Bachelor of Science
Nursing

Do you want a career that is both challenging and rewarding? If you want to make a difference in people’s lives and are interested in combining science and technology with the art of compassion, then consider a career in nursing. Nurses are at the centre of health care delivery in crucial moments of care. Nurses also excel in leadership and administrative roles that incorporate research, management and education.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program is offered through an educational partnership with Canadore College. Classes are student-centred and are taught by skilled faculty from both institutions. This on-campus, 4-year degree is a limited enrolment program open to high school students, transfer students, mature students and Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs).

You will take classes at Nipissing University and Canadore College — conveniently located on the same campus — and will complete clinical experiences at the North Bay Regional Health Centre (NBRHC) and agencies throughout the region, depending on your practicum’s focus. You will study the science behind the nursing profession, health promotion, disease prevention, clinical technology and procedures, and therapeutic communication. At the same time, you will be building valuable skills in observation and assessment, interviewing techniques, critical thinking and problem solving.

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Why Nipissing?
When you accept admission to the School of Nursing at Nipissing, you will learn the science and art of nursing in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It is a challenging degree program that will expose you to the vast breadth of the profession and a variety of career paths available to you. Nipissing offers four different routes to obtain a nursing degree, whether you are just graduating high school, a practicing RPN or considering a career change. Nursing at Nipissing will give you the practical, critical thinking and communication skills you will need to succeed. If you want to learn in a collaborative and community-oriented environment, then Nipissing University is right where you belong.

Our atmosphere fosters professionalism and inclusiveness to all styles of education. We offer a quality, student-centered education and our teaching delivery ranges from small, friendly classrooms to convenient online learning environments. With diverse and tangible backgrounds in health care, our professors and instructors are dedicated to your success and through our mentorship model, will help you progress with an emphasis on self-awareness, critical thinking and reflection. We carefully balance theory and clinical practice to make sure that you are well-prepared to begin a career after graduation.

What does my first year look like?
Starting in your very first nursing course, you will complete a clinical practicum and shadow nurses who currently work in health care. Each week, you will have two days of clinical experience, and three days of courses and labs where you will learn foundational science and theory. You will also spend six weeks working in a complex continuing care unit and six weeks in a long-term care unit. As you progress through the courses, you will build on your skills and take on more responsibility in the clinical environment. You will also begin to learn the theory that underlies diseases and their treatments.

Where Can I Go After Graduation?
As a graduate of the nursing program, you will be equipped with the required nursing knowledge, skills and competencies that you will need to meet your goals. You will be well-positioned to work within the many domains of nursing such as public health, community and hospital nursing, health education and case management. You may also consider future directions in academic or research institutions, furthering your education with graduate studies, research-related jobs or administration. Graduates of Nipissing commence their nursing careers within local, national and international health care delivery environments, and many excel in their careers to become leaders in nursing and health care organizations.

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