

A photograph of three young women walking together on a paved path on a university campus. They are dressed in casual attire, including blue and purple t-shirts and jeans. The background shows a red brick building and green trees.

school of nursing

FUTURE HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS

Charlotte, Elizabeth and Christina Steele
2nd-year Nursing

Founded on the principles of primary health care, the UPEI School of Nursing is dedicated to teaching our students health promotion and disease prevention, as well as how to care for patients who are ill. A tightly knit group of professors, our faculty offer a mix of teaching, research, and clinical practice opportunities, as well as one-on-one interaction with students. Our graduates are highly skilled, caring professionals capable of practicing locally, nationally, and internationally.

AT THE FOREFRONT OF NURSING EDUCATION

What differentiates this curriculum from more traditional ones is that our graduates expect to work in partnership with their clients (both individuals and groups) on goals the client has selected. As a pioneer in Baccalaureate Nursing education, the School supports the appropriate use of health-care technology and collaborates with a variety of both traditional and non-traditional professionals and organizations in the provision of health care.

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When choosing what university I would attend, I thought it was important to research the community in which I would be learning, as well as what the program would offer me. UPEI was my number one choice. It offers all Nursing students personal growth by collaborating with both traditional and non-traditional professionals and organizations. With sufficient help from both professors and the community, UPEI prepares its students for the health-care industry, allowing them to provide the utmost in care for future patients. Changing trends in the industry over the last decade have shifted for both female and male positions — important for both patients and the health-care system. The Nursing profession does not discriminate based on gender, and it supports diversity within the workplace.

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Bret Nasby
2nd-year Nursing

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A REGISTERED NURSE?

There has never been a better time to enter the field of Nursing. Continuing advances in health care contribute to the dynamic nature of the profession, creating interesting and challenging opportunities. There is a huge demand for registered nurses in Canada and the US, and, with many of our current nurses reaching retirement age, even more positions will become available.

OUR PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) is a four-year program that combines classes, labs, and clinical practice in hospitals and extended care facilities across Prince Edward Island. A new accelerated program accepts 14 students a year. Graduates are eligible to write licensure examinations to practice Nursing, and to hold membership in the Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island. A Master of Nursing degree has been approved and will be offered by the School of Nursing in the near future.

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

In senior year, UPEI Nursing students have access to international practical experience by doing clinical rotations in other countries through funded mobility projects.

PROGRAMS AT THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Please refer to upei.ca/registrar for detailed program information.

	SPECIALIZATION					
	HONOURS DEGREE	MAJOR	MINOR	CO-OP	CERTIFICATE DIPLOMA	MASTER'S PHD
SCHOOL OF NURSING						
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	■					
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	■					
Master of Nursing						■

WHAT DO I NEED TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM?

Applicants must successfully complete Grade 12 (OACs in Ontario, as applicable) in a university preparatory program. The entry process is competitive, with 60 applicants accepted each year. Grades constitute 95 per cent of the assessment process, and nursing-related work and volunteer experience make up the other 5 per cent. Experience can be gained in the form of paid work or volunteer community service related to the health profession. This could include volunteering in a hospital, being a canvasser for an organization such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation, or coaching a sports team.

Applicants must satisfy immunization requirements, as well as complete standard first aid and basic cardiac life support courses.

Prior to graduation, 80 per cent of UPEI's Nursing students have already accepted full-time jobs in hospitals on and off Prince Edward Island, including jobs through the provincial Bachelor of Nursing Student Sponsorship Program.

TO OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS

- contact your high school guidance counsellor; or
- visit upei.ca/registrar, and select application and admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. There you will find the undergraduate application form and the School of Nursing supplementary application form with submission instructions; or
- contact the Registrar's Office at (902) 566-0439.

If you have any questions or would like a tour of the School of Nursing, please call (902) 566-0733 or write to nursing@upei.ca.





WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSCN)?

A degree in Nursing can lead to a career in different kinds of nursing all around the world, but it can also serve as an excellent foundation for other health-care fields, from paramedic training and radiography to physical therapy, to name just a few.

SAMPLE CAREER OPTIONS

- Nurse in a hospital, clinic, office, school, or seniors' health-care facility
- Nurse in a public health setting
- Carry-out research
- Become an administrator, health advocate, or program developer
- Develop public-health policy
- Educate others

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Prince Edward Island was the first province in Canada to adopt Baccalaureate education as the exclusive entry to nursing practice. This decision placed us at the forefront in the initiative across Canada to locate Nursing education at the university level.



Kim Critchley
 Dean of Nursing

