

From: **Okanagan College (OC)**  
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 **OC'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](mailto: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**

The Associate of Science Degree is granted upon the successful completion of the following courses:

- Two of the following: ENGL 100, ENGL 150, ENGL 151, or ENGL 153.
- MATH 112 and at least one other three-credit course in Mathematics. MATH 120 (Pre-Calculus) can be used for the second mathematics course, however, the student should be aware that some institutions will not accept this course for credit toward a science degree.
- At least 12 credits (4 courses) from:
  - BIOL 111 or BIOL 121
  - CHEM 111 or CHEM 112
  - CHEM 121
  - PHYS 111 or PHYS 112
  - PHYS 121 or PHYS 122
- At least 24 other credits in Science, which shall include a minimum of six courses (18 credits) in Science at the second-year level taken in two or more subject areas.
- At least two three-credit courses in Arts other than English.
- At least two three-credit courses in Arts, Science or other areas.

A total of 60 credits (at least 20 courses) of first- and second-year courses with a minimum average of 60% calculated from all courses counting towards the Associate of Science degree.

### **Recommended Courses to take:**

<b>OC Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>UNBC Equivalence<sup>1</sup></b>
ANTH 121	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 213-3
BIOL 131	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	HHSC 111-4
BIOL 133	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	HHSC 112-4
BIOL 202	Elementary Applied Statistics	STAT 240-3
BIOL 228	Introductory Microbiology	BIOL 203-3
CMNS 122	Professional Writing II	ENGL 170-3
INDG 100	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	FNST 100-3
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology: Basic Processes	PSYC 101-3

<sup>1</sup> Course equivalencies were determined through the articulation process and are listed on the BC Transfer Guide, [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)

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

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

**Note:** Above based on the 2021 Okanagan College website.

Sample of **UNBC Calendar** admission requirements for BScN Degree, Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program and how the OC Associate of Science Degree coursework *may be* used towards completion of the degree at UNBC<sup>1</sup>:

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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 – OC BIOL 131 & BIOL 133;
- Microbiology (3 credits) – OC BIOL 228;
- Statistics (3 credits) – OC BIOL 202;
- Social Sciences (3 credits) – OC ANTH 121;
- English (3 credits) – OC CMNS 122;
- Indigenous Studies (3 credits) – OC INDG 100;
- Psychology (3 credits) – OC PSYC 111.

**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.<sup>2</sup>

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the 2020/21 UNBC Academic Calendar year.

<sup>2</sup> Please speak to the Student Advisor in regards to these requirements.