

From: **Northern Lights College (NLC)**
Associate of Science Degree, General Studies

To: **University of Northern BC (UNBC)**
Bachelor of Science (BScN Degree, Northern
Baccalaureate Nursing Program)

The following list of course equivalents will appear on the transfer credit summary for students who have successfully completed **NLC's Associate of Science Degree in General Studies** and pursue a **Bachelor of Science, Nursing degree, Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program at UNBC.**

Information in this handout is unofficial and should be used as a guide only. For questions regarding admission to UNBC or course selection please contact Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program Adviser at 250-960-5721 or nbnpadvising@unbc.ca.

NOTE: *As per UNBC Undergraduate Calendar Regulation number 14, "Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of upper division UNBC course work to receive a UNBC degree."*

Associate of Science Degree

General Requirement:

60 credits of first-and second-year courses (normally 20 courses). These must include a minimum of 18 credits (6 courses) in the Sciences at the second-year level, in two or more subject areas.

Specific Requirements:

- A. 6 credits in 100-level English
- B. 6 credits in Mathematics which shall include at least 3 credits in Calculus
- C. 36 credits (12 courses) in the Sciences, including:
 - at least 6 credits (2 courses) in a 100- or 200-level Lab Science
 - at least 18 credits (6 courses) in the 200-level Sciences, in two or more subject areas
- D. 6 credits (2 courses) in Arts other than English (excluding Mathematics and Laboratory-based Science courses)
- E. 6 credits (2 courses) in Arts, Science, or other areas at the undergraduate level (ie. ECON, EDUC, MGMT, SOWK, etc.)

Concentrations: Associate of Science Degrees with a concentration or specialization require a minimum of 15 credits in a single discipline; normally, 6 of these credits must be at the second-year level.

Flexible Pre-Majors: Where possible, students are encouraged to embed Flexible Pre-Majors in Associate Degrees with a Specialization. For more information on Flexible Pre-Majors, please see the BC Transfer Guide website.

Note: An individual course may not be used to fulfill more than one of the "specific" requirements listed above.

Note: Above based on the 2021 NLC website.

Recommended Courses to take:

NLC Course Number	Course Title	UNBC Equivalence¹
BIOL 111	Anatomy and Physiology I	HHSC 111-4
BIOL 112	Anatomy and Physiology II	HHSC 112-4
BIOL 105	Medical Microbiology	HHSC 110-3
ENGL 111 or	Poetry and Drama	ENGL 102-3 or ENGL 1XX-3
ENGL 112	Prose Fiction	ENGL 103-3
FNST 100	Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	FNST 100-3
MATH 104	Introduction to Statistics	STAT 240-3 or ECON 205-3 ²
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology I	PSYC 101-3

Note: NLC does not have an exact match to fulfill the Social Science: Peoples and Cultures requirement. Please work with your Student Advisor to meet this requirement.

¹ Course equivalencies were determined through the articulation process and are listed on the BC Transfer Guide, www.bctransferguide.ca

Student will need to choose coursework appropriately so as not to receive duplicate Transfer Credit.

² Must achieved a C- (60% at UNBC) or better for all Math transfer credit to use as a prerequisite for UNBC coursework.

Sample of **UNBC Calendar** admission requirements for BScN Degree, Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program and how the NLC Associate of Science Degree coursework *may be* used towards completion of the degree at UNBC¹:

The Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program (NBNP) is a Year 3 and Year 4 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) degree program offered in Fort St. John, BC. Students are expected to commit to a full-time program of combined theoretical and clinical coursework delivered over five consecutive semesters.

The Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program (NBNP) requires students to take at least 68 credit hours of Nursing courses. The minimum requirement for completion of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing is 128 credit hours.

Transfer Credit

Students who are admitted to the Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program (NBNP) may use a maximum of 60 credit hours towards the BScN degree.

Criminal Records Search – Please see the UNBC Academic Calendar for additional information on this requirement.

Immunization and CPR Certification - Please see UNBC Academic Calendar for additional information on this requirement.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the NBNP is a competitive, criteria-weighted process consisting of the following two parts:

- compiled minimum admissions qualification score based on admission GPA and supplemental application materials; and
- the online CASPer assessment.

UNBC grants priority admission to students who meet admission criteria (see Admissions Section in this calendar) and apply by the deadline of January 15th. The University may review applications received after the deadline based on available space in the program.

The fulfillment of admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the NBNP. The UNBC School of Nursing considers all applicants who complete the application process and meet the minimum requirements; however, it gives preference to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Fifty percent (50%) of NBNP seats are allocated to applicants who complete a minimum of 15 university transfer credit hours at Northern Lights College (within 10 years prior to the semester of admission). A further twenty-five percent (25%) of seats are allocated to self-identified Indigenous applicants. If the allocated seats listed above are not filled, UNBC offers the remaining seats to other qualified applicants.

The UNBC School of Nursing reserves the right to select and admit those students who demonstrate academic potential, strong motivation to study nursing, and the qualities, judgment and clinical aptitude necessary to be a caring and professional nurse.

Academic Requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- meet UNBC admission requirements;
- have a minimum B average on the most recent 60 credit hours of university level course work;
- meet the 24 credit hours of required prerequisite coursework; and
- have a minimum of 24 credit hours of university level course work completed at the 200 level or above.

Required Pre-Admission Courses

Students must have a minimum grade of B- in the following university level courses. Students may not use a course in more than one category to satisfy the requirements:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology (6 credits), which must include a laboratory component – NLC BIOL 111 & BIOL 112;
- Microbiology (3 credits) – NLC BIOL 105;
- Statistics (3 credits) – NLC MATH 105;
- Social Sciences (3 credits) – See note on previous page under recommended courses to take;
- English (3 credits) – NLC ENGL 111 or ENGL 112;
- Indigenous Studies (3 credits) – NLC FNST 100;
- Psychology (3 credits) – NLC PSYC 101.

Note: Human Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology and Statistics courses must be completed within five years prior to the semester of admission. All other courses must normally be completed within 10 years prior to the semester of admission.²

CASPer Requirement – Please see the UNBC Academic Calendar for additional information on this requirement.

Supplemental Application Information Requirements – Please see the UNBC Academic Calendar for additional information on this requirement.

English Language Requirement

Applicants whose first language is not English, regardless of citizenship or country of origin, must submit evidence of English language proficiency prior to admission. For the NBNP, either an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Academic, or a CELBAN (Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses) with current, valid results and minimum scores as set by the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP) for the year of admission is required.

Admission Requirements: Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Access

The UNBC School of Nursing assesses LPN applicants on an individual basis. Applicants may be eligible for up to a maximum of 15 unspecified elective transfer credit hours towards the minimum 60 UNBC or university transferable credit hours for admission. Applicants cannot apply the block of transfer credit hours towards the 24 credit hours of required prerequisite courses.

Please see the UNBC Academic Calendar for additional information on this requirement.

¹Based on the 2021/22 UNBC Academic Calendar year.

²Please speak to the Student Advisor in regards to these requirements.