

# PRE-NURSING



## Explore your interest in pursuing a nursing career

The Pre-Nursing one-year Ontario College Certificate program at Algonquin College is designed for students who are interested in applying to the collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing four-year degree program. Students develop time-management and study skills, and determine if they have the interest, aptitude and skills required to pursue a career in nursing.

### YOUR EDUCATION OPTIONS

Pre-Nursing can prepare you for admission to the Bachelor of Science Nursing (BScN) at certain universities. Final admission to college (including Algonquin) and university programs is determined by the receiving institution and is NOT guaranteed by taking Pre-Nursing. Students who complete the Pre-Nursing certificate can take advantage of articulation agreements with several health-related programs at Algonquin. For more specific information about articulation agreements, speak with the Pre-Nursing program coordinator.

### SUCCESS FACTORS

This program is well-suited for students who have strong problem-solving and analytical skills, are organized and academically focused, are attentive to detail and enjoy working as a member of a team.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

### **Does Pre-Nursing give me the courses required for entry to BScN? Is there a guarantee of getting into BScN?**

Pre-Nursing is an intensive program that provides the subject-specific requirements for the BScN program through UOttawa (including Collaborative) and certain other universities. Final admission to each university is determined by the receiving institution and is NOT guaranteed by taking Pre-Nursing. Some universities also consider any grades from previous post-secondary studies. Contact the university Admissions Office for further information.

### **How many Pre-Nursing students get into BScN? Will Pre-Nursing qualify me for to apply to other programs at university?**

Admission averages are set by the receiving university and can vary from year to year. Students have been accepted to some other university programs. Contact the university Admissions Office for further information.

### **Can I take the program part time or on-line? Can I start in January?**

Pre-Nursing is a full time program and is not offered on-line. We accept 180 students for the September start date and usually have many more applicants than available spots. Potential students are encouraged to apply via [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) by the Feb. 1, Equal Consideration Date. Part-time registrants will only be considered at the beginning of the fall semester if space is available.

### **What is the difference between Pre-Nursing and Pre-Health Sciences and Preparation for Health Sciences programs?**

Pre-Nursing and Pre-Health Sciences are two-semester post-secondary certificate programs in General Arts & Science (GAS) that can render you eligible for admission to college-level health science programs at Algonquin. Both have 11 courses, some of which can be used as transfer credits in various college programs. Pre-Nursing prepares you for admission to the Bachelor of Science Nursing (BScN) at certain universities. Final admission to college (including Algonquin) and university programs is determined by the receiving institution and is NOT guaranteed by taking Pre-Nursing or Pre-Health Sciences. Preparation for Health Sciences is a 16-week program in Academic Upgrading that offers four courses that act as grade 12 pre-requisites for admission to certain college-level health science programs.

### **Will taking Pre-Nursing help me with my acceptance into other college programs?**

Students who complete the Pre-Nursing certificate can take advantage of articulation agreements with Practical Nursing and several health- related programs at Algonquin. For more specific information about articulation agreements, speak with the Pre-Nursing program coordinator.

The Pre-Nursing program can assist you in meeting the subject-specific requirements of the program(s) you are applying to. However, many college health-related programs will require you to successfully complete an entry test. For further information about entry testing: <http://www.algonquincollege.com/testcentre/>.

Successful completion of the Pre-Nursing program does NOT exempt you from any entry requirement. Students can also apply to another program at the College or continue their studies in the General Arts and Science – Year II diploma program. For more information on GAS – Year II: <http://www.algonquincollege.com/generalarts/program/general-arts-and-science-year-ii/>.

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