



Faculty of Health Sciences  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING and BSPN DEGREE COMPLETION

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to collaborate with clients and other health care professionals in promoting mental health and well-being of clients.

Upon completing the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Program, graduates will be able to apply to write the Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Canada Examination (RPNCE) and are eligible to register with the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM) after successfully completing the examination and meeting other registration requirements.

Registered Psychiatric Nurses are highly employable in British Columbia and work in many areas of health care including tertiary mental health facilities, acute care hospitals, emergency rooms, older adult programs, children and adolescent programs, corrections/forensics settings, addiction services, safe injection sites, group homes, palliative care and community mental health settings.

Graduates of the program are prepared for eligibility for entry into various graduate study programs.

## CURRICULUM

The Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Program is a 4 year program with a 1+3 structure. The first year of the program, Academic Foundations for Potential Psychiatric Nursing (AFPNUR) Applicants, is comprised of 30 University Transfer Credits of associated studies courses that will provide students with a strong liberal arts and science foundation. Students accepted to this limited enrolment AFPNUR program receive priority registration for some AF courses. This set of 10 university-transfer courses (30 credits - with a minimum of C+ grade in each course) prepares students for eligibility to the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing (BSPN) program.

**IMPORTANT** Acceptance to AFPNUR and completion of the required courses does NOT guarantee admission to the BSPN program in the following semester. Seats are based on availability.

The remaining three years of the program focus on the practice of psychiatric nursing and psychiatric nursing studies. A grade of C+ or higher is required in all associated studies and psychiatric nursing courses for progression in the program and for graduation.

The curriculum is based on concepts related to the Wellness-Illness Continuum, Professional Values, Professional Caring, and the Health Care Delivery System. Students develop an understanding of universal experiences such as crisis, comfort, hope, loss, power, resiliency, and connectedness. There is a strong emphasis on critical and reflective inquiry.

Students begin their psychiatric nursing education in both theory and practice settings. Innovative teaching strategies are used, including state of the art simulation and role-playing with actors and



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR NUR

For general Douglas College admission requirements, please see [General Admission Requirements](#) on the website.

Students must meet the following minimum academic requirements for admission to the Academic Foundations for Potential Psychiatric Nursing Applicants (AFPNU) program:

English 12 or English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 with a minimum grade of B (or acceptable substitution\*)

Biology 11 or 12 or Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy and Physiology 12 with a minimum grade of B (or acceptable substitution\*)

Foundations of Math or Precalculus 11 or 12 with a minimum grade of B (or acceptable substitution\*)

\*In most cases, university transfer courses completed in the above subject areas can be used



\*A university transferable course (UT) is a course that transfers to one of the five Research universities- SFU, UBCV, UBCO, UNBC, or UVIC -according to the BC Transfer Guide.

## II. NONACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Following** a conditional offer of admission to the BSPN program, the applicant is required to comply with and/or provide documentation of the following:

**Immunization Record** A current record of immunizations consistent with the requirements of practice agencies. Details will be provided at the time the applicant is offered conditional admission to the program.

- i. Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis Vaccine Series
- ii. Polio Vaccine Series
- iii. Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine Series or Serology
- iv. Varicella Vaccine Series, have had Chickenpox or Serology
- v. Hepatitis B Series

*Immunizations are highly recommended for your own protection and the protection of patients and families. If you are not immunized you may not have access to clinical agencies and, subsequently, may be unable to complete required clinical courses. This could alter or prevent progression in the program.*

**Covid19 Vaccination** Effective immediately, students will be required to submit evidence of 2 COVID-19 vaccines before a seat offer will be confirmed for entry into the BSPN program. This is a mandatory requirement.

**Criminal Record Check**







\*\*\* Please see link to transcript guidelines <https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/admission-information/transcript-guidelines-applicants>

## B. Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Program

Students are admitted to the BSPN program on a first qualified, first admitted basis based on seat availability.

1. Complete a Douglas College Application Form online at <http://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/apply> indicating Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing;
2. Include the following with your application form:

non-refundable application fee  
official High School Transcript (if not submitted previously)  
official transcripts from all other post-secondary institutions attended (if not submitted previously)

Once academic admission requirements are met students who have been made a seat offer will be required to complete non-academic admission requirements. When all non-academic admission requirements are met, applicants will receive specific program and course information.

**Note: Applicants who are not admitted must re-apply (complete a new online application) for each subsequent intake of the BSPN program.**

# PROGRAM DESIGN



Registration in PNUR courses is based on seat availability. BSPN Degree Completion Program requirements are listed for the following three categories

1. Douglas College Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing Graduates from 2009 to date (Diploma Program completed in Winter 2009 semester or later)
2. Douglas College Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing Graduates Prior to 2009 and Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing Graduates from Other Institutions (Douglas College Diploma Program completed in Fall 2008 semester or prior)
3. Douglas College Advanced Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing Program Graduates

### Math Requirement

Math upgrading may be required to meet the Math pre-requisite for registration in PSYC 2300 or Math 1160 or BUSN 2429 or their equivalent.

### Grade Requirement

The Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Degree Completion Program has increased the graduation requirement grade to a C+ in all Degree Completion courses for new student admissions or re-admissions from Fall 2017 to date. Students admitted prior to Fall 2017 require a minimum C grade in all courses.

### Inactive Registration:

If a student does not take a course at Douglas College for 3 consecutive semesters (i.e. Fall, Winter, and Summer) the student must reapply to the program. If the BSPN degree completion applicant is requesting re-entry into the BSPN Degree Completion Program then the Psychiatric Nursing Department must be notified @ 604-777-6406.

## IMPORTANT For All Categories

1. Some courses listed in each category have prerequisites. Please check each course in the course catalogue prior to registration.
2. Courses used towards a student's previous diploma may not be duplicated towards the BSPN degree (see Attestation Letter requirement for admission).

### CATEGORY ONE

Douglas College Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing Graduates from 2009 to date (Diploma Program completed in Winter 2009 semester or later)

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PNUR Required Courses <i>(no course substitutions)</i>	Credit
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## CATEGORY TWO

Douglas College Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing Graduates Prior to 2009 and Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing Graduates from Other Institutions (Douglas College Diploma Program completed in Fall 2008 semester or prior). **Important: It is strongly recommended that PNUR 3700 be taken prior to all other PNUR courses when beginning BSPN Degree Completion Program.**

<b>PNUR Required Courses</b> (no course substitutions)	<b>Credit</b>
PNUR 3700 Professional Psychiatric Nursing Concepts ○	<b>3</b>
PNUR 3171 Family Health Promotion in Psychiatric Nursing Practice	<b>3</b>
PNUR 4575 Psychiatric Nursing Research	<b>3</b>
<b>PNUR Electives</b> (Two 3-credit PNUR courses, no course substitutions)	<b>Credit</b>
PNUR 4573 Psychiatric Nursing of Children and Adolescents	<b>3</b>
PNUR 4574 Emergency Mental Health Nursing	<b>3</b>
PNUR 4576 Trauma Informed Practices	<b>3</b>
PNUR 4585 Psychiatric Nursing in Addictions and Mental Health	<b>3</b>
<b>Associate Studies Required Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>
ENGLISH Elective (UT)	<b>3</b>
BIOL 2401 Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences (or other 3-credit UT Science course)	<b>3</b>
MATH 1160 Introduction to Statistics <b>or</b> PSYC 2300 Data Analysis in Psychology <b>or</b> BUSN 2429 Business Statistics	<b>3</b>



**CATEGORY THREE**

Douglas College Advanced Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing Program Graduates

<b>PNUR Required Courses</b> <i>(no course substitutions)</i>	<b>Credit</b>
PNUR 4575 Psychiatric Nursing Research	<b>3</b>





The Learning Centre is located in:

Room: **A1040**Coquitlam Campus

Phone: **604-777-6139**

#### D. Counselling

Counsellors are available to assist applicants and Douglas College students. They offer a wide range of services. See the following link for full details:

<http://www.douglascollege.ca/student-services/support/counselling>

##### **Professional Counsellors:**

career counselling

personal counselling

workshops

courses designed to promote personal growth and development

Counsellors are located in:

Room: **A1050**Coquitlam Campus

Contact: **604-777-6185**or [stuserv@douglascollege.ca](mailto:stuserv@douglascollege.ca)

#### E. Indigenous Student Services

##### **For InformationContact**

Tanya Joostema, Indigenous Student Advisor: 604-777-6188

[joostemat@douglascollege.ca](mailto:joostemat@douglascollege.ca)

Destiny Sanderson, Indigenous Recruiter Advisor 236-428-4853

[destiny.sanderson@douglascollege.ca](mailto:destiny.sanderson@douglascollege.ca)

#### F. AccessibilityServices

Accessibility Services works with students to remove barriers related to learning disabilities, ADHD, mental health issues, sensory impairments, or if you had an Individualized academic plan in high school it may be helpful to contact them to see if there are any accommodations or strategies that might be helpful while at Douglas college

New Westminster Campus [\(604\) 527-5486](tel:6045275486), room S2680

Coquitlam Campus [\(604\) 777-6185](tel:6047776185), room A1050

Email [stuserv@douglascollege.ca](mailto:stuserv@douglascollege.ca)

#### G. Enrolment ServiceAdvisors(new students) /Student Success Advisors(current students)

If you need assistance with program admission requirements, course selection or additional general information about the topics outlined below, see the following link:

<http://www.douglascollege.ca/student-services/advising/academic-advising>

If you are looking for information on career options or advice on which career path to pursue, contact one of our [Career Counsellors](#) as listed above.

Advisors are available for one-on-one drop-in appointments, in a virtual classroom (chat) and by email for potential, new, and returning students and can answer your questions on topics including (but not limited to):

- application procedures
- admission requirements
- transfer credit information, including transferring to university and appropriate course selection at Douglas for the faculty or department you are interested in
- course and program planning, as well as information on credentials such as certificates, diplomas, associates degrees and Douglas College degrees
- information on when you can expect to graduate and the courses you need to complete your credential
- upgrading to meet the admission requirements for our programs

#### H. Future Students' Office

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## N. Student Health

All students are required to have their own health and medical/hospital insurance. Students are responsible for maintaining their own health (physical and mental health) and notifying the Year Coordinator and course instructors of any changes in their health status that could interfere with their ability to carry out the required activities of the program and/or jeopardize their own personal safety or the safety of clients.

**There is no student health services office at Douglas College. For First Aid Assistance, students need to contact Security located on the main floor in the Atrium, Coquitlam Campus.**

## O. Douglas Students' Union (DSU)

The Douglas Students' Union provides a handbook with information on:

- student identification cards (access to library)
- scholarships
- lockers
- off-campus housing
- student associations and clubs
- access to recreational facilities & events (films, social events)
- parking
- how to access the Ombudsperson

For further information go to: [https://www.Span #MCID 23/Lang \(en-US\) #BDC q0.00000912 0 612 792 re](https://www.Span #MCID 23/Lang (en-US) #BDC q0.00000912 0 612 792 re)

