The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) prepares nurses to be global citizens with lifelong learning skills. Graduates of the program are provided with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to practice safe, quality, evidence-informed health care grounded in humanizing the experience of health and illness. Completion of the BSN degree prepares graduates for a professional licensure as a registered nurse.

Get hands-on experience with cutting-edge simulation technology, skill-building labs, and side-by-side interprofessional training. Combined classroom sessions and practice experiences ensure students are fully prepared for their career. Students spend approximately 1500 hours in practice. NCLEX Registration licensing first write pass rates are consistently very high for students in this program.

Your career options
Registered nurses find opportunities in private enterprise, public health care, and government fields. A variety of career options are available, including working as a professional nurse in a clinic or hospital setting, delivering health-education programs, or providing consultative nursing services.

Explore the Bachelor of Science Nursing webpage and scroll down to the “Your Career Options” heading for more employment information.

Looking for support?
UBC Okanagan provides a broad range of support services for students from admission through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers to physical and emotional resources, visit Student Support and Resources for a full list of helpful supports. Some examples are included below:

- **Academic & Career Development** provides academic and career support for all undergraduate students
- **Indigenous Programs & Services** provides academic support to self-identified First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students
- **International Student Advising** supports international students with immigration, employment in Canada, and more
- **Disability Resource Centre** assists with disability-related accommodations and programming initiatives to help remove barriers for students with disabilities and ongoing medical conditions
- **Counsellors** help students examine and explore their behaviors, relationships, feelings, or thoughts that cause concern or challenges
- **Financial support** is available to help students learn to budget, pay tuition, or apply for awards and scholarships

How to use the Program Plan:
Tuum est! This Program Plan is designed to help shape your UBC experience, challenge yourself to try new things, and become the person and scholar you want to be to help make your time at UBC Okanagan yours. The Program Plan offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all!

The Program Plan includes four categories:
- **Explore the Major** - Explore what you’ll be studying and learning. Make connections between your program and future career or education opportunities and goals.
- **Connect and Build Community** - Making connections will help develop your support network throughout your studies and beyond.
- **Engage Locally and Globally** - Get ready for life beyond UBC by accessing programming and resources aligned with your goals, interests, and career pathways.
- **Develop Skills and Gain Relevant Experience** - Expand your capacity to understand the changing world and embrace different perspectives by seeking out new experiences and opportunities.

Legend
Experiential Education opportunities are highlighted with a symbol.
Plan ahead! Statements highlighted with a symbol must be completed during a specific term(s) or have an associated deadline.

Getting Started
First-year standing
Explore the Bachelor of Science Nursing program by visiting program websites or reviewing the Academic Calendar.
Learn more about your major requirements by logging into Degree Navigator and reviewing the First-Year Planning Guides.
Book an appointment with an advisor to discuss program or career-related questions. Find the advisor that is right for you by reviewing advising options available.
Visit the Student Learning Hub throughout your degree for free supports from peers and professionals that include tutoring in math, sciences, languages, and writing.

Moving Through your Degree
Second-year standing
Meet with an instructor or TA during office hours: ask a question, discuss an assignment, or go over lecture material.
International Students: Contact International Student Advising to review your study status.
Considering further education? Find graduate programs at UBCO and beyond. Research application requirements, admissions information, and funding options.

Third-year students have an opportunity in Nursing Practice VI: Promoting Health of Communities and Society (NRSG 372D) to practice alongside community health nurses working with community groups.
Explore a topic of interest in depth by participating in Undergraduate Research.
Learn more about the eligibility requirements to participate in Year IV Practice Pathways, or visit Go Global for an opportunity to practice alongside international partners around the world.

Preparing for Graduation and Your Future
Fourth-year+ standing
Schedule an appointment with an advisor to discuss your degree and transitioning out of UBCO.
Develop the skills you need to succeed in a world of rapid change. Learn about how you can build your skills and gain relevant experience.
Learn more about the eligibility requirements to participate in Year IV Practice Pathways, or visit Go Global for an opportunity to practice alongside international partners around the world.

The Health and Healing VI: Global Health Issues course (NRSG 378) provides undergraduate Nursing students with opportunities to work with diverse populations both nationally, within rural Canada, and internationally, in low- and middle-income countries.
Market yourself to employers by reflecting on your UBCO experience and identifying the skills and knowledge you developed through the activities you participated in. Meet with a Career Development Specialist for help with your resume, cover letter, and job search strategy.
Schedule an appointment with an advisor to discuss your degree and transitioning out of UBCO.

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Explore Experiential Education
Participate in hands-on, immersive learning experiences.

Explore high-impact, “learn-by-doing” experiences that take your education beyond the classroom. Whether on- or off-campus, paid or volunteer, participating in directed experiences and focused reflection helps to increase knowledge, develop skills, clarify values, and build your capacity to contribute to your communities.

Experiential Education opportunities are highlighted with a symbol. Most opportunities highlighted below can be pursued at any time. Opportunities with timelines or deadlines are noted with a symbol.

Getting Started:
Explore new opportunities and interests.

New to UBC? Participate in orientation and transition programming to connect with other students and get involved in the campus community. Find on-campus events to meet new people and get involved with the campus community using the Events Calendar. Meet a Student Connector at Student Connect for help with navigating campus and to learn more about the opportunities available at UBC Okanagan. Follow @UBCOStudents on Instagram for campus tips, opportunities, and event updates.

Attend a Heat Varsity Athletics game. Admission is free with your student UBCcard.

Develop Interests and Broaden Perspectives:
Get more involved and build your skills and connections.

Branch out, get involved in student life, and have fun by joining a student association or the UBCO Nursing Course Union to meet peers and participate in events and activities. Get active! UBCO Recreation offers activities like intramural sports, fitness classes, and other special events and activities.

Build your networking skills with alumni working in careers in your desired industry by using Ten Thousand Coffees and LinkedIn or by attending career events and workshops.

Commuting? Visit College spaces on campus to relax, study, and socialize with others. Planning to live on campus? Apply to a Living Learning Community.

Immersive Experiences:
Take part in unique opportunities and programs. Find ways to immerse yourself in your experiences.

Explore professional associations for information about potential careers, networking and professional development opportunities, and more.

Give back to the campus community by volunteering or applying to work on campus: Student & Alumni Job Board. Engage with your community in a meaningful way and help to create social change by participating in the Community Service Learning program. Create your own student association, study group, or social club to connect with peers.

Use the Events Calendar to find on-campus opportunities for personal and professional development. Connect with the Academic & Career Development team for support with exploring opportunities that will help you achieve your career or education goals.

Looking to volunteer, intern, or gain work experience? Assess what experience you have and fill any gaps by participating in Career Development workshops and finding opportunities on the Student & Alumni Job Board.

Apply to the Work Study program to build skills and grow your professional network with paid on-campus positions that work around your class schedule. Apply to Entrepreneurship@UBCO to explore your start-up ideas through mentorship and training programs. Book an appointment with a Learning Strategist at any stage in your degree for help with study skills and learning strategies.

Immerse yourself by participating in extracurricular activities like intramural sports, fitness classes, and other special events and activities.

Apply to a Living Learning Community. Attend events and workshops. Use the Program Plan regularly throughout your time at UBC to build an experience that is fulfilling and rewarding.

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