



COLLEGE OF  
THE ROCKIES

# FAQ's for BSN Admission Process Changes

## When is the application period?

- Applications are accepted from November 1 to February 15.
- All academic requirements must be completed and submitted by February 28.
- Specific application dates will be posted on the College web site each year.

## What happens if I apply outside of the application period?

- Your application will not be accepted outside of this time frame.

## Can I apply if I do not have all of my admission requirements completed?

- Yes, you can apply anytime between November 1 and February 15, however all of your academic requirements must be completed and submitted by the last day of February to be considered for the following September's intake.

## How many students are admitted into the program each year?

- We welcome 40 new students into the program each September.

## What are the admission requirements?

The academic requirements for the BSN program must be current within five years of applying to the program. The academic requirements are:

- BC secondary school graduation or equivalent
- Minimum 70% in BIOL 090 or Biology 12
- Minimum 70% in CHEM 080 or Chemistry 11
- Minimum 70% in MATH 080, MATH 082 or MATH 090 or Math 11 (as of 2013 in Foundations or Pre-Calculus Math 11 or 12)
- Minimum 70% in English 090 or English 12 or equivalent
- Completion of CASPer testing. You are responsible for arranging your CASPer testing. NOTE: there are only 4 available times to take this testing in January and February of each year.

Non-academic requirements are also required. You can find more about these on our website

[cotr.ca/programs/bachelor-of-science-in-nursing](http://cotr.ca/programs/bachelor-of-science-in-nursing)

## What is CASPer?

CASPer stands for Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics. We utilize CASPer as part of our admissions process to assess for non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics that

are important for student success in the College's BSN program. See the BSN website ([cotr.ca/programs/bachelor-of-science-in-nursing](http://cotr.ca/programs/bachelor-of-science-in-nursing)) for completion deadlines.

CASPer is an online assessment that uses scenarios that focus on personal and professional characteristics such as professionalism, ethics, communication, and empathy.

No studying is required for CASPer but we do advise you to familiarize yourself with the test structure and requirements at [takecasper.com](http://takecasper.com)

## Is there a waitlist?

Applications are accepted on a yearly basis and a waitlist is not maintained. If you are not awarded a seat, you will need to reapply again the following year.

## What can I do to improve my chances for success in the program?

- English 100, Biology 181, 182 and three non-nursing electives that transfer to the University of Victoria are available without entry into the BSN program. Completing these courses prior to entering the program will reduce your course load once you are admitted. We recommend you meet with an Educational Advisor prior to choosing your courses. You can make an appointment with an Educational Advisor by calling 250-489-8243 or toll free 1-877-489-2687 local 3243
- The BSN program is challenging. In addition to completing some of the non-nursing courses required prior to entry into the program, we would recommend you consider upgrading your math, science and English courses to keep the information fresh and current. Enrolling in an academic writing course will also help you complete course requirements once you are admitted into the program.
- Arrange to be a "Student for a Day" by emailing [recruit@cotr.bc.ca](mailto:recruit@cotr.bc.ca)

## Can I get credit for courses taken in a Practical Nursing or Health Care Aide program?

- Credits from a Health Care Aide certificate and Practical Nursing diploma programs do not transfer to a BSN program.

## Can I transfer university courses from another institution for my electives?

Courses from many institutions may meet the requirements for BSN electives. We recommend that you talk with an Education Advisor or check on the BC Transfer Guide website: <http://www.bctransferguide.ca/>