OPEN STUDIES TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - UPDATED February 2019

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Taking these courses **DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE** to the BSCN program.
   a. We do not give preference to students who have taken these courses ahead of time *i.e. having these courses is not an admissions advantage*

2. The courses listed on this guide are **NOT MANDATORY** to take **BEFORE** getting into the 4 year BSCN degree at RDC.

3. Taking any of the courses listed on this guide reduces the BScN course load but **does not shorten the BSCN program.** *i.e. you will not finish the program faster*

4. Apart from the courses listed on this guide, NO other courses that can be taken in Open Studies that would also count for credit in the program

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<th>Courses in open studies that can also count for credit in the BScN program (as of Fall 2019 onwards)</th>
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<td><strong>1 Open Elective</strong></td>
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<td>• Any 3 credit course that transfers to the U of A.</td>
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<td>o See page 2 for possible options</td>
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<td><strong>KNSS 200 - Anatomy</strong></td>
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<td>Credit is given for NURS 215</td>
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<td>o <strong>A grade of C+ or higher is required in order to receive credit for this course</strong></td>
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*Note about KNSS 200 ANATOMY* - this course is reserved until the middle of **JUNE 2019** for KNSS students only. Only after this point can this course be registered in by open studies students. There is no guarantee the course is available when the reserves are removed.

| ENGL 219 – Essay Composition                     |
| Credit for English 219 in first year            |

<p>| STAT 251 – Intro to Applied Statistics           |
| Credit for NURS 304 in Second year              |
|   o <strong>A grade of C+ or higher is required in order to receive credit for this course</strong> |</p>
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<td>PSYC 260</td>
<td>Basic Psyc Process</td>
<td>KPAC 231</td>
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<td>Soci 260</td>
<td>Social Concepts and Perspectives</td>
<td>KPAC 327</td>
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<td>FINS 150</td>
<td>Intro to personal Finance</td>
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<td>Relationship Development</td>
<td>ASTR 205</td>
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<td>FAM 322</td>
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<td>KPAC 211</td>
<td>Basketball</td>
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<td>KPAC 255</td>
<td>Yoga</td>
<td>ART 201</td>
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<td>ART 203</td>
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<td>ECON 201</td>
<td>Intro to Microeconomics</td>
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<td>PHIL 201</td>
<td>Values and Society</td>
<td>HIST 373</td>
<td>Canadian History to 1867</td>
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<td>PHIL 202</td>
<td>Knowledge and Reality</td>
<td>KNSS 253</td>
<td>Psychological Sport performance</td>
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<td>HIST 207</td>
<td>Early modern world (1450-1789)</td>
<td>KNSS 244</td>
<td>Nutrition</td>
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<td>HIST 208</td>
<td>Modern World history (1789-1945)</td>
<td>POLI 324</td>
<td>Politics of Healthcare</td>
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<td>HIST 330</td>
<td>History of Health and Healing</td>
<td>INTD 325</td>
<td>Mindfulness Mediation and Body</td>
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<td>BADM 132</td>
<td>Introduction to Marketing</td>
<td>INTD 375</td>
<td>Social Gerontology</td>
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<td>INTD 370</td>
<td>Global Health</td>
<td>DRAM 249</td>
<td>Intro to Dramatic Process</td>
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<td>Drama 201</td>
<td>Play Analysis</td>
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GPA explained:
GPA is the Grade Point Average of a student (from 0.00 to 4.00). GPA is what we use to determine your admission to the BSCN program.

The following only applies to students who are taking/planning to take open studies courses or have finished some college/university coursework already. In general the following rules are used to calculate GPA at RDC:

1. We need a minimum of 18 credits to calculate a student GPA (this sometimes is a combination of open studies courses and high school grades)
2. College and University courses, are always used before high school grades in GPA calculations (even if they are not relevant to nursing)
3. College level courses are usually worth 3 credits each, high school (and upgrading courses) are worth 5 credits each
4. We always use the most recent grades completed to calculate GPA (not necessarily the best grades)
5. If needed we combine college/university courses with high school courses to finish a GPA. We always use the highest level and most recently completed grades choosing from Biology, Chemistry/Science, Math and English. Other courses are not used in GPA calculations.
6. March 1st is the cutoff for grades to be used in GPA calculations.
7. GPA’s are only calculated once per admissions period, you cannot change your GPA once it has been calculated.

What this all means:
- Winter term at RDC does not end until April so only fall term grades are used in GPA calculations. You should take the “easier” courses in fall term to boost your GPA
- You can take between 1-5 courses in the fall term at RDC.

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<td>5 classes at RDC in Fall</td>
<td>The 5 new RDC classes (15 credits) + your 1 most recent grade high school grade (5 credits) (chosen from Bio 30, Math 30-1/30-2, Chem 30/Science 30, ELA 30-1.)</td>
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<td>3 or 4 classes at RDC in Fall</td>
<td>The 4 or 3 new RDC classes (12 or 9 credits) + your 2 most recent grade high school grades (10 credits) (chosen from Bio 30, Math 30-1/30-2, Chem 30/Science 30, ELA 30-1.)</td>
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<td>1 or 2 classes at RDC in Fall</td>
<td>The 2 or 1 new RDC classes (6 or 3 credits) + your 3 most recent grade high school grade (15 credits) (chosen from Bio 30, Math 30-1/30-2, Chem 30/Science 30, ELA 30-1.)</td>
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<td>5 classes at RDC in Fall</td>
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<td>The 4 or 3 new RDC classes (12 or 9 credits) + your best 6 or 9 credits from your last term of college/university</td>
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<td>The 2 or 1 new RDC classes (6 or 3 credits) + your best 12 or 15 credits from your last term of College/University</td>
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<td>Frequently Asked Questions</td>
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<td><strong>What’s the point of taking extra classes if I am not going to get credit for them?</strong></td>
<td>We definitely understand this, however, it’s important to remember that this program is competitive in nature. Extra courses still serve purpose in your GPA calculation.</td>
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<td><strong>Do you look at anything other than grades for admission?</strong></td>
<td>We DO NOT take any other factors (work experience, volunteer work, gender, citizenship, reference letters etc.) into consideration for admissions to the BSCN program.</td>
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<td><strong>I took open studies. Does this mean I have better chances at getting into the program?</strong></td>
<td><strong>No.</strong> Open studies, university transfers, and high school applicants are ALL CONSIDERED IN ONE GROUP. We do not reserve seats for open studies students.</td>
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<td><strong>Does it matter if I take Chem 30 and Math 30-1 instead of Science 30 and Math 30-2?</strong></td>
<td><strong>No,</strong> all students who meet (or will meet) the entrance requirements will be considered evenly with all others.</td>
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<td><strong>I took courses at another institution; will I get credit for them?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Maybe.</strong> You must apply for a prior learning assessment by emailing <a href="mailto:rpl@rdc.ab.ca">rpl@rdc.ab.ca</a>. You must apply to RDC before we will assess documents. Our Prior learning office will contact you for more information if needed.</td>
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<td><strong>How can I improve my chances of getting into the program?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Study, ask questions, and attend classes</strong>- you can do this, but you have to be willing to do the work!</td>
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<td><strong>What is the minimum GPA I need to get?</strong></td>
<td>The GPA varies from year to year, and we cannot predict what will be required in the future. <strong>GO FOR THE HIGHEST GRADES POSSIBLE!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>When should I apply for the BSCN program?</strong></td>
<td>OCT. 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; 2019 to MARCH 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; 2020. EARLIER APPLICATIONS DO NOT INFLUENCE ADMISSIONS TO THE BSCN PROGRAM. Applications received AFTER MARCH 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; 2019 will be automatically waitlisted- you are encouraged to apply early.</td>
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<td><strong>How many people get in off the waitlist? What are my chances? Where am I on the waitlist?</strong></td>
<td>It depends on the year. The waitlist for the BSCN program is ranked from highest GPA to lowest. The higher your GPA the better the chances. The waitlist will change depending on applications received after March 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;; as such we cannot tell you your exact position on the waitlist.</td>
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<td><strong>Can I increase my GPA after it has been calculated for admission?</strong></td>
<td><strong>NO,</strong> Your GPA is only calculated ONCE PER ACADEMIC YEAR. Once you have your GPA calculated, you will not be able to do anything to change your GPA. <strong>MID TERM GRADES ARE NOT USED IN GPA CALCULATIONS!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>How will my GPA be calculated?</strong> <strong>What is my GPA?</strong> <strong>Where am I on the waitlist?</strong> <strong>Did you receive my transcripts?</strong></td>
<td>All this information can be found by contacting our Registrars/admissions office: <strong>Email:</strong> Admissions <strong>Phone:</strong> 403-342-3400</td>
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