

Health Care Assistant Program

2017/18 Admission Information

Program Description

The Health Care Assistant program offers the BC Provincial HCA Curriculum, is 27 weeks or 745 hours in length and consists of courses in the basic concepts of health, client centered care, personal care and assistance, common health challenges and cognitive challenges as they are applied to the care of older individuals and their families. Studies will give students the technical knowledge, human understanding and practical skills to provide responsible and competent client-centered care. Graduates of the program will be prepared to function as Health Care Assistants and team members in residential care facilities and home care agencies. Additional program information is available on the following link <http://www.tru.ca/nursing/programs/healthcare/program.html>

Intake Dates

The HCA program offers two intakes per year

September to March

January to July

Admission Requirements

- Completion of Grade 11 - (Grade 12 preferred) or Mature Student Status (or equivalent)
- English 11 with a minimum 73% (or equivalent)
- Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residency

All HCA applicants are required to demonstrate English Language Proficiency. Applicants not having met grade 11/12 English may do so by submitting a successful Accuplacer Result. Contact the Assessment Centre at 250-828-5470 or email assess@tru.ca to book a testing date.

Applicants whose first language is not English are required to demonstrate English Language Proficiency with evidence of test scores from one of the following requirements; (TOEFL) Test of English as a Foreign Language, (IELTS) International English Language Testing System, (CLB PT) Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test, (CELP) Canadian English Language Proficiency Index or (CAEL) Canadian Academic English Language Assessment. For information on the accepted methods of testing noted above please visit their websites respectively.

Accepted Students Program Requirements

Consent to a Criminal Record Check – admitted students are required to submit a completed criminal record check.

HSPnet Form – Consent form for the Use and Disclosure of Student Information.

Student Immunization Record – All HCA students visiting clinical placements are considered health care providers and should be protected against vaccine preventable diseases.

Additional detailed program information and required forms for accepted students are located at this link; <http://www.tru.ca/nursing/programs/healthcare/accepted.html>

How to Apply

1. Apply online through the Education Planner BC website at <https://applybc.ca/tru.jsp#landing-start-application:applybc> (credit card payment of **\$28.12** required).
2. Apply using the TRU (pdf) paper application at http://www.tru.ca/_shared/assets/application-form14449.pdf. Applications submitted without the **\$28.12** application fee will not be processed.
3. Submit Official High School transcripts.
4. Submit Official Post-secondary transcripts for Institutions previously or currently attending.

Admission

Students accepted to the program will receive a Seat Offer Letter, requiring a \$500.00 Commitment Fee payment to secure a seat, it is held as deposit towards tuition fees. The remaining balance of tuition is due and payable upon program commencement. *Accepted students must complete additional program documents provided at; <http://www.tru.ca/nursing/programs/healthcare/accepted.html> and return them to the School of Nursing Department.*

Support Services

Visit the TRU home page at www.tru.ca for information regarding various support services, including Disability Services, Counselling, Sponsorship and Student Housing. For assistance with **financial planning** contact TRU Student Awards and Financial Support 250-828-5024.

Need Advising?

Our TRU Academic Advising office can assist you with inquiries on meeting admission requirements for the HCA program, call 250-828-5075 or email advising@tru.ca

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