RPN to BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
BRIDGING PROGRAM – BLENDED LEARNING (Distance)
APPLICATION INFORMATION

The application is available on-line at www.nipissingu.ca/registrarforms.

This part-time program begins in January, May, or September. Second degree students or students with previous university studies are only able to begin studies in January and September.

1. LOCATION

You must be employed at one of our partner health care agencies to be eligible for admission consideration. See the list of partners on our website at www.nipissingu.ca/rpn-bscn. Click on the Current Partners tab.

   a) If your employer is not listed but is interested in becoming a partner, please see item 3(c) below. Please do not select a location that you are not employed at and do not submit an application for admission until your employer has finalized a partnership agreement.

   b) Although students are required to be employed at a partner agency, this does not guarantee that you will be having placements at your own agency. We arrange the clinical placements as close to your home address as possible, however, students may be required to travel up to 100km for placements. There are some areas where students will be required to travel over 100km for placements. Please refer to the School of Nursing website (www.nipissingu.ca/rpn-bscn) to find out which locations will require this additional travel.

2. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS – All transcript must be disclosed and submitted whether you consider them relevant or not.

   a) Your complete academic record(s) indicating the subjects studied, grades achieved and diploma(s)/degree(s) granted must be sent directly to Nipissing University for all post-secondary institutions attended or attending and must bear the official seal of that institution. **All college and university transcripts must be submitted whether or not they are relevant to your RPN education.** Post-secondary education in-progress must also be declared. If your RPN diploma was completed through an upgrading program, we also require the official transcripts of all certificates or programs that were used to gain admission to the upgrading program. Official original transcripts must be sent directly from the academic institution. All post-secondary transcripts from within Ontario should be ordered through the on-line application. Transcripts can only be accepted from the applicant if still sealed in the envelope from the academic institution and will not be returned. Please allow four to six weeks additional processing time for evaluation of advance standing/transfer credits of foreign transcripts or previous university education. Transcripts for foreign degrees must be evaluated by World Education Services at www.wes.org/ca.

   b) If any information in your application is determined to be false or misleading, concealed or withheld, your application may be invalidated and this could result in its immediate rejection or in the revocation of an offer of admission or registration at the university. This includes not disclosing all post-secondary education. Transfer credit/advance standing will not be awarded for transcripts received past the start of the program.

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c) Proof of name change, ie: marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc., if documents show a name other than that under which application is made.

d) Nipissing University transcripts need not be submitted, however, if you attended Nipissing University prior to 1992 you are considered a Laurentian University student and you must submit that transcript.

3. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This is a limited enrollment program. Having the minimum admission requirements listed below does not guarantee admission to the program.

a) Successful completion of a recognized Ontario two year RPN diploma from a College of Applied Arts and Technology with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (70%) or equivalent. This average is calculated on two academic years of study. RPN Certificates alone are not an acceptable basis of admission. Internationally trained nurses are not eligible for this program. Registration with the College of Nurses (CNO) as an RPN is not considered equivalent to the required RPN diploma as indicated above. Previous university studies in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will be considered when evaluating eligibility to this program. Applicants who have previously been unsuccessful in a BScN program are not eligible for admission. If your RPN diploma was completed through an upgrading program, we also require the official transcripts of all certificates or programs that were used to gain admission to the upgrading program. Official original transcripts must be sent directly from the academic institution.

b) Current registered member in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario as an RPN. Provide a copy of proof of registration.

c) Must be employed at one of our partner health care agencies with a letter of support. This letter needs to be from someone in a supervisory role, such as Director of Nursing, who can indicate they support you in this program. This letter must follow the template provided as part of the partnership agreement. A proof of employment letter is not acceptable. If your employer has not developed a partnership with Nipissing University, but is interested in more information they can contact the School of Nursing, Nipissing University, e-mail nursing@nipissingu.ca or (705) 474-3450 ext 4567. Please do not submit an application for admission until your employer has finalized a partnership agreement. Although students are required to be employed at a partner agency, this does not guarantee that you will be having placements at your own agency. We arrange the clinical placements as close to your home address as possible, however, students may be required to travel up to 100km for placements. There are some areas where students will be required to travel over 100km for placements. Please refer to the School of Nursing website (www.nipissingu.ca/rpn-bscn) to find out which locations will require this additional travel.

d) Students who apply for readmission are required to submit a new application, fee, letter of support from the employer, current proof of registration with the CNO, as well as provide official original transcripts from any additional post-secondary education taken since last enrollment at Nipissing University. Applicants must still be employed at a partner health care agency.

e) The program is a part-time five year program. This program is not available full-time. Students must complete the degree within seven years from the time of first admission. The student may request special permission from the School of Nursing to complete the degree in more than seven years, but no later than 10 years from first admission. Credit cannot be retained for any university nursing course older than ten years old. This also applies to transfer credits from another university that were granted upon first admission.
4. **PROOF OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH**

Applicants whose first language is not English may be required to supply proof of proficiency in English. Please contact the Office of the Registrar for information about our English language proficiency requirements.

5. **DEADLINES**

- **January 2018 start** – applications due October 25, 2017 and all documents due by 4:30 pm November 1, 2017
- **May 2018 start** – applications due February 22, 2018 and all documents due by 4:30 pm March 1, 2018
- **September 2018 start** – applications due June 22, 2018 and all documents due by 4:30 pm June 29, 2018

**ALL** required documents must be received by the document deadline. Late documents will **NOT** be accepted.

Decisions will not be made until **AFTER** the document deadline for the entry point applicants have applied to.

6. **CONTACT INFORMATION**

DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES AND DOCUMENTS TO:

Nipissing University - The Office of the Registrar,
Box 5002, 100 College Drive
North Bay ON P1B 8L7
(705) 474-3450, ext. 4600
Fax (705) 495-1772

E-mail inquiries can be forwarded to: admissions@nipissingu.ca Website: www.nipissingu.ca

Note: Neither this application nor supplementary acknowledgement material constitutes an offer of admission. Successful candidates will receive admission letters clearly outlining the program of admission and other pertinent details. Applicants are also advised that supporting material cannot be returned.