

Nursing Applicants

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NURSING APPLICANTS

Full statements of some policies are not included below but are in the Academic Calendar:

- 1) Ontario high school applicants should refer to **Ontario Applicants: General Admission Requirements to Programs** at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/admission/ontario.pdf for specific admission requirements to Western University and the Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN Program.
- 2) See also **English Language Proficiency Requirements for Admission to Undergraduate Nursing Programs** at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/admission/englishadm.pdf
- 3) The policy **Statement on Potential Health Risks/immunization Requirements** applies to Nursing students. Please refer

- to: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/admission/healthrisks.pdf
- 4) Students admitted are advised to refer to the program registration requirements in the Academic Calendar at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/registration_progression_grad/profprog_nursing.pdf

WESTERN-FANSHAWE COLLABORATIVE NURSING PROGRAM

Admission Requirements – For Admission, September 2020 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 Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN program do so through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (www.ouac.on.ca), choosing program code 'ENW' for Western and 'ENF' for Fanshawe College. Students are encouraged to apply to both Western and Fanshawe where applicable.

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. Pre-requisite requirements:

All applicants must also have completed the following or equivalent Ontario secondary school courses with a minimum grade of 65% 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 pre-requisites, Western will check for a minimum of 65% 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 2020 and beyond):

All applicants to undergraduate programs in the School of Nursing at Western 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 65% 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 65% in each.

Please refer to Admission of Students From Canadian Provinces Other Than Ontario at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/admission/otherprovinces.pdf

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 pre-requisite 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 65% 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 65% in each:
 - English ENG4U
 - Biology SBI4U
 - Chemistry SCH4U
 - One of:
 - Functions MCR3U
 - Functions and Applications MCF3M

Indigenous Applicants

The 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 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 School of Nursing and the University's Admissions Office, will be considered on a discretionary basis to fill four seats (two seats at the Western site and two seats at the Fanshawe College site) 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 the current Academic Calendar;
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 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 and/or Fanshawe College.

Submission of Applications for Admission

Applications for admission to the Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN 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.

Admissions Appeals Procedure

Following the final date for application, applicants may file any supplementary information relevant to their application with the Registrar's Office no later than May 1.

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 May 1. This request must be filed with the Registrar's Office no later than 2 weeks after the issuance of the

original decision.

COMPRESSED TIME FRAME BScN PROGRAM

Admission Requirements (for Admission, September 2020 and beyond)

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

1. Pre-requisite 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 (for Admission, September 2020 and beyond).

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

2. CASPer requirements (for Admission, September 2020 and beyond):

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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:

To be eligible to apply to the Compressed Time Frame Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program, 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) www.wes.org.

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.

Admission Appeals Procedure

Applicants wishing to appeal an admission decision must do so following the procedure outlined in Admission Appeals Procedure specified for Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN Program.

ACADEMIC POLICIES: WESTERN-FANSHAWE COLLABORATIVE BScN PROGRAM

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 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.

Notes:

There is archival information at:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/registration_progression_grad/old-nursing.pdf
