

BACHELOR OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING, DEGREE COMPLETION FOR REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES

At a Glance

Faculty

www.kpu.ca/health (<http://www.kpu.ca/health/>)

Area of Study:

www.kpu.ca/health/bpn (<http://www.kpu.ca/health/bpn/>)

Academic Level:

Undergraduate

Credential Granted:

Baccalaureate Degree

Start Date:

Summer (May)

Intake Type:

- Limited

Minimum Credits Required:

37

Curriculum Effective Date:

01-Sep-2017

Intakes for this program have been postponed indefinitely.

Description

For general information about the Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (BPN), please see the main program page (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/health/psychiatric-nursing/>).

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) may be available for RPNs who have experiences equivalent to course outcomes, or have completed continuing education in various liberal education courses relevant to their nursing practice. The cost of PLA is the responsibility of the student.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program will be prepared to function as team members and leaders of mental health settings including forensic psychiatry, addiction facilities, acute care, intermediate and/or long term care hospitals, clinics, home care services, and various community health care centers.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Admission is based on seat availability.

In addition to the Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/admissions/english-proficiency-requirements/>), the following program admission requirements apply:

- Successful completion of a recognized undergraduate Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing, with a minimum of 90 credits.
- 3 credits of undergraduate English (ENGL)
- Proof of practicing membership (with no conditions) with The British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP), which must remain current throughout the program.
- Valid Canadian CPR Basic Life Support (BLS) or CPR Health Care Provider (HCP) (Note: CPR certification must remain current throughout the program.)
- An interview and/or letter of reference, if requested.

Note: Current immunization records are required prior to placement in a clinical or practice course. Students are responsible for all costs related to immunization. Failure to have acceptable immunization documentation at the time of placement or clinical practice course may jeopardize completion of the program.

Continuance Requirements

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.67 with a minimum grade of C+ in all required courses, including electives. Non-adherence to these requirements will result in removal from the program.

Curricular Requirements

The Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing Degree Completion program requires completion of the following 37 credits with a minimum grade of C+ in each course.

The maximum allowable time students enrolled in KPU's Degree Completion for Registered Psychiatric Nurses program have to complete all program requirements for graduation is 7 years.

Code	Title	Credits
HEAL 1180	Introduction to Health Research	3
HEAL 2110	First Nations Health	3
HEAL 3101	Conceptual Paradigms: A Feminist Perspective	3
HEAL 3120	Evidence Based Practice	6
HEAL 3180	Nursing Science 4: Health Research for Evidence Informed Practice	3
PHIL 3010	Health Care Ethics	3
PSYN 3225	Mental Health Leadership	3
PSYN 4145	Mental Health Nursing Practice 5: Consolidation	7
SOCI 3345	Social Policy in Context	3
PSYN 3210		3
or PSYN 4110	Health and Healing 5: Fundamentals of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Nursing	

Total Credits

37

Credential Awarded

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (BPN)**.