

*Nurses are the heart of healthcare.*

– Donna Wilk Cardillo

## REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAMS IN SASKATCHEWAN

### Two Programs

There are two primary programs for those who wish to become a registered nurse in Saskatchewan. Both options grant a degree in nursing, and both take approximately 4 years to complete.

1. **The University of Regina and Saskatchewan Polytechnic** collaboratively offer the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN) Program. This is a competitive entry program. The application deadline is February 15. If the program is taken in Saskatoon or Regina, there is an option to complete the degree in three years by taking classes through the spring and summer sessions. The program can be taken in:

- Regina (195 seats)
- Saskatoon (160 seats)

Grade 12 Pre-requisites:

- English Language Arts A30
- English Language Arts B30
- One of Foundations of Math 30 or Pre-Calculus 30
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30

You must have a minimum grade of 70% in each of the above courses. Only students with the highest admission average will be selected. The final cut-off mark is usually about 87-88%, although it has recently been as low as 78%.

2. **The University of Saskatchewan** offers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program. Students in this program are required to first complete a pre-professional year of arts and science courses. Then they can apply to nursing education (three years). There are over 400 seats in the three-year nursing program. The three-year nursing program, plus the one year of pre-nursing, is offered in Yorkton (20), Saskatoon (198), Prince Albert (60), Lloydminster (20), Ile-A-La-Crosse/La Ronge (50). If you don't want to move to one of those places, year one is offered in ten locations across the province, including Swift Current, Caronport, Regina, and Muenster (St. Peter's College).

Admission into nursing is based on:

- The calculated average of pre-professional classes (60% of your admission score)
- Situational Judgement (CASPer test) score (40% of your admission score)
- Completion of all other admission requirements

High school students are encouraged to apply to the U of S by February 15 for the pre-professional year of arts and science, allowing them to be eligible for the competitive awards.

Grade 12 Pre-requisites:

- English Language Arts A30
- English Language Arts B30
- One of Foundations of Math 30 or Pre-Calculus 30 (recommended)
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30 (recommended)

Admission average will be dependent on the admitting institution. Saskatoon and Lloydminster are the most popular locations, and were filled, while the others did not fill and people with lower averages would have been accepted.

**Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN)**

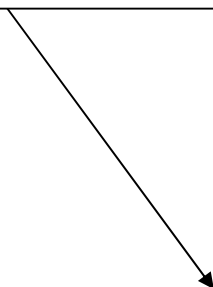
University of Regina and Saskatchewan Polytechnic

**Direct Entry****Grade 12:****Apply** to the U of R/ Saskatchewan Polytechnic SCBScN Program.**Deadline to apply is February 15.**

Admission is competitive.

**Year 1 - 4**

Once accepted, students are enrolled to complete the 4-year degree program.

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**

University of Saskatchewan

**Non-Direct Entry****Grade 12:****Apply** to a university/college to complete a pre-professional year of prerequisite university level courses. Admission will be dependent on the admitting institution.**Year 1:** Students complete a pre-professional year and apply to the U of S College of Nursing.**Application deadline is March 31.**

Admission is competitive.

**Year 2 - 4**

Once accepted, students are enrolled to complete the degree program.

**Registered Nurse**

|  | <b>Seats Available</b>  | <b>Total Applicants</b> | <b>Typical Admission Average Cut-off</b>  |
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| <b>University of Regina/<br/>Saskatchewan Polytechnic<br/>SCBScN</b> | <u>355 undergrad seats</u><br>Regina - 195 seats (7 bilingual)<br>Saskatoon - 60 seats  | 915                     | High School<br>87 % (typically)<br>Post-Secondary<br>70%  |
| <b>University of Saskatchewan<br/>BSN</b>                            | <u>350 undergrad seats</u><br>Saskatoon – 200 seats<br>Prince Albert - 60 seats<br>La Ronge/Ile-a-la-Crosse - 50 seats<br>Yorkton – 20 seats<br>Lloydminster—20 seats | 600                     | Depending on location, 70-75% (based on 1 <sup>st</sup> year university marks) and CASPer Test Results. (Saskatoon cutoff high; PA and LaRonge had empty seats) |