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### **Welcome to the Nipissing On-campus BScN Program Class of 2027!**

We are pleased you have chosen to embark on this exciting journey in the discipline of nursing with us. Nursing is a versatile, rewarding, and in-demand profession. Throughout the next four years, we will work together to contribute to your success as a baccalaureate-prepared Registered Nurse. In advance of this, there are requirements that all BScN students must meet.

It is mandated by the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) that all nursing students complete a Communicable Disease Screening Form (CDSF) at the beginning of the program and update it annually thereafter. You will be required to send your completed CDSF, and supporting documents, to the Campus Health Centre by August 1, 2023. You will receive these instructions and forms via email for more details. Students will submit other clearance documents through the School of Nursing Clearance Website. A link to the clearance website will be emailed to you over the summer, along with information you will need to know before coming to campus for your first placement. Documents to be included, but not limited to, are the following:

- Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) or (BLS) – Level “C”, Health Care Provider (HCP) – First Aid is NOT required
- N95 Mask Fit - these must be 3M masks of one of the following models: 1870+, 1860, or 1860s
- Ministry of Labour Worker Health & Safety Awareness in Four Steps certificate

Clinical placement agencies (hospitals) require proof of full COVID vaccinations. In some instances, these agencies also require proof of booster vaccinations. Students must provide this proof to be permitted into clinical placements to continue in the BScN program.

The Regulated Health Professions Act and the Nursing Act of Ontario mandate that persons who wish to register as a nurse must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada, or authorized under the Immigration Act. In addition, they may NOT have a previous criminal conviction and NOT have been subject to a previous disciplinary proceeding, where a license was revoked, in another health profession (or in nursing from another jurisdiction) resulting from incompetence, misconduct, or incapacity. Furthermore, all clinical agencies require a Police Vulnerable Sector Check prior to beginning clinical practice. These checks are required for our program and are the responsibility of the student. A Consent to Disclosure Letter will be emailed to you over the summer.

If you have any questions about clearance documents, please contact the Clinical Placement Clerk by email to [clinicalclearance@nipissingu.ca](mailto:clinicalclearance@nipissingu.ca).

There will be a New Student Orientation (NSO) in the near future. This is an opportunity to learn more about the exciting program you are entering as well as meet faculty and fellow matriculating students. Details for this are outlined elsewhere in this package. You may also refer to [New Student Orientation \(NSO\) | Nipissing University](#).

On behalf of the BScN program, we look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,



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