



COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM

## PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

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**Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs) work in the fields of mental health, developmental challenges and rehabilitation and recovery with individuals, families, groups, or communities.**

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Brandon University's Faculty of Health Studies and The University of Winnipeg have teamed up to offer a dynamic program in Psychiatric Nursing. Students in the program take some UWinnipeg courses, as well as mostly Brandon University courses, which are taught primarily in classrooms in Winnipeg (in the lower level of the Rice Centre, 491 Portage Avenue). A few courses are offered through distance education, either through internet or video-conferencing link with Brandon University.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing (BScPN)** from Brandon University in four years -- all of which may be completed in Winnipeg. Graduates are eligible to write qualifying examinations for licensure as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) with the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba.

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### SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates can be licensed as Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs) and find work in government agencies, health care facilities, correctional institutions, group homes, crisis units, personal care homes, addiction agencies, community services, and developmental and rehabilitation agencies. Over the last 10 years, Registered Psychiatric Nurses have had an employment rate of 98% and opportunities are growing.

### SAMPLE COURSES

- Psychopharmacology
- Principles of Individual Counselling
- Psychiatric Nursing of Elderly Persons
- Therapeutic Groups
- Acute Mental Health Challenges
- Principles of Family Counselling
- Addictions
- Integrative Clinical Practicum

### STUDY PATTERN

**Year 1 Pre-Psychiatric Nursing - Requirements include both UWinnipeg and BU courses:**

**University of Winnipeg courses--**

BIOL-1112(6) Human Anatomy and Physiology

PSYC-1000(6) Introductory Psychology

SOC-1101(6) Introduction to Sociology

Plus one of the following:

STAT-1501(3) Elementary Biological Statistics I OR

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PSYC-2101(3) Introduction to Data Analysis OR  
SOC -2125(3) Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods

**Brandon University courses--**

69.151(3) Health Promotion: Developmental Transitions Throughout the Lifespan  
69.152(3) Fundamentals of Psychiatric Nursing Practice I  
69.161(3) Introduction to Interpersonal Communication

**Admission to Year 2 of the BScPN Program**

Upon successful completion of the required Pre-Psychiatric Nursing courses, students are eligible to apply through Brandon University to be considered for acceptance into Year 2 of the **BScPN** program. NOTE: Enrolment into Year 2 of the **BScPN** program is limited. Grade Point Average in the Year 1 Pre-Psychiatric Nursing Year course requirements is a primary deciding factor for admission into Year 2.

**Years 2-4 Psychiatric Nursing**

Students take Brandon University psychiatric nursing courses, taught at the Rice Centre, 491 Portage Avenue, in Winnipeg, and offered through distance education. Students may also take University of Winnipeg courses throughout their program to meet the elective requirements for the BScPN degree.

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**REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

Currently, there are **no required high school courses** to enter the Pre-Psychiatric nursing year. **The following Grade 12 courses are highly recommended: English, Science (Biology preferred), and Math (Pre-Calculus or Applied).** However, note that required courses taken through different universities may have specific grade 12 pre-requisites and students are advised to investigate these possibilities.

**HOW TO APPLY**

You need to apply to the Pre-psychiatric Nursing program at Brandon University. Please visit:  
<https://www.brandonu.ca/future-students/programs/degrees/psych-nursing/>

For more information you may also contact a student recruitment officer at The University of Winnipeg at [welcome@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:welcome@uwinnipeg.ca) or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University's Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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