Application Centre. The application deadline is February 15. It is recommended that the application be made early. The enrolment in this program is limited.

COMPRESSED TIME FRAME BScN PROGRAM (RPN STREAM B)

Admission Requirements (for Admission, May 2025 and beyond)

Enrolment in this program is limited and meeting the minimum requirements listed does not guarantee admission.

1. Academic requirements:

- Completion of an accredited Canadian two-year Practical Nursing Diploma program with a minimum GPA of 75%, or 3.5, and a competitive overall admission average.

2. Experiential and Registration Requirements:

- Completion of the equivalent of two years of full-time RPN practice experience (3,640 hours in Canada)
- Applicants must provide a complete Verification of Employment Hours form
- Have RPN registration in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Be entitled to practice with no restrictions

Submission of Application for Admission

All applicants must apply through the Ontario Universities Application Centre. The application deadline is January 15. It is recommended that the application be made early. The enrolment in this program is limited.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

The following applies to all undergraduate Nursing programs offered by the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing.

Advanced Standing and Transfer of Credit

Decisions regarding advanced standing and transfer of credit are governed by the policy of this University.

1. In exceptional circumstances, a student registered in a BScN program in another university may be able to transfer into a program offered by this University. Permission must be granted by the Admissions Committee, Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing.
2. An applicant may request transfer of credit toward a degree at this University for courses taken prior to admission to the BScN program at this University. The Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing reserves the right to determine what transfer of credit will be granted.
3. After admission to the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, students intending to take courses at another university are required to obtain a Letter of Permission from Program Office for credit in their BScN program.

ADMISSION APPEALS PROCEDURE

The following admission appeals procedure applies to all undergraduate Nursing programs offered by the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing.

Decisions of the Admissions Committee are final.

Applicants may request a review of the decision by the Admissions Committee, provided that such a request is based upon significant new information, pertinent to the application and not available to the applicant prior to the complete submission of application material. This request must be filed with the Office of the Registrar's Office no later than 2 two weeks after the issuance of the original decision.