

I did not get accepted into the BSc in Nursing – what is my next step?

Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

The TRU Admissions Department and the BScN Selection Committee assess the applicant's:

1. GPA on the admission requirements, and/or GPA for Post-secondary courses (Engl, Math, Sciences)
2. Letter of Introduction

Following is a breakdown of each of the factors listed:

1. GPA on the Admission Requirements

Admission to the BScN is competitive so it is important that students present a strong GPA on the admission requirements.

Students not admitted should be prepared to upgrade the admission requirements. This is the first and most important step to improving your application for the following year. Using the following grid, enter in your current grades. This will help you to determine which course(s) should be upgraded. Be strategic in selecting your courses, select courses that you are sure to get a strong grade in (A).

My Goal	Current Grades	Admission Requirements
B	B	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples or equivalent (B minimum)
A	C+	Foundations Math 12 or Pre-Calculus 12 or equivalent (C+ minimum)
A	A	Biology 12 or equivalent (C+ minimum)
B	B	Chemistry 11 or equivalent (C+ minimum)
A	C+	Other Science 11 or 12 (C+ minimum)

You will notice that the marks listed in the “My Goal” column give the student an A- average.

- o *Based on historical data these grades are recommended, but do not guarantee admission*

Please refer to the following link for upgrading options:

<http://www.tru.ca/campus/current/advising/resources.html>

2. Academic History on University Level Courses

University level courses in English, Math, and Science can be used to strengthen your application if completed by the application deadline. Not all post-secondary courses will be considered, so refer to the listed courses only.

ENGL	1100 or 1110
AGSC	2100, 2200
ASTR	1140 or 1150
BIOL	1040, 1050, 1110, 1210, 1592/1594, or 1692/1694
CHEM	1500, 1510, or 1520
COMP	1130 or 3 credits of Comp 1020 - 1090
GEOL	1110, 2050, 2060, 2070, 2100, 2150, 2290
MATH	1000, 1100, 1130, 1140, 1150, 1230, 1240, 1250
NRSC	1110
PHYS	1010, 1020, 1100, 1200, 1150, 1250

It is recommended that students include at least 3 university level courses in their course plan.

3. Letter of Introduction

The letter provides you the opportunity to introduce yourself and to convey to the BScN Selection Committee members why you are a good candidate for the Nursing program. The letter should provide a brief personal history, including health related experiences, reasons for choosing nursing and positive attributes you may bring to the program and nursing profession (two typed pages).

Back-up Plan (Consider Alternate Options)

Applicants should consider alternate options or have a back-up plan. Researching other options will not only provide you with a back-up plan, but it may introduce you to a career that you never knew existed. It is also important to reflect about your choice to pursue Nursing – is it really what you want? Or have you chosen it because you don't know what else to do? You can consider other health related programs, such as the Practical Nurse Diploma program or a Health Care Assistant Certificate program.

Both the Counselling and the Career Education departments can help you in researching career options.