

**NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE
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PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMPLETION GUIDE**

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies)
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Program Description:

NLC's Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies) prepares students for entry into health-related degree programs, with an emphasis on the University of Northern British Columbia's Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program. The two-year Associate Degree (Health Studies) provides broad coverage across the Arts and Sciences while introducing students to nursing as a career and meeting UNBC's core prerequisite requirements in the social sciences, English, Indigenous studies, human anatomy and physiology, microbiology, psychology, and statistics.

Students who complete NLC's Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies) with UNBC's grade requirements have an optimal transfer pathway into the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program and will be included among NLC students who have first claim to a designated number of seats each year. The partnership between NLC and UNBC enables prospective Registered Nurses to complete their post-secondary education in the north, for employment in the north.

Admission Requirements:

Applications for the Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies) will open October 1st each year for admission the following September. All applicants must provide official transcripts demonstrating high school graduation or equivalent with the following:

1a. English requirement for domestic students who received their secondary education in English: "B" or higher in English 12, English Studies 12, English Literature 12, English 12 First Peoples, English 050, or English 099. Alternatively, "C" or higher in a university-level English course. Students who do not meet one of the above English requirements must complete the NLC Writing Assessment for appropriate course placement.

1b. English requirement for domestic students who received their secondary education in a language other than English and for all international students: International English

Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Version with minimum scores of: Speaking: 7.0; Listening: 7.5; Reading: 6.5; Writing: 7.0; Overall Band Score: 7.0. Alternatively, Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN) with minimum scores of: Speaking: 08; Listening: 10; Reading: 08; Writing: 07.

2. Math requirement: "C+" or higher in Foundations of Mathematics 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, Pre-calculus 11, or Math 040.

3. Biology requirement: "B" or higher in Biology 12, Anatomy and Physiology 12, Biology 050, or Biology 101 within five years of program start date.

4. Chemistry requirement: "B" or higher in Chemistry 11 or Chemistry 040 within five years of program start date. (Chemistry 12 is strongly recommended.)

Post-Admission Notes:

1. In order to participate in activities at health care settings, all students must successfully complete a Ministry of Justice Schedule B Criminal Record Check (works with Children and Vulnerable Adults) within six weeks of the program start date. See the NLC Criminal Records Check page for instructions. Students are also obligated to report any Schedule B criminal convictions that occur after they authorize a CRC but are still enrolled in the Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies). Failure to do so may result in immediate dismissal from the program.

2. Required immunizations will be specified upon admission and must also be completed within six weeks of the program start date.

3. Completion of NLC's Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies) is not a guarantee of admission to UNBC's Northern Baccalaureate Nursing program. However, NLC Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies) graduates who meet UNBC's grade requirements will be among NLC students who have first claim to a designated number of seats. For UNBC's admission process, NLC students will be defined as students who have completed a minimum of 15 credits at NLC within the past 10 years.

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours) Full-time at 5 courses per semester: 60 weeks or 2 academic years; 1102.5 hours. Part-time study is an option although the Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies) must be completed within four years of admission.

Program Intake: (start/finish dates) Start dates in September, January, or May of each year. September starts are recommended for full-time students who want to complete within two years.

Available Seats: 18

Application Deadline: One week prior to semester start dates. Late applications may be considered if seats are available.

Career Prospects: Students who proceed to complete UNBC's Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program will become eligible to apply for licensure as Registered Nurses. Working collaboratively on interprofessional health-care teams, Registered Nurses are typically employed in acute care, residential care, mental health, public health, and community settings.

Affiliations/Partnerships: The University of Northern British Columbia and the Northern Health Authority.

Location: Dawson Creek and Fort St. John. Some travel between Dawson Creek and Fort St. John will be required. Certain courses may be available through video-conference and online.

Additional Requirements/Supplies: (fees, supplies, materials)
A personal laptop, medical uniform or nursing scrubs, and WCB-approved safety/nursing shoes,

Eligibility for Canada Student Loans: (Yes or No)

Yes

Required Minimum Grade: (overall and/or minimum within a course)
NLC requires a minimum "C" or 2.00 cumulative grade point average and a minimum of "D" (50%) in each course. However, the minimum admission qualifications for UNBC's Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program are higher. UNBC requires a minimum "B-" or 3.00 cumulative grade point average on all 60 transferable credits and a minimum "B-" or 2.67 grade point average in each of the UNBC core prerequisites identified below.

Residency Requirement: (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)
25% (five courses).

Required Courses: (list courses required to complete credential and total hours for each course)

Semester 1

BIOL 111: Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits; 105 hrs) (UNBC requires a minimum "B-" or 2.67 GPA for admission into the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)

ENGL 100: Academic Writing (3 credits; 45 hrs) (UNBC requires a minimum "B-" or 2.67 GPA for admission into the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)

MATH 104: Introduction to Statistics (3 credits; 60 hrs) (UNBC requires a minimum "B-" or 2.67 GPA for admission into the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)

PSYC 101: Introduction to Psychology I (3 credits; 45 hrs) (UNBC requires a minimum "B-" or 2.67 GPA for admission into the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)

WGST 100: Women and Gender Studies (3 credits; 45 hrs) or PHIL 111: Contemporary Moral Issues (3 credits; 45 hrs)

Semester 2

ANTH 102: Cultural and Social Anthropology II (3 credits; 45 hrs) (UNBC requires a minimum "B-" or 2.67 GPA for admission into the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)

BIOL 112: Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits; 105 hrs) (UNBC requires a minimum "B-" or 2.67 GPA for admission into the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)

ENGL 105: Nonfictional Prose (3 credits; 45 hrs) or ENGL 111: Poetry and Drama (3 credits; 45 hrs) or ENGL 112: Prose Fiction (3 credits; 45 hrs)

PSYC 102: Introduction to Psychology II (3 credits; 45 hrs) or SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology I (3 credits; 45 hrs)

HSCI 100: Introduction to Health Sciences (4 credits; 90 hrs)

Semester 3

ANTH 203: Contemporary Canadian Native Peoples (3 credits; 45 hrs) (UNBC requires a minimum "B-" or 2.67 GPA for admission into the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)

ANTH 204: Medical Anthropology (3 credits; 45 hrs)

Elective Transferable to UNBC at the 200-Level (3 credits; 45 hrs)

HADM 310: Organizational Structure of the Canadian Health Care System (3 credits; 45 hours)

HADM 311: Professional Nursing Seminar (1 credit; 22.5 hrs)

Semester 4

BIOL 105: Medical Microbiology (4 credits; 90 hrs) (UNBC requires a minimum "B-" or 2.67 GPA for admission into the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)

Elective Transferable to UNBC at the 200-Level (3 credits; 45 hrs)

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SOCI 204: The Family in Canada (3 credits; 45 hrs) or PSYC 235: Structure and Dynamics of the Family (3 credits; 45 hrs)

Notes:

1. NLC offers many electives transferable to UNBC at the 200-Level. Subject areas include Archeology, Criminology, Education, English, History, Psychology, Sociology, and Research Methods in the Social Sciences. Please see the program Chairs, UNAS Timetables, and the BC Transfer Guide.

2. The UNBC School of Nursing reserves the right to select applicants for admission or readmission to the Northern Baccalaureate Program on a competitive basis. Preference will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.