



# PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nursing Preparation Program



The Nursing Preparation Program (NPP) is offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Arts and Science. It is intended for applicants who do not qualify for competitive admission to our Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Nursing After Degree program. This program provides students with an opportunity to increase their admission averages to improve their chances of successful admission to the Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Nursing After Degree program, complete prerequisite courses, and/or complete courses that will count toward our Bachelor of Nursing program requirements.

### What determines my program requirements?

Please refer to the Academic Calendar ([www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar)) for complete program information.

**Calendar Year:** 2025/2026 - Your calendar year is set to the academic year you are admitted (or readmitted) and you should follow the requirements for that year for the duration of your program.

**Faculty/School:** Faculty of Arts and Science ([www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci)) and Faculty of Health Sciences ([www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences))

**Program(s):** Nursing Preparation Program

**Note: Acceptance into or completing courses within this program does not guarantee admission to the Bachelor of Nursing program. If you are an international student on a study permit, you should connect with International Student Services ([www.ulethbridge.ca/international](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/international)).**

### Am I admissible to this program?

**Admission:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad)

**Transfer:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/transfer-resources](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/transfer-resources)

### When/How do I apply to the University?

**Deadlines:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad/deadlines](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad/deadlines)

**Step-by-Step:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/step-by-step](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/step-by-step)

### Where can I find information on courses?

**Course Catalogue:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses)

**Registration Guide:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-guide](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-guide)

### When can I register for classes?

**Register early!** (March for Summer and Fall; November for Winter)

**Registration Dates:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-dates](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-dates)

### How can I enhance my program?

**Career Bridge:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge)

**Co-op Education:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge/co-operative-education](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge/co-operative-education)

**Independent Study:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences/independent-study](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences/independent-study)

**Honours Thesis:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/undergraduate-thesis](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/undergraduate-thesis)

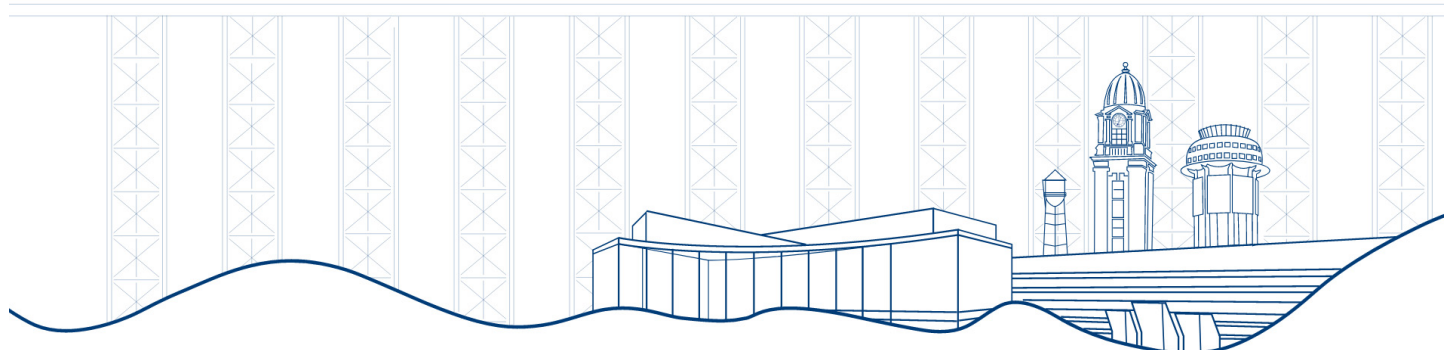
### What supports are available to students?

**Student Services:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/campus-life/student-services](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/campus-life/student-services)

**Student Success Centre:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/student-success-centre](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/student-success-centre)

**Accessible Learning:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/alc](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/alc)

**Counselling Services:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/counselling](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/counselling)





## Individual course choices will vary

### What courses do I take in this program?

**NPP does not have any "required courses".** The courses you will take in this program depend on your goals – whether you are trying to improve the competitiveness of your B.N. or B.N. After Degree application or hoping to decrease your course load if you are eventually admitted to the B.N. program.

Below, you can see which courses you can take depending on your goals with the Nursing Preparation Program.

### What is the most effective way to strengthen my application to a Nursing program at ULEthbridge?

**For the B.N. program,** we calculate your ranking average using an average of your actual grades for:

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30
- Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2
- An eligible 5th 30-level subject\*

\* If you are not yet finished the 30-level required course, we will use your actual Grade 11 grades for the required courses to calculate your ranking.

**For the B.N. After degree program,** we calculate your ranking average using:

- your Casper test score,
- the grades received in Anatomy/Physiology, Statistics, and
- and the terms containing the most recent 17 university level subjects.

Human Anatomy and Physiology and Statistics must be completed within 10 years preceding the term of admission (*waivers will not be permitted if the ten-year limit has passed or if courses taken are less than the required credit weight; these courses will need to be retaken*).

### Improving your grades in these courses is the most effective way to strengthen your application for later admission competitions.

If you have noncompetitive grades in the courses required for admission, you can take university-level courses in the subject area. See below for more information.

**Note that admission to the NPP does not guarantee access to courses you may wish to upgrade.** In some cases, you may not be able to register for a course because you do not meet a prerequisite, or you may be waitlisted (see [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration/register/waitlists](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration/register/waitlists) for information about waitlisting).

### Information for NPP students preparing to apply to the B.N. program

Here are some courses you could take at ULEthbridge to improve noncompetitive grades in courses required for admission to the B.N. program:

High School Course	Equivalent University of Lethbridge Course(s)
English Language Arts 30-1	Writing 1000 or English 1900
Biology 30	<sup>2</sup> Kinesiology 1160; Kinesiology 1161; Biology 1010
Chemistry 30	Chemistry 0500
Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2	<sup>1</sup> Mathematics 0500; Health Sciences 3450/Psychology 3450; Statistics 1770

1. This course can only be taken at ULEthbridge if you have already completed Mathematics 30-1/Mathematics 30-2.

2. This course can only be taken at ULEthbridge if you have already completed Biology 30.

If you are already a competitive applicant but were not admitted to Bachelor of Nursing, there are also some courses that students in NPP can take to lighten their future course load **if and when** they are admitted to Bachelor of Nursing. Many of these courses can also be used toward degree requirements in other ULEthbridge programs, if you decide to pursue a program other than the Bachelor of Nursing.

- Health Sciences 2310 - Human Nutrition
- Health Sciences 3450/Psychology 3450 - Applied Statistics for Clinical Practice
- Health Sciences 3560/History 3560 - History of Nursing: Women and the Care of the Sick <sup>1</sup>
- Kinesiology 1160 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- Kinesiology 1161 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II <sup>1</sup>
- Indigenous Studies 1000 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Canadian Contexts
- Philosophy 1000 - Introduction to Philosophy <sup>2</sup>
- Psychology 1020 - Introduction to Psychology B: Developmental, Sociocultural, and Abnormal <sup>2</sup>
- Sociology 1000 - Introduction to Sociology <sup>2</sup>
- Writing 1000 - Introduction to Academic Writing <sup>2</sup>
- One course designated as a Social Science <sup>1,3</sup>
- One course with a subject code of ABHL, ADCS, HLSC or PUBH <sup>1,4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> These courses have, or may have, additional prerequisites. You are responsible for ensuring that you meet the prerequisites for ULEthbridge courses prior to registering. See the Course Catalogue - [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses) for information about course prerequisites.

<sup>2</sup> These courses are offered by the Faculty of Arts & Science. Contact Arts and Science Academic Advising [www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci/advising](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci/advising) if you are having difficulty registering in one of these courses.

<sup>3</sup> To learn more about which courses have a Social Science designation, refer to the School of Liberal Education section of the Academic Calendar - [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar).

<sup>4</sup> Excluding Health Sciences 1010 and Health Sciences 3260, as these are substantially similar to Nursing courses required in the Nursing program.



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### Information for NPP students preparing to apply to the B.N. After Degree program

Applicants to the B.N. After Degree are ranked based on the **Casper test score and a GPA** calculated using Human Anatomy and Physiology, Statistics, and the terms containing the most recent additional 17 graded university-level term courses. Improving your grades, especially in the courses that are required for admission, is the most effective way to strengthen your competitive admission average for future admission competitions.

In addition to other admission requirements, applicants to the B.N. After Degree program must have:

- 3 credit hours in Human Anatomy **plus** 3 credit hours in Physiology **OR** 6 credit hours in Human Anatomy and Physiology (combined) <sup>1</sup>
- 3 credit hours in Statistics
- 3 credit hours in Fine Arts or Humanities <sup>2</sup>
- 6 credit hours in Social Sciences <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Must have been completed within the last 10 years.

<sup>2</sup> To learn more about which courses have a Fine Arts and Humanities or a Social Science designation, refer to the School of Liberal Education section of the Academic Calendar - [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar).

If you would like to improve your grades in courses required for admission, you can take them at ULeithbridge. Note that these courses may have additional prerequisites that you must meet before taking them. You are responsible for ensuring that you meet the prerequisites for ULeithbridge courses prior to registering. See the Course Catalogue - [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses) for information about course prerequisites.

#### University of Lethbridge Course

#### Can be used to meet the requirements for...

Kinesiology 1160 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I <sup>3</sup> <b>AND</b> Kinesiology 1161 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II <sup>1,3</sup>	6 credit hours in Human Anatomy and Physiology
Health Sciences 3450/Psychology 3450 - Applied Statistics for Clinical Practice	3 credit hours in Statistics
Statistics 1770 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics <sup>1,3</sup>	3 credit hours in Statistics
Any course designated as a Fine Arts and Humanities course <sup>2</sup>	3 credit hours in Fine Arts and Humanities
Any two courses designated as Social Sciences courses <sup>2</sup>	6 credit hours in Social Sciences

1. These courses have prerequisites that you must meet before taking them.
2. To learn more about which courses have a Fine Arts and Humanities or a Social Science designation, refer to School of Liberal Education section of the Academic Calendar - [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar).
3. These courses are offered by the Faculty of Arts & Science. Contact Arts & Science Academic Advising - [www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci/advising](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci/advising) if you are having difficulty registering in one of these courses.

### Do you still have questions about NPP or our Nursing programs?

For more frequently asked questions, visit [www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences/npp](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences/npp) or contact an Academic Advisor (see [www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences/advising](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences/advising)).

