

Nipissing University, in partnership with a health care institution consortium from Toronto offers a two-year nursing degree program to students who have completed a university degree in another discipline. This program is offered in the health care institution consortium through a blended delivery model and is six semesters in length over two years.

The mission of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Scholar Practitioner Program (SPP) is to graduate the next generation of nurses; practice-ready scholar practitioners, with an active voice in health care who successfully contribute to the health and well-being of individuals, families, communities, and populations through evidence-based practice.

This program is embedded within point of care practice settings amongst three Toronto based academic health care teaching facilities. Learners will have an opportunity to engage and move through the various practice settings

## **Partner Information**

Our partner locations are located in Toronto, Ontario. To learn more about our partners and assist you in your decision to apply to our program please visit their respective websites.

### **The Hospital for Sick Children**

The Hospital for Sick Children is recognized as one of the world's foremost pediatric health care institutions and is Canada's leading centre dedicated to advancing children's health through the integration of patient care, research and education. Founded in 1875 and affiliated with the University of Toronto, SickKids is one of Canada's most research intensive hospitals and has generated discoveries that have helped children globally. For more information visit: [www.sickkids.ca](http://www.sickkids.ca)

### **Toronto Public Health**

Toronto Public Health works in many ways to improve the overall health of the population and to overcome health inequalities. The organization provides services to individuals and communities, and advocate for public policies that make the city of Toronto healthier. Extensive community program centres provide learning environments. For more information visit: [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health)

### **University Health Network**

Providing care to the community for more than 200 years, University Health Network (UHN) is a major landmark in Canada's healthcare system and a teaching hospital of the University of Toronto. As of 2011, UHN amalgamated with Toronto Rehabilitation Institute as one of Canada's largest academic health sciences centres dedicated to adult rehabilitation, complex continuing care and long term care and home to the second largest rehabilitation research program in North America. Building on the strengths and reputation of each of our health care sites, UHN brings together the talent and resources needed to achieve global impact and provide exemplary patient care, research and education. For more information visit: [www.uhn.ca](http://www.uhn.ca)

## Supplemental Application Instructions

Applicants to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Scholar Practitioner Program (SPP) are required to submit a supplemental application. This application includes a Location Ranking and Course Requirement Summary Form, a Personal Statement and a Reference Letter. A CASPer™ assessment test is also required. Information about the requirements for each component can be found within this document. ***The CASPer™ assessment does not have to be written by the application/document deadline. You can choose to write on any of the available days.***

Please submit the Location Ranking and Course Requirement Summary Form, three (3) copies of your Personal Statement and three (3) copies of your Reference Letter by **4:30 pm ET on February 6, 2020** to:

Office of the Registrar  
ATTN: Nursing Scholar Practitioner Admissions  
Nipissing University  
100 College Drive  
North Bay, ON P1B 8L7

Please do not staple or bind your supplemental application package. You may paperclip all your documents together. No folders please.

Please ensure that all documents that are being submitted clearly state your name and/or Nipissing ID or OUAC reference number. Additional references, letters or other supporting documents not requested as part of the application process should not be sent. Any additional information received will be removed and will not be reviewed.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all documents are received by the deadline. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

CASPer™ results will be sent directly to Nipissing on your behalf provided you have indicated them to do so upon registration for the assessment.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nipissing ID or OUAC Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Location Ranking

Please indicate your location preference by ranking the location choices 1, 2 and 3.

Hospital for Sick Children     Toronto Public Health     University Health Network

### Course Summary Requirements

*This part of the form is to assist in the assessment of your application. It by no means guarantees that you have met the required prerequisite course requirements. It is up to the discretion of the Admission Office to determine if the courses you have completed or are in progress in meet these requirements.*

*Please indicate the university, course code(s) and term(s) for the course(s) you have completed or are in progress in for which you best feel matches the required prerequisite courses. **Transcripts submitted at time of application must show all courses required for admission consideration either completed or in progress INCLUDING ANY OF THE COURSES LISTED BELOW. Filling out the information below DOES NOT alone satisfy the meeting of prerequisites. Transcripts must be received by the document deadline supporting the information filled out. See Transcripts section for further information.***

Prerequisite Course	University	Term (i.e. Fall 2019)	Course Code (i.e. ACAD-1601)
General Psychology			
Anatomy & Physiology			

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## Admissions

Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Scholar Practitioner Program (SPP) is limited. Admission consideration is based on the following criteria:

- A recognized undergraduate degree with a minimum overall average of 75% (calculated on the best 10 full course equivalents not including transfer courses out of the first 25 full course equivalents completed). Applicants with final degrees containing less than 10 full course equivalents will not be considered.
- Successful completion of one (1) course in anatomy and physiology and one (1) course in general psychology at the university level from a recognized institution. ***Transcripts submitted at time of application must show either all courses required for admission consideration either completed or in progress. This includes the prerequisite courses of anatomy and physiology and general psychology. If these courses are in progress a transcript must be submitted by the document deadline indicating that you are registered for the course.*** For a list of course equivalencies approved to date visit at <http://www.nipissingu.ca/registrarforms> under Other Information at the bottom of the page. Applicants who have completed courses not listed and wish to have them evaluated for equivalency should contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@nipissingu.ca](mailto:admissions@nipissingu.ca). We recommend that prospective applicants send their request prior to submitting an application.
- Personal Statement
- Reference Letter
- Interview (selected applicants will be notified if they are being invited to be interviewed)
- CASPer™ assessment

Applicants must hold a recognized undergraduate degree, have completed all prerequisite courses and be able to provide a final transcript indicating that the degree has been conferred by **June 30, 2020** in order to be eligible to apply. The degree must be conferred no later than **Spring 2020** Convocation.

## Transcripts

Official transcripts are required from all post-secondary institutions (college and university) attended, including transcripts from institutions attended on exchange and Letter of Permission (even if courses are incomplete and grades do not appear on the transcript). Transcripts submitted at time of application must show all courses required for admission consideration either completed or in progress. All transcripts must be received by **4:30 pm ET on February 6, 2020**.

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. If you have completed courses outside of North America you must have all your foreign transcripts evaluated and translated by World Education Services (WES): [www.wes.org/ca](http://www.wes.org/ca). A WES Credential Evaluation Report, including a Course-By-Course Analysis, must be sent directly to Nipissing University by **4:30 pm ET on February 6, 2020**. Applicants are responsible for the costs associated with the WES evaluation and any translation required. Note that it can take upwards of six weeks for WES to receive official transcripts from a foreign academic institution, after which point the WES evaluation can take a week or longer to complete. Applicants should begin the evaluation process as early as possible.

## English Language Proficiency

Applicants whose first language is not English may be required to supply proof of proficiency in English. Among other options, acceptable proof of English proficiency includes the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Test Service (IELTS), or the Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic. Refer to our Academic Calendar or <http://www.nipissingu.ca/englishproficiency> for our complete English Language Proficiency policy.

## CASPer™ Assessment

All applicants are required to complete the online CASPer™ (Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics) assessment. CASPer™ is an online test which assesses for non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics that Nipissing believes are important for successful students and graduates of the Scholar Practitioner program.

In order to take CASPer™, applicants will be responsible for securing access to a computer with audio capabilities, a webcam, and a reliable internet connection on the selected test date. CASPer™ can be taken practically anywhere that you can satisfy the aforementioned requirements. No exceptions will be provided for applicants unable to take CASPer™ online due to being located at sites where internet is not dependable due to technical or political factors.

To schedule your CASPer™ test, visit [www.takeCASPer.com](http://www.takeCASPer.com) and register using your OUAC Reference number. You will be provided with a limited number of testing dates and times. Please note that these are the only testing dates available for your CASPer™ test. There will be no additional tests scheduled. Please use an email address that you check regularly; there may be updates to the test schedule. ***We do not require you to have written the test by the application/document deadline. You can choose to write on any of the available test dates.*** Please direct any inquiries about the test to [support@takecasper.com](mailto:support@takecasper.com). The CASPer™ test is comprised of 12 sections of video-based or word-based scenarios. Following each scenario, you will be required to answer a set of 3 probing questions under a time limit. No studying is required for CASPer™, although you may want to familiarize yourself with the test structure at [takeCASPer.com](http://takeCASPer.com), and ensure you have a quiet environment to take the test.

## Personal Statement

All applicants will prepare a Personal Statement. The Personal Statement will be a response to the following question:

**Considering your past educational background and experiences, please outline why you consider yourself a strong candidate for this program?**

The Personal Statement should be no more than two (2) single pages double spaced (12pt, Arial). You are required to submit three (3) copies. **Please ensure that your name is included on your Personal Statement.**

Applicants who meet the minimum academic admission requirements will have their Personal Statement and Reference Letter reviewed by the Scholar Practitioner Program Admissions Committee.

## Reference Letter

All applicants will submit one (1) academic or professional reference letter. You are required to submit three (3) copies of the reference letter. The letters should be in a sealed envelope with the referee's signature over the seal.

The letter should address the following:

How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

Indicate your assessment of the applicant in the following areas:

- Academic and/or professional preparation in social sciences
- Evidence of scholarly/professional research
- Quality of clinical or practice skills
- Quality of scholarly/professional writing
- Ability to be self-directed
- Openness to feedback and personal/professional reflection
- Ability in theoretical/conceptual thinking
- Computer literacy

Provide a candid assessment of this individual's potential for success in completing the program including a description of specific activities or accomplishments that reflect the applicant's strengths and opportunities for development.

Provide contact information, should the selection committee need any further information.

Applicants who meet the minimum academic admission will have their Personal Statement and Reference Letter reviewed by the Scholar Practitioner Program Admissions Committee.

## Interview Information

All applicants who meet the minimum academic admission requirements and the minimum required scores on the Personal Statement and Reference Letter will be invited for an interview.

Interviews will be held from March 16 – March 27 in Toronto. Information about the interview format, date, time and location will be included with the invitation to interview that will be emailed to selected applicants.

## Selection Process

The selection process is a four step process.

### *Step One – mid February*

Applications assessed to determine if applicants have met the minimum academic admission requirements. For those who meet the minimum academic admission requirements their Personal Statement and Reference Letter are reviewed and scored at this time.

### *Step Two – end of February*

Invitations to interview are emailed to selected applicants.

### *Step Three – March 16 – March 27*

Personal interviews are conducted in Toronto.

### *Step Four – April*

Offers of Admission are sent to selected successful applicants. All other applicants are notified of the status of their application decision.

## Important Dates

Application Deadline	February 1, 2020
Transcript Deadline Supplemental Application Deadline (Location Ranking and Course Requirement Summary Form, Personal Statement, Reference Letter)	February 6, 2020 (4:30 pm ET).
Offers of Admission sent out	April 2020
Deadline to meet conditions of offer	June 30, 2020

## Questions

The Nursing Scholar Practitioner Program Admissions Committee will review the non-academic components of the application. The Committee includes faculty from the School of Nursing and representatives from our partner institutions.

All questions can be directed to (705) 474-3450, ext. 4600 or [admissions@nipissingu.ca](mailto:admissions@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.

**Supplemental Application Checklist**

Use the following checklist to ensure that you have completed all the necessary steps for the application process. This form does not need to be submitted

<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed application by deadline
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALL Transcripts ordered/submitted (including proof of completion or registration in anatomy and physiology and general psychology) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Transcripts section in the Supplemental Application package for specific instructions. Must be submitted by document deadline.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CASPer assessment booked or written <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See CASPer Assessment section in the Supplemental Application package for specific instructions. <b><i>We do not require you to have written the test by the application/document deadline. You can choose to write on any of the available test dates.</i></b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completion of or expected completion of (by <b>June 30, 2020</b> ): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> undergraduate degree</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 course in general psychology</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 course in anatomy and physiology</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Location Ranking and Course Requirement Summary Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Form in Supplemental Application Package for more detail. Must be submitted by document deadline. Must be submitted by document deadline.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	WES evaluation assessment submitted by document deadline (if required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official English proficiency test scores submitted by document deadline (if required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Personal Statement section in the Supplemental Application package for specific instructions. Must be submitted by document deadline.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reference Letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Reference Letter section in the Supplemental Application package for specific instructions. Must be submitted by document deadline.</li> </ul>

**Protection of Privacy**

Information requested from students and applicants is collected under the authority of the Nipissing University Act, 1992.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act you are hereby notified that: "By applying for admission to Nipissing University and by registering in programs or courses at the University, you are accepting the University's right to collect pertinent personal information. The information is needed to assess qualifications for entry, establish a record of performance in programs and courses, provide the basis for awards and government funding, and to assist the University in the academic and financial administration of its affairs".

Additionally, personal information may be used by University staff in many offices on a "need to know" basis to identify and contact students who require their services. Personal information is also provided to the Nipissing University Student Union in order to enroll students in their Health Care Plan.