

2018 NORTHERN NURSING PROGRAM

STAKEHOLDERS REPORT

University of Saskatchewan, College of Nursing



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In 2012, the College of Nursing began offering a full Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) in Ile-a-la-Crosse and La Ronge. In order to keep our regional stakeholders informed about our programming, we have provided regular reporting on program indicators such as student numbers and success rates; clinical placements; outreach; and relevant research activities. It is our hope that by working closely with local stakeholders we will: 1) improve recruitment and retention; 2) provide a nursing education that is contextually relevant for our northern students; 3) leverage clinical placements and other program components to positively impact regional health care; and 4) position our graduates to be community leaders and improve regional health outcomes.

Student Applications for 2018/19 & Overall Student Demographics

Students currently
studying in the northern
BSN program join us from
a number of different
home communities.

The nursing student seat intake allocation for northern Saskatchewan is officially 15 per year – typically five for Ile-a-la-Crosse and ten for La Ronge. In order to be admitted into the College of Nursing, prospective students must have successfully completed a Pre-Professional Year of ten Arts and Science classes (30 c.u.), including Chemistry, Biology, and Statistics. In addition, students need to be long term residents of the Northern Administrative District.

In the Fall of 2018 the College admitted three Year 2 students to the Ile-a-la-Crosse site, and seven to La Ronge, slightly lower than our normal intake. In total, the northern nursing program has 33 students (11 studying in Ile-a-la-Crosse and 22 studying in La Ronge).

Within our northern cohort, 88% of students have self-declared as Aboriginal; all of them are female. In the future, it would be beneficial to recruit more male students into the program, this would be significant in helping to shift to a more gender-proportional health care workforce, which may furthermore encourage men to engage with primary and preventive health care.

Overall, retention within the College of Nursing northern sites has remained high. Since the program began in 2012, 80 students have been admitted and 73 (91%) of those are still in the program or have graduated.

Air Ronge
Beauval
Black Lake
Buffalo Narrows
Cole Bay
Green Lake
Ile-a-la-Crosse
La Ronge
Meadow Lake
Pelican Narrows
Prince Albert
Regina
Saskatoon
Southend
Stanley Mission
Warman
Weyakwin
Wollaston Lake



Largest Northern Graduating Class Ever

2018 saw the College of Nursing's largest graduating class ever – nine from La Ronge and six from Ile-a-la-Crosse.

<i>Kyla Craig</i>	<i>Stephanie Curley</i>	<i>Mariah Daigneault</i>
<i>Tianna Haugen</i>	<i>Christina Hodgson</i>	<i>Laura Hrdlicka</i>
<i>Randa Jawad-Trudel</i>	<i>Robin Maurice</i>	<i>Jasmine McCallum</i>
<i>Debbie McLeod,</i>	<i>Farrah Natomagan</i>	<i>Mary Roy</i>
<i>Vanessa Searson</i>	<i>Lacey Sylvestre</i>	<i>Shania Petit</i>

Clinical Placements

Clinical and lab experiences are integral to the College of Nursing's curriculum and individual student development. These types of experiences provide students with an opportunity to connect theory to practice and to further enhance and develop their nursing skills and knowledge.

The following clinical experiences are being provided for the northern nursing students in the 2018-19 academic year:

Year in Program	Course	Number of Students	Location of Placement	Time Frame	Clinical Hours
2	Assessment and Components of Care I	10 Students in Total		Nov. 28, 29, Dec. 2, 2018	24 hours
		7 La Ronge	La Ronge Hospital Long Term Care Unit		
		3 Ile-a-la-Crosse	Keewatin Health Authority – St. Joseph's Hospital		
2	Patient and Family Centered Care in Clinical Practice	12 Students in Total		May 21 – June 30, 2019	144 hours
		9 La Ronge	Prince Albert and Battleford – Medical Acute Care		
		3 Ile-a-la-Crosse			
3	Complex Nursing Care Practice	12 Students in Total		Sept. 7 – Nov 5, 2018	156 hours
		7 La Ronge	Battleford – Medical Acute Care		
		5 Ile-a-la-Crosse			
3	Maternal Child and Adolescent Family Centered Nursing Practice	15 Students in Total		May 27 – June 24, 2019	78 hours
		10 La Ronge	Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert		
		5 Ile-a-la-Crosse	Obstetrical Units		
3	Maternal Child and Adolescent Family Centered Nursing Practice	15 Students in Total		May 27 – June 24, 2019	78 hours
		10 La Ronge	Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert Pediatric Unit		
		5 Ile-a-la-Crosse			
3	Integrating Mental Health and Addiction Within Nursing Practice	13 Students in Total	Victoria Hospital, Prince Albert	May 1 – May 22, 2019	156 hours
		8 La Ronge	North Battleford Mental Health		
		5 Ile-a-la-Crosse			
4	Community Nursing Practice	6 Students in Total		Sept. 5 – Dec 7, 2018	260 hours
		3 La Ronge	Keewatin Yatthe Regional Health Authority – Buffalo Narrows Health Centre, Green Lake Health Centre, Ile-a-la-Crosse Public Health, Beauval Health Centre, La Loche Health Centre		
		3 Ile-a-la-Crosse	Lac La Ronge Indian Band – Public Health and Home Care – Jeannie Bird Clinic		
			MCRRA Community Health and Home Care		
			Bells Point Elementary School		
4	Practice Integration	4 Students in Total		Jan. 7, 2019 – April 30, 2019	360 hours
		2 La Ronge	La Loche Health Centre, St. Joseph Hospital Acute Care – Ile-a-la-Crosse, Lloydminster Hospital, Meadow Lake Hospital, Battleford Union Hospital, Shellbrook Home Care, La Ronge Health Centre, Lac La Ronge Indian Band Home Care – Jeannie Bird Clinic, Victoria Hospital – Prince Albert		
		2 Ile-a-la-Crosse			

University of Saskatchewan to Open New Prince Albert Campus – Northern Gateway Hub

The University of Saskatchewan announced in March 2018 that it will consolidate its Prince Albert programming into the Forestry Building. Current programs include Nursing, Education, Arts & Science, (with full degree options) and Medicine, Dentistry, Agriculture & Bioresources, Kinesiology, and Pharmacy & Nutrition (with partial programming options). The expanded presence is meant to bolster the University's northern engagement and impact as it develops a northern strategy for research and education. Classes will move into the renovated space in the building beginning Fall 2020.



New Nursing Classroom Space at Northlands College's "The Rock" Campus

With the expansion of Northlands College, nursing classroom programming in La Ronge has been moved from the Canoe Campus to the Rock Campus in the Mistasinihk Building. We are very pleased to provide our La Ronge students and instructors with this great space for learning.



Northern Tour

The College of Nursing toured northern Saskatchewan – Ile-a-la-Crosse and La Ronge, staying connected with alumni, students, faculty, staff, partners, and community as part of the College's annual provincial tour.

Ile-a-la-Crosse

The College began our provincial tour in Ile-a-la-Crosse at St. Joseph's Health Centre, home of the College of Nursing's classroom and skills lab, where we met with students, learning more about their experiences in the nursing program. Following a tour of the community by Mayor Favel, the College met with representatives from the Primary Health Care Northwest, and later on joined community members at an evening feast hosted by Orana.



[right] Kari Petit, Angelica Daigneault, Jorina Coullonneur, Nicole Hodgson, Mayor Favel, and Dean Tzeng

La Ronge

The College met with nursing students at the new classroom at "The Rock" campus in the Mistasinihk Building, followed by a visit to the nursing lab in Air Ronge. In the afternoon the College of Nursing and Northlands College, had a productive conversation regarding our northern program, followed by a visit to the Jeannie Bird Clinic. Our tour ended in La Ronge with a round-table discussion in the evening with alumni, students, community, and partners.



[right] Melissa Dorion, Kaylara Gray, Dean Tzeng, and Kristin McKenzie (Lab Instructor, BSN'15)

Plan 2025

The University of Saskatchewan launched its new strategic plan – Plan 2025 – in October 2018, with the aspiration to be “the University the world needs”. In the summer of 2018, the Indigenous community gifted a name to the plan; *nikānitān manācihitowinihk* in Cree and *ni manachihitoonaan* in Michif which translates as “Let us lead with respect.”

The College of Nursing has submitted its own initiatives and goals as part of this larger plan. Reconciliation, indigenization, community partnerships and distributed learning will remain priorities for us in the next seven years. You can view our plan on our website at nursing.usask.ca/2025.



New Assistant Dean for Prince Albert & North

Dr. Lynn Jansen has been appointed Assistant Dean for Prince Albert & the North for a five year term, beginning January 1, 2019. Lynn led the development of our Regina Campus in 2012 and the Yorkton site in 2014 as the Associate Dean South. Her prior administrative and care roles within rural communities and long term care settings include program development and evaluation, interdisciplinary team facilitation, quality improvement and regionalized health system accreditation. Lynn's Master of Nursing was completed at the University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing and her doctoral studies at the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing at Western in London, Ontario.



Nursing Students Honoured for Excellence

Students and their support teams, donors and family members, along with College of Nursing faculty and staff gathered mid-November to celebrate some of the College's best and brightest students at this year's Student Awards Ceremony. Tina Shaw, 4th year BSN from La Ronge received two awards that afternoon - the Danny Browning Award and Katherine Doyle Macphee Scholarship & Brenda McCormick Weber Memorial Bursary.

Congratulations Tina!

Student Outreach

Speed Nursing

March 5, 2018, brought an exciting and fast paced event to the La Ronge nursing students. Students once again enjoyed a Speed Nursing lunch. Speed Nursing, an innovative way to connect nursing students and alumni, where students have eight minutes to ask as many questions as possible, then a bell rings, and they move to the next topic and expert. Alumni volunteers shared their expertise and knowledge on topics such as acute care/rural care nursing, tips from a new nurse, home care nursing, public health nursing, forensic nursing, and outpost nursing. Students get a wealth of information about a variety of nursing career choices and alumni to enjoy this fun mentoring opportunity.

Northern Lights Youth Health Careers Symposium

Once again, the College of Nursing, in cooperation with the College of Medicine, and the Northern Lights School Division, hosted the annual Northern Lights Youth Health Careers Symposium, in Prince Albert, on March 13 and 14, 2018. There were 36 student participants, as well as ten staff members from the communities of Beauval, Buffalo Narrows, Cumberland House, La Loche, La Ronge, Pine House, and Sandy Bay. Students enjoyed two days of presentations and hands-on, health-related activities, including hand hygiene, blood glucose testing, casting and suturing. Students also took part in a speed networking “ask the expert” event, a student think tank on community health issues and divided into teams for Nutritional Jeopardy. This interdisciplinary event allowed students to interact with health care professionals from a variety of backgrounds including, nursing, medicine, nutrition, physical therapy, emergency response, and mental health. The event was made all the more successful with assistance from volunteer staff from Saskatchewan Health Authority, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation Health Services, Northern Intertribal Health Authority, and CBI Health.



31st Annual La Ronge Career and Hands on Fair

Aboriginal Nursing Advisor, Tracy Gobeil, attended Keewatin Community Development Association's 31st annual Career Fair at the Jonas Roberts Memorial Community Centre. There were over 500 students from 10 different schools from La Ronge, Southend, Hall Lake, and Montreal Lake.

Pre-Professional Lunch Presentation

Professional Academic Advisor, Pat Taciuk and Aboriginal Nursing Advisor, Tracy Gobeil, provided a lunch and learn information session to post-secondary pre-professional students at Northlands campus in La Ronge on October 17, 2018. Students were given an overview of entrance requirements and program information.

Beauval Career Fair

Advisors from the Prince Albert campus attended the Gabriel Dumont Institute's Career fair in Beauval on October 23, 2018. Advisors interested with adult and high school students to provide information on entrance requirements, program information and to promote the Northern campuses and “Learn Where You Live.”

Graduate Education Opportunities

The College of Nursing's Master's of Nursing program is offered online, making it more accessible for RNs in rural and remote communities to complete the requirements without leaving home or interrupting their present employment.

The deadline for both the Master's (thesis & course-based) and PhD program is February 1st, and for the Master's (Nurse Practitioner) program it is March 1st. To discuss the graduate program application process and opportunities, contact nursing.advising@usask.ca.



Previous Reports

Six previous reports dating to Fall 2013 are available on our website: <https://nursing.usask.ca/aboriginalinitiatives/northern-nursing.php>



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