



# **PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM**

## **APPLICATION GUIDE**

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## CENTRE FOR NURSING STUDIES

### *Centre for Nursing Studies*

The Centre for Nursing Studies (CNS) offers a continuum of educational opportunities for individuals who wish to pursue nursing careers that are challenging and relevant to the changing health care system. These opportunities include a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Collaborative) Program and a Practical Nursing Program. The CNS also offers Post-Basic Specialty Programs, Professional Development Courses, Re-Entry Programs for Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses and Internationally Educated Nurse (IENs). Competency-Based Assessments for Practicing Nurses and Internationally Educated Nurses are also provided through Continuing Nursing Studies.

The CNS is the lead institute for Practical Nursing Education in Newfoundland and Labrador. The College of the North Atlantic offers the CNS Practical Nursing Program at various campuses throughout the province. Priority for admission is given to applicants who are residents of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**PLEASE NOTE THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS COMPETITIVE.**

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### ***Academic Admission Requirements***

**Applicants who have followed the High School Curriculum of Newfoundland and Labrador**

To be eligible for Academic admission, you will need to successfully receive an average of 65% or more in the following core 3000 level high school courses, or equivalent:

<b>Subject area</b>	<b>Eligible courses</b>
<b>1. English</b>	English 3201
<b>2. Mathematics</b>	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math 3200</li><li>• Math 3201</li></ul>
<b>3. Laboratory Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology 2201 and Biology 3201 or;</li><li>• Chemistry 3202</li></ul>

Subject area	Eligible courses
<b>4. Social Studies or Modern/Classical Language (MCL)</b>	<i>One of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3000 level Geography/ History/ Religion/ French</li> <li>• Social Studies 3201,</li> <li>• Sciences Humaines 3231</li> <li>• French 3200/3201</li> <li>• World Religion 3201/3206</li> <li>• Enseignement Religieux 3131/3136;</li> <li>• Level III ABE</li> </ul>
<b>5. Elective</b>	Two credits in any subject area at the 3000 level

**OR**

Applicants in their final year of high school who will successfully complete the graduation requirements for high school as set by the Department of Education in 3000 level core courses as listed above may be conditionally accepted prior to the writing of final exams. This conditional acceptance will be subject to transcript verification.

**Applicants who have followed the High School Curriculum of other Provinces of Canada**

Applicants from other provinces of Canada shall have successfully completed graduation requirements for high school as set by the home province and obtained an average of 65% or higher in the equivalent of the designated core courses.

**Applicants who have followed the Adult Basic Education Program (ABE)**

Applicants shall have successfully completed the Level III ABE Academic Stream as set by the Department of Education, and obtained an average of 65% or higher the designated core courses (or equivalent).

**Applicants for Mature Student Status**

Mature student status is meant to allow individuals the opportunity to demonstrate academic potential if they have not fulfilled the admission criteria outlined previously.

A mature student is an applicant 19 years of age or older, has been away from full-time highschool studies for at least two years, and can demonstrate potential for success through

academic, professional or volunteer activities and other accomplishments. These candidates are expected to provide an official transcript of the highest level of education obtained.

\*Meeting the mature student criteria will not guarantee admission to the Practical Nursing Program.

**Note: All applicants must follow the application process outlined in this guide and must supply all documentation described therein.**

## ***General Admission Requirements***

### **English Language Requirement**

Applicants must be competent in the English language. A test of English language will be required for:

- Applicants whose first language is not English.

Applicants who do not meet the criteria above but have educational courses completed in English should contact the CNS PN Program Registrar for further instruction regarding testing.

The tests with the acceptable scores are:

1. IELTS (International English Language Testing System – Academic version). Scores: overall score of 7.0 with scores of 7.0 speaking, 7.5 listening, 6.5 reading and 7.0 writing.
2. CELBAN (Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses). Scores: 8 speaking, 10 listening, 8 reading and 7 writing.

The official results of test score must be submitted before a decision will be made on your application.

Test scores are valid for two years from the testing date.

All cost associated with the English language requirements are the responsibility of the applicant.

### **Interviews**

The Centre for Nursing Studies reserves the right to interview applicants in any of the admission categories.

### **Assessments**

An applicant may be recommended to write **The Canadian Adult Achievement Test (CAAT) or other assessment type test or equivalent.**

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The number of students admitted to the Practical Nursing Program is determined annually by the provincial human resource needs for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). **The application and selection process is competitive.**

Applications to the Program at the Centre for Nursing Studies (CNS) will be reviewed for admission when **all** documentation has been provided. Incomplete applications will not be processed if all documentation is not received by **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. **Any documents received after March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 will not be reviewed.**

### **Check List:**

- **Application Form**
- **Application Processing Fee**
- **Personal Statement**
- **A copy of your official Birth Certificate**  
**An official High School Transcript from the Department of Education or equivalency certificate (If still in high school submit most recent grades including grade 11).**
- **An official Post-Secondary Transcript(s) of all post-secondary courses/programs**
- **References x 2 (Referees should forward references directly to Michelle Peddle, Registrar either by mail, fax, or email)**
- **All potential nursing students must read the College for Licensed Practical Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador document entitled: “Becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse in Canada: Requisite Skills and Abilities” to determine their ability to meet the requirements of the program (please submit the attached confirmation with your application [https://www.clpnnl.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/Requisite Skills and Abilities 1.pdf](https://www.clpnnl.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/Requisite%20Skills%20and%20Abilities%201.pdf))**
- **If applying as an Indigenous Applicant, please submit a letter of request with your application and provide documentation of Indigenous ancestry**
- **If applying with education completed outside of Canada, please submit your education credential evaluation**

**Please note: Photocopies or photographs of transcripts will not be accepted**

### **International Applicant:**

If you are applying with international education documents, including high school or post-secondary, an education credential assessment (such as World Education Services [WES]) must be completed and submitted by the application deadline.

If you are an International Applicant but have a permanent Residency Card or Canadian Citizenship please provide documents.

### **Personal Statement Guidelines**

Applicant must complete a personal statement by answering the questions outlined on the Personal Statement Form.

### **Reference Guidelines**

Please remove the two **applicant reference forms** from your application package and give to your referees. Referees should forward the references directly to Michelle Peddle, Registrar, Non-Degree Programs.

Your references should be provided by individuals that you have had a professional relationship with, such as previous or current employers and/or teachers or professors. If you have been involved in a significant capacity with a volunteer organization, a formal representative from that organization may also be an appropriate reference. **Please do not obtain references from family, friends, co-workers, or your health care provider.**

### **Application Deadline**

The deadline for the receipt of applications and **all** data required to complete the application is ***March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026***. **Incomplete applications will not be processed**. For more information, please contact the address noted below.

**All correspondence regarding your application will be provided through the email address you list on the application.**

Michelle Peddle  
Registrar, Non-Degree Programs  
Centre for Nursing Studies  
Office 1007, Southcott Hall  
100 Forest Road  
St. John's, NL A1A 1E5

Telephone # (709) 777-8174  
E-mail: michelle.peddle@mun.ca

**PROGRAM COSTS 2025 – 2026**

<b>PROGRAM SERVICE</b>	<b>COST</b>
Application Processing Fee ( <i>non-refundable</i> )	50.00
Confirmation Fee Payable on Acceptance ( <i>non-refundable</i> )	100.00
Administration Fee (per semester)	200.00
Tuition Per Semester ( <i>Sept, Jan, Apr, Sept, Jan</i> ) (Non-funded students)	1500.00
<b>Refer to Student Financial Assistance</b>	
Tuition Per Semester ( <i>Sept, Jan, Apr, Sept, Jan</i> ) for International Students	5565.00
Textbooks and Lab Kits (approximate) ( <i>purchased by student at MUN Bookstore</i> )	2300.00
Uniforms/lab coat (approximate) ( <i>purchased by student individually</i> )	250.00
CPR/BLS (approximate) (initial completion and re-certification)	100.00
First Aid (approximate)	50.00
Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination Fee (payable to CLPNNL)(approximate)	690.00
The Canadian Nursing Students' Association (CNSA)	11.00
CNS Nursing Society Fee	5.00

**The above costs are subject to change without notice.**

The Centre for Nursing Studies accepts online payment by Visa and MasterCard. A *non-refundable* 2.50% convenience fee will be applied to credit cards. Online payments can be completed at <https://payments.easternhealth.ca/Default> or via direct e-transfer to: AL4415@mun.ca

Payment by cash, cheque or debit card can be made by visiting the Business Office at Southcott Hall, room number 1032 during regular business hours.

**For payment by mail, please use:**

**Business Office**

Centre for Nursing Studies  
Room # 1032 Southcott Hall  
100 Forest Road  
St. John's, NL A1A 1E5  
Canada

\*Students funded by the Department of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills should notify the Centre for Nursing Studies Business Office at 709-777-6644.

## **Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Student Financial Assistance**

The Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador work together to provide student financial assistance in the form of loans and grants for eligible applicants. The Student Financial Services Division administers this program for residents of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Students are encouraged to visit the Student Financial Services website at [www.gov.nl.ca/studentaid](http://www.gov.nl.ca/studentaid) for complete details on the programs and services available including the application process. The website allows students to check on the status of their application and provides assessment information.

Students can also contact Student Financial Services by:

E-mail            [studentaidenquiry@gov.nl.ca](mailto:studentaidenquiry@gov.nl.ca)  
Telephone        (709) 729-5849 or 1-888-657-0800 (toll free)  
Fax                (709) 729-2298

The Student Financial Service office is located at Coughlan College, 216 Prince Phillip Drive on the St. John's campus of Memorial University.

Business hours        Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Counter service        10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Mailing address        Student Financial Services  
                                 P.O. Box 8700  
                                 St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Include your Social Insurance Number on all correspondence and have it available when calling the Student Financial Services Division.

- You can apply for both provincial and federal student financial assistance
- Apply online, the expected processing time is 10 business days

## **The Department of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills**

Students may be eligible for income support through the Department of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills. Income Support telephone inquiries can be made to the following numbers depending on region:

Eastern: Toll-free: Toll Free: 1-800-563-6600  
Western: Toll-free: 1-800-563-6600  
Or via email to: [employmentprograms@gov.nl.ca](mailto:employmentprograms@gov.nl.ca)