

# NURS Nursing Brock University/Loyalist College Collaborative Program

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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### SEPTEMBER ENTRY

### PROGRAM LENGTH

Four-year Baccalaureate Degree (September–April each year)  
Four-week intersession (April–May) following Year 3  
Years 1 & 2 at Loyalist College; Years 3 & 4 at Brock University

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet new challenges every day in this personally and financially rewarding profession.
- In Ontario, across Canada and abroad, there is a strong demand for Registered Nurses.
- Loyalist is an international leader in integration of human simulation technology, with intensive, hands-on practice in our state-of-the-art Sim Lab.
- Students learn in small clinical groups with personal, continuous faculty guidance.
- The Brock/Loyalist collaborative degree offers more clinical hours than any nursing program in the province.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Nursing today offers many choices, from making split-second decisions in the ER, to preventing illness through community health promotion. Nurses provide care for patients in all conditions, at all stages of life – from prenatal health to palliative care.

In hospitals, nurses specialize in surgery and post-surgical care; emergency; intensive care; maternity; pediatrics; geriatrics; cardiovascular care; oncology (cancer); and psychiatry. They deliver ongoing care in rehabilitation centres, hospices, doctor's offices, nursing homes, and community agencies providing home care. They are educators in public health units, schools, STD clinics, poison control centres, workplace wellness programs, family planning and baby wellness clinics. Nurses also work in research and progressive leadership positions in health and government agencies.

Like other essential service providers, nurses are needed 24 hours a day, and should expect to work evenings and weekends.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Loyalist College and Brock University worked together to design this innovative curriculum based on current nursing standards – and the combination of hands-on practice and academic excellence. Students spend the first two years at Loyalist and the final two years at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, to graduate with a BScN from Brock.

Interactive learning in the Sim Lab begins in the first semester. Students are exposed to real-life practice scenarios with hi-fidelity human clinical simulators, developing competence and confidence in a safe, realistic learning environment.

The program combines theory, lab work and clinical practice in hospitals, nursing homes, and a variety of health care agencies in the community. Beginning in the first year, students work in small clinical groups under the supervision of a faculty member who guides their practice throughout each semester. Students gain a broad range of clinical practice experience including medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and psychiatry.

Before beginning their third year, students achieve a smooth transition from Loyalist to Brock with a university campus orientation, meetings with faculty and senior students, access to housing assistance, and ongoing communications from faculty advisors at Brock. Unique and varied placement opportunities in both cities help students develop broad experience, and the critical ability to adapt to change.

Graduates are eligible to write the Registered Nurse exams and, if successful, become registered members of the College of Nurses of Ontario. Registration in Ontario allows nurses to practice across Canada (except in Quebec) and in many states in the U.S. without further preparation.

### APPROXIMATE COSTS (2007-2008)

Tuition: \$5,301 (two semesters)

Books: \$1,600 (Year One)

Equipment and Supplies: \$500 (includes lab coat, uniforms, and stethoscope)

Travel expenses may be incurred during clinical placements

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### (a) Required academic preparation –

- OSSD/OSSGD or equivalent, with six Grade 12 (U) or OAC level courses; and
- Applicants must have a minimum average of 70% in each of biology, chemistry and English at the Grade 12 (U) or OAC level.

#### Recommended academic preparation –

- Mathematics: Any senior level mathematics, college (C) or university (U) level.

(b) **Mature Applicants:** Applicants who are 21 years old as of the first day of classes in the year of admission, who have been out of school for at least two years, and who do not have a secondary school diploma, may be considered for admission as a mature student. Mature applicants are required to have completed OAC or 12 (U) (or equivalent) biology and chemistry, and must demonstrate competence through diagnostic testing in English.

(c) **Admission from Pre-Health:** Applicants who have completed the Loyalist College Pre-Health Science Certificate, or an

equivalent certificate from another college, and who have achieved an average of 70% or higher will be eligible for admission.

- (d) **Admission from Practical Nursing:** Applicants who have successfully completed the Loyalist Practical Nursing diploma program with a minimum overall average of 70% will be eligible for admission. Course exemptions will be considered on an individual basis.
- (e) **Health:** A formal, confidential personal health history as well as up-to-date immunization are required as part of the registration process.
- (f) **Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS)** is required prior to Year 3.
- (g) **Criminal Record Check:** In order to participate in most clinical placements, students will be required to complete a clean criminal record check by their local police service.

NOTE: To become a Registered Nurse in the province of Ontario, a recent Canadian Police Information Centre Criminal Record Synopsis (CPIC) is required.

### FURTHER STUDIES

Loyalist is committed to providing comprehensive learning opportunities for all stages of post-secondary education. Registered Nurses with a BScN can enroll in a **Nurse Practitioner** program and write a separate registration exam to become a **Registered Nurse – Extended Class**. Graduates of the collaborative nursing degree are also eligible to pursue a graduate degree in Nursing or Education to develop skills that would lead to a career in Nursing Research, Nursing Education, or as a Clinical Nurse Specialist.



**Ashley Rutherford**  
2005 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
NURSING GRADUATE

*Ashley Rutherford graduated in the spring of 2005 as a member of the first class to complete the Brock University/Loyalist College Collaborative Baccalaureate program. She completed her Bachelor in Nursing Science with first class honours.*

“The Loyalist faculty was awesome and always had an open-door policy for students. I think because it is a small-town community we were more connected with our professors. Perhaps that made our transition to the larger university setting easier to cope with. I can’t tell you how much it meant when we crossed the stage to receive our degrees at Brock University and heard the swell of applause and cheers that filled the air. There, right up front, were our Loyalist professors. It was perfect to have them there to share our day.”

## NURSING

BScN PROGRAM  
CURRICULUM

### COURSES OFFERED AT LOYALIST COLLEGE

#### FIRST YEAR

##### SEMESTER ONE

ANAT 1001	Human Anatomy & Physiology
COMM 1014	Self & Others
NURS 1000	Nursing Lab 1
NURS 1001	Nursing: The Canadian Context
NURS 1002	Nursing & Health Promotion
NUTR 1000	Nutrition
PSYC 1008	Lifespan Development

##### SEMESTER TWO

NURS 1003	Health Assessment
NURS 1004	Experiencing Illness and Hospitalization
NURS 1005	Nursing Practice: Experiencing Illness and Hospitalization
NURS 1006	Pathophysiology
PHAR 1001	Pharmacology

#### SECOND YEAR

##### SEMESTER THREE/FOUR

NURS 2000	Self, Perception and Interaction
NURS 2001	Nursing Care of the Young Family
NURS 2002	Nursing Practice: Nursing Care of the Young Family
SOCI 2003	Sociology
NURS 2003	Understanding Nursing Research
NURS 2004	Care of the Acutely Ill Client
NURS 2005	Nursing Practice: Care of the Acutely Ill Client
PSYC 2004	Psychology

### COURSES OFFERED AT BROCK UNIVERSITY

#### THIRD YEAR

##### SEMESTER FIVE

MATH 1P98	Basic Statistical Math
NUSC 3P14	Promoting Mental Health
NUSC 3P20	Nursing Ethics
NUSC 3P92	Nursing Practicum: Promoting Mental Health
1.0 Humanities Context Credit	

##### SEMESTER SIX

NUSC 3P12	Experiencing Chronicity
NUSC 3P50	Health Education
NUSC 3P90	Nursing Practicum: Experiencing Chronicity
NUSC 3P94	Nursing Practicum: Intersession
NUSC 4P20	Leadership in Nursing and Management
1.0 Humanities Context Credit	

#### YEAR FOUR

##### SEMESTER SEVEN

NUSC 4P40	Community Health Nursing
NUSC 4P50	Applied Nursing Research
NUSC 4P60	Trends and Issues in Professional Nursing
NUSC 4P75	Diversity and Health
NUSC 4P92	Nursing Practicum: Community Health Nursing

##### SEMESTER EIGHT

NUSC 4F96	Nursing Practicum: Pre-graduation 1
NUSC 4F98	Nursing Practicum: Pre-graduation 2