

PRACTICAL NURSING TO REGISTERED NURSING BRIDGE (PNRN)

Fast-track to a degree in nursing!

If you are a practicing registered practical nurse (RPN) in Ontario, get on the fast-track to earning your Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) degree.

This program provides a bridging semester that will prepare you for entry into year 3 of Cambrian's competitive nursing degree program where you'll elevate your skills and knowledge even further to expand your career opportunities as a registered nurse (RN) in hospitals, long-term care settings, community agencies, and more.

Program highlights

- Limited enrolment
- In-person bridging semester prepares you for entry in the third year of Cambrian's Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing (<https://cambriancollege.ca/programs/honours-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/>) degree program
- Experience-based learning approach where you'll apply concepts to real patients and situations through case studies, training in high-tech nursing simulation lab, and clinical placements
- Opportunity to work with members of other health care disciplines through on- and off-site experiences
- Focus on diversity and inclusion to provide culturally sensitive care to Indigenous communities and special populations
- Preliminary approval from College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO)

Program of study for 2025-26 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
NUR 2202	Assessment Theory and Lab	3
BIO 1108	Microbiology and Immunology	3
PTH 2000	Pathophysiology Biochemistry	4
ENG 1107	Introduction to Scholarly Writing	3
NUR 2203	Advanced Praxis Theory Lab	3
MTH 1207	Numeracy and Statistics	3
NUR 2405	Critical Thinking and Inquiry	3
	Credits	22
	Total Credits	22

Admissions requirements

- Have Canadian citizenship, Canadian permanent resident status, or appropriate authorization under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) that allows you to practice nursing in Ontario.
- Graduate of a two-year Practical Nursing diploma program approved by the College of Nurses of Ontario with a cumulative program GPA of 65 percent or higher.
- Are a fully licensed Registered Practical Nurse in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario.
- Have worked as an RPN in Ontario within the past five years on at least a part-time or casual basis.

Additional admissions requirements

- Current Basic Cardiac Life Support Certificate Level (HCP) Health Care Provider (must be renewed annually)
- Current Standard First Aid Certificate (must be current for the entire program)
- Mask testing (for N-95 mask)
- Criminal record check
- WHMIS certification Proof of immunization status at registration for the following:
 - Two-step TB test
 - Immunizations: Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, polio
 - Current tetanus–diphtheria vaccination
 - Current influenza immunization (when available for the season)
 - Hepatitis B vaccination
 - If born after 1970, must have 2 measles vaccinations
 - Hepatitis A vaccination is recommended but not required

Program delivery

2024-2025

Winter term start

SEMESTER 1: Winter 2025

Spring term start

SEMESTER 1: Spring 2025

2025-2026

Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2025

Winter term start

SEMESTER 1: Winter 2026

Spring term start

SEMESTER 1: Spring 2026

Specific program pathways