ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS UPON ACCEPTANCE

Students accepted into the program should be aware of the following. A university degree does not in itself confer the right to practice nursing. In order to practice nursing, graduates of the program must apply for registration through a nursing regulatory body (e.g. College of Nurses of Ontario). Applicants should be aware that each regulatory body has registration requirements, for example the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) https://www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse/registration-requirements/.

Criminal Record Check

All students who accept an offer of admission into the nursing program will provide evidence of a Criminal Record Check, including Vulnerable Sector Screening, conducted at their expense before they will be permitted to register in the program. Students must attest to a clear Criminal Record Check, including Vulnerable Sector Screening, each September. Students entering fourth year will be required to get a new Criminal Record Check prior to entering their fourth year practicums (NURS 405 Practicum in Community Health Promotion and NURS 492 Integrated Practicum). Students must be prepared to repeat the Criminal Record Check more frequently, if required by an agency. Students must keep their original documentation in case they are required to present it. All costs associated with Criminal Record Check will be the responsibility of the student.

If you have a positive criminal record, please discuss with the Associate Director, Undergraduate Nursing Programs, as it may affect your ability to complete the Bachelor of Nursing Science program, and your eligibility to register with the College of Nurses of Ontario or an equivalent regulatory body.

Immunization Screening Process, Standard First Aid and CPR Training

All first year documentation must be submitted online to the School of Nursing Undergraduate Nursing Portal before the beginning of classes. Upper year classes are required to submit their annual documentation as directed by the Associate Director, Undergraduate Nursing Programs. These requirements are mandatory in clinical agencies, and as such students may not attend clinical practice without the appropriate documentation.

Immunization

The policy on Immunization Screening Process, Standard First Aid and CPR Training can be found at https://nursing.queensu.ca/undergraduate/clinical-placement-requirements (https://nursing.queensu.ca/undergraduate/clinical-placement-requirements/).

Students entering any program of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Queen's University are required to provide documentation of their 2-step tuberculin skin test status, and hepatitis B serological status, and immunization history for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, diphtheria and tetanus. A one-step tuberculin skin test is required annually.

Students are advised to attend their Family Physician, Student Health Services, or Public Health agency to be screened or to enter an immunization schedule. Vaccination occurs at the student's cost. The School of Nursing does not keep the original immunization records. Students are expected to retain documentation of their immunization history and be prepared to show their documentation to agencies upon request.

Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination is required for BNSc students. Due to health care agency policies, students who choose not to have COVID-19 vaccination may be unable to complete clinical placements which are a program requirement.

Standard First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training

All students must complete Standard First Aid with AED training (Canadian Red Cross or equivalent) prior to the start of classes in their first year. CPR – BLS or Level HCP (Health Care Provider) must be completed prior to the start of classes and then annually. Courses must be taken in-person (we do not acknowledge online certification courses). We will accept blended, and in-person classes. The certificates must be submitted online to the School of Nursing Undergraduate Nursing Portal at a designated time. The School of Nursing does not keep the original CPR and First Aid certificates. Students must have this certification on their person and be prepared to show their documentation upon request at any agency.