

Nursing Career Pathway Tool

This Nursing Career Pathway provides a visual diagram depicting the requirements and credentials needed to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) and a Registered Practical Nurse (RPN).

In Ontario, nursing is one profession with two categories of care providers. The major differences are:

- depth and breadth of knowledge, which is more advanced for RNs
- academic qualification - a baccalaureate degree is required to be an RN in Ontario and a college diploma is required for RPNs
- Situations/client populations served - RNs work with all clients including complex patients with unpredictable outcomes and RPNs focus on stable patients with predictable outcomes.

In addition, this pathway identifies advanced opportunities for nurses.

RPN Diploma Pathway

Requirements for practical nurse diploma program

Most community colleges require the following:

- OSSD
- Grade 12 english (c/u) (depending on language of study)
- Grade 12 math (c/u) or grade 11 (m/u)
- Grade 12 biology (c/u) or grade 11 (c/u)

And one of the following sciences:

- Grade 11 chemistry or physics (u) or Grade 12 (c/u)

Completed college nursing diploma program and pass the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Exam

Registered
Practical
Nurse

RN Degree Pathway

Requirements for nursing degree program

Most universities require the following (course requirements vary between universities)

- OSSD
- Grade 12 english (u)
- Grade 12 biology (u)
- Grade 12 chemistry (u)
- One grade 12 math (u/m) *Some universities consider applicants with grade 11 (m/u)*

Completed university nursing degree and pass the NCLEX-RN

Registered
Nurse

2nd Entry or Prior Degree RN Degree Pathway

Requirements for 2nd entry

- A minimum of 2 years university level courses
- Course requirements vary between universities

Completed 2nd entry university nursing degree program and pass the NCLEX-RN

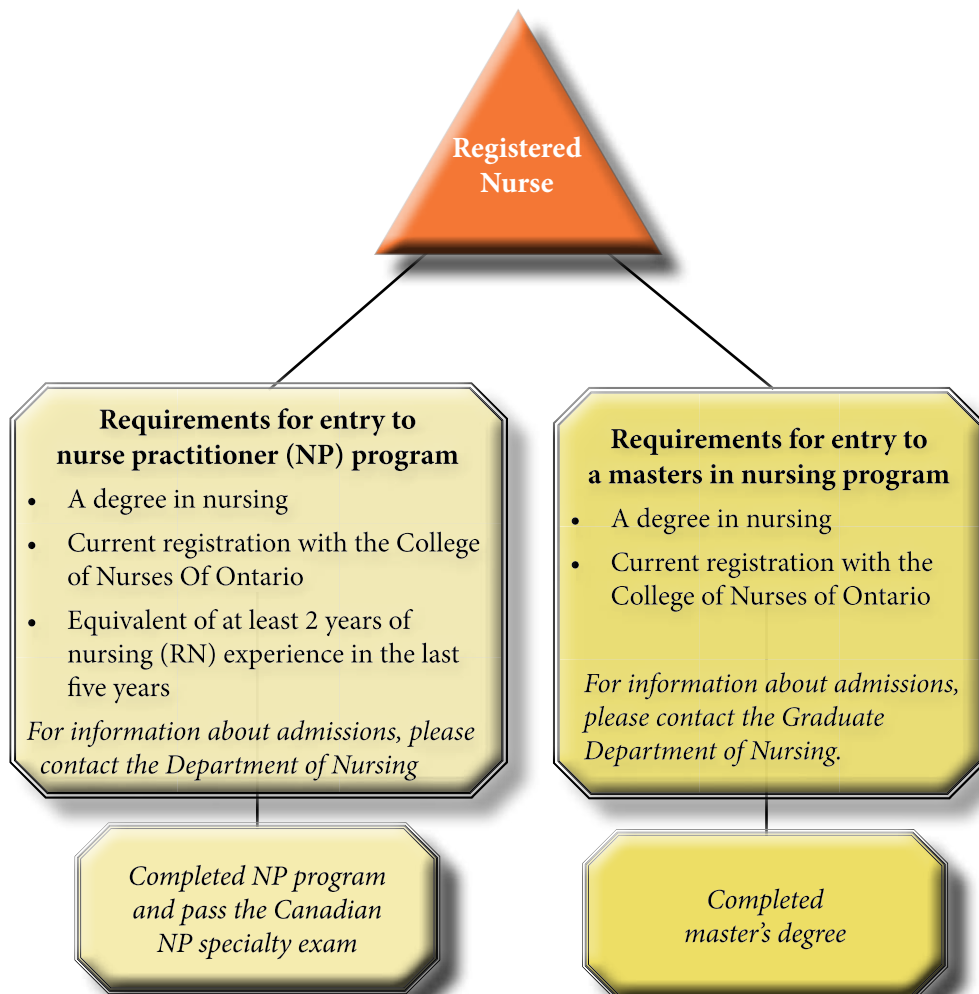
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Available programs reviewed
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Post nursing degree options

Nursing Programs	
University	Colleges
Brock University	Loyalist College
Lakehead University +	Confederation College *
Laurentian University +	Cambrian College * Collège Boréal * Sault College * Northern College * St. Lawrence College *
McMaster University + #~	Mohawk College * Conestoga College *
Nipissing University #~	Canadore College *
Queen's University + #	<i>no collaborative program offered</i>
Ryerson University +~	Centennial College * George Brown College *
Trent University #~∅	Fleming College *
University of New Brunswick + #~	Humber College * #
University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT)~	Durham College *
University of Ottawa + #~	Algonquin College *
University of Toronto + #	<i>no collaborative program offered</i>
University of Western Ontario + #	Fanshawe College *
University of Windsor #~	Lambton College St. Clair College *
York University + #∅	Georgian College * Seneca College *
RPN program only	La Cité Collégiale *
	Niagara College *
	Sheridan College *



PhD in nursing offered by various universities

What is a Nursing Collaborative Partnership between a college and university?

A collaborative partnership is a partnership between a university and a college resulting in the creation of a 4 year collaborative nursing program that leads to a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

For further information, please visit our website www.careersinnursing.ca

Legend			
*	RPN program offered	~	RPN-BScN Bridging Program offered
+	NP program offered	∅	Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing offered
#	2nd degree entry option		