

Researching and Choosing a School

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This section is to help you determine what school best suits your learning style and training needs. It is your responsibility to investigate all of the available courses in your chosen field. If available, gather the information from a minimum of three schools and indicate which one you have chosen.

These questions will help you make the best choice when researching a training provider.

School Description

School: Fanshawe College

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- Is this school registered as a Private Career College in Ontario? **No**
- If no, please explain: **Publicly funded college**
- Is this course eligible for OSAP funding? **Yes**
- Is this training provider certified to give T2202A tuition tax receipts? **Yes**

Program/Certificate Information

Program Name: Practical Nursing – NOC 3233

This is a two-year Ontario College Diploma Program.

This course is offered full time.

Practical Nursing is a five level (63 week) program leading to an Ontario College Diploma in Practical Nursing. The Practical Nursing programs at Fanshawe College have received a CATEGORY 1 PROGRAM APPROVAL from the College of Nurses of Ontario.

The program emphasizes the dynamic role of the Practical Nurse in the health care community and will prepare you for a career in which you will function as an important member of the health care team. Clinical practice is integrated throughout the program

providing experience in long term care, acute care, and community settings. The program provides the knowledge, skill, and experience to work with individuals, families, groups and communities in a variety of settings. Graduates qualify to write the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination and if successful, become eligible for registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario as a Registered Practical Nurse (RPN).

Program Eligibility Criteria

Admission Requirements for 2017/2018

This is a highly competitive program; the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of seats available. Post-secondary education may be required for successful admission to this program.

- OSSD with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (M), or Open (O) stream WITH:
 - o Any Grade 12 English (C) or (U)
 - o Mathematics ONE OF:
 - Grade 11 Functions and Applications (M)
 - Grade 11 Functions (U)
 - Grade 12 Mathematics (C) or (U)
 - o Grade 11 or Grade 12 Biology (C) or (U)
 - o Grade 11 or Grade 12 Chemistry (C) or (U)

(Note: minimum final grade required for each course is 65)

OR

- Academic and Career Entrance Certificate (ACE) WITH:
 - o Communications
 - o Core Mathematics
 - o Biology
 - o Chemistry
- (Note: minimum final grade required for each course is 65)

OR

- Pre-Health Science Ontario College Certificate* (Note: minimum final average required is 3.0 GPA) AND:

- o minimum final grade of 'C+' or 65 in the required courses stated above

OR

- General Arts and Science Ontario College Certificate** (Note: minimum final average required is 3.0 GPA) AND:
 - o minimum final grade of 'C+' or 65 in the required courses stated above

OR

- Ontario High School Equivalency Certificate (GED) WITH:
 - o The combined Language Arts - Reading AND Language Arts - Writing test results having a minimum average Standard Score of 520 AND:
 - o Mathematics ONE OF:
 - Grade 11 Functions and Applications (M)
 - Grade 11 Functions (U)
 - Grade 12 Mathematics (C) or (U)
 - o Grade 11 or Grade 12 Biology (C) or (U)
 - o Grade 11 or Grade 12 Chemistry (C) or (U)

(Note: minimum final grade required for each course is 65)

OR

- Mature Applicant with standing in the required courses and grades stated above

English Language Requirements

Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to demonstrate proficiency in English by one of the following methods:

- A Grade 12 University Stream English credit (or equivalent) with at least four recent years of full-time study in an educational institution where the language of instruction and of examinations was English and which was located in a country where the first language is English
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test with a minimum score of 580 for the paper-based test (PBT), or 92 for the Internet-based test (iBT) (22 writing, 26 speaking, 20 reading and 20 listening), with test results within the last two years
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test with an overall score of 7.0 with no score less than 6.5 in any of the four bands, with test results within the last two years

- Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) test with a score of 70 in writing, reading and speaking and a score of 80 in listening, with test results within the last two years
- Fanshawe College ESL4/GAP5 students: Minimum grade of 80% in ESL4/GAP5 Level 10
- Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) test with a minimum score of 90 with at least a 4 on the oral interview

Recommended Academic Preparation

- Grade 12 Mathematics (C) or (U) in addition to Grade 11 Functions and Applications (M) or Grade 11 Functions (U)
- Grade 12 Business and Technological Communication (O)

Recommended Personal Preparation

- Students should be personally responsible and emotionally mature with an interest in, and motivation toward, nursing, and should possess those personal characteristics which would enable them to co-operate with others in the delivery of health care. Please review the CNO Requisite Skills and Abilities document for more information
www.cno.org/Global/docs/reg/41078%20SkillAbilities%204pager-Final.pdf.

Applicant Selection Criteria

Where the number of eligible applicants exceeds the available spaces in the program, the Applicant Selection Criteria will be:

1. Preference for Permanent Residents of Ontario
2. Receipt of Application by February 1st (After this date, Fanshawe College will consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until the program is full)
3. Achievement in the Admission Requirements

Note:

- Admission to the Fanshawe College Pre-Health Science program does not guarantee admission in a subsequent year to the Practical Nursing program. Successful completion of the Fanshawe College Pre-Health Science program, however, does enable the student to be given additional consideration when applying to the Practical Nursing program. The Pre-Health Science program is

the preferred designated preparatory program for admission to the Practical Nursing program.

- *Students who are currently registered in the Pre-Health Science program at Fanshawe College or at any Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology must successfully complete their Pre-Health Science Ontario College Certificate with a minimum 3.0 GPA by April 30, 2016 and meet the academic pre-requisite courses and grades for the Practical Nursing program in order to be eligible for admission consideration in the immediately following academic year to the Practical Nursing program.
- **Students who are currently registered in the General Arts and Science program at Fanshawe College or at any Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology must successfully complete their General Arts and Science Ontario College Certificate with a minimum 3.0 GPA by April 30, 2016 and meet the academic pre-requisite courses and grades for the Practical Nursing program in order to be eligible for admission consideration in the immediately following academic year to the Practical Nursing program.

Post-Admission Requirements

The following items are applicable to the program and are time sensitive. Please refer to www.fanshawec.ca/preplacement for important information about preparing for placement by the due date.

- Possession of a Standard First Aid course certificate (either St. John Ambulance or Canadian Red Cross or equivalent) and a Basic Rescuer course certificate - Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers (HCP) in accordance with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Canadian Guidelines for CPR
- Evidence of Good Health (including immunizations)
- Police Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening, including a check of the Pardoned Sexual Offenders Database
- Placement Agreement

Other Information

- Due to the academic and clinical rigor required in the Practical Nursing program, applicants applying directly to this program from secondary school, without additional post-secondary education, are encouraged to consider applying to the Pre-Health Science program. The Pre-Health Science program is an excellent preparatory program for those considering a career as a health care professional.

- Eligibility for registration in Ontario in any regulated health discipline requires the candidate to provide information regarding any criminal offence or physical/mental condition which may affect practice.
- The Practical Nursing program is offered at the London and Woodstock campus using the same curriculum model. Once enrolled in the program, transfers between campuses are not permitted.
- Before undertaking a nursing program, applicants should be aware that the practice of nursing is governed by the legislation: Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 and other acts that govern the practice of health care. The profession is regulated by the College of Nurses of Ontario. The successful completion of an acceptable program of nursing is the first requirement for becoming a nurse in Ontario www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse. It is recommended that applicants become familiar with other requirements for becoming a nurse in Ontario, as set out by the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO). Due to a variety of clinical venues and possible changes in legislation, the requirements are subject to change. Students should always check with the CNO www.cno.org.

Course Details

- London Campus
- Program start date: **September 2017**
- Program end date: **March 2019**
- Is this start date flexible? **No**
- Program length (# Weeks): **62 weeks**
- Number of hours per week: **varies between 25 – 40 hours**
- Schedule of hours: **varies from term to term, dependent upon clinical days/hours**

Cost of Training Course/Program:

Cost of training course/program (Based on 2017/2018 Tuition Fees):

**2018/2019 fees will be available in June 2018*

Item	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Tuition/Fees	\$2,662.81	\$2,732.31	\$1,144.68	\$2,400.82	\$1,805.88
Books	\$860.30	\$607.60	\$229.75	\$122.25	\$0
<i>Expendable Supplies:</i>					
Notebooks, photocopies, computer disks, etc.	\$285.00	\$155.00	\$100.00	\$155.00	\$55.00

Item	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<i>Uniforms & Minor Equipment:</i>					
Lab coat, uniform, shoes, crest	\$325.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Major Equipment:</i>					
Watch with second hand	\$50.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Professional Assoc. Exam Fees:</i>					
Canadian Registered Practical Nurse Exam	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250.00
Jurisprudence Exam	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40.00
Application for evaluation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$170.00
<i>Other Expenses:</i>					
Student pre-placement clearance	\$50.00	\$0	\$0	\$47.00	\$0
CPR/First Aid	\$180.00	\$0	\$0	\$70.00	\$0
Police record check & vulnerable sector screening	\$40.00	\$0	\$0	\$40.00	\$0
Physical exam, blood testing, additional vaccinations	\$165.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TB Test	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30.00	\$0
Mask Fitting	\$42.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transportation and Parking	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
<i>Optional Expenses:</i>					
Stethoscope & bandage scissors	\$105.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Other:</i>					
OCAS application fee	\$95.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$5,060.11	\$3,654.91	\$1,624.43	\$3,165.07	\$2,520.88

Total Cost: \$16,025.40

Note: Tuition fees are billed per term. A \$500.00 non-refundable deposit will be required once per academic year. Making your deposit by the due date will confirm and secure your spot and registration in the program. The balance of fees will be due by the 10th day of class for standard start date programs. A \$150.00 late fee will apply should fees not be paid in full by the 10th day of class.

Admission related fees, when applicable:

English Language Evaluation Test (ELE) - **\$60.00**

- For applicants for whom English is not their first language.

Subject Challenge Exams - **\$75.00**

- Challenge Exams are used for admissions purposes:
 - o When an applicant has completed the learning, but does not have proof of a grade (i.e., English, Math, Chemistry, Biology, and Physics). The challenge exam shows that the individual has the skill set that meets the minimum grade requirement.
 - o When an applicant has completed the learning, but does not meet the minimum grade requirement.
- ***Challenge exams cannot be used in lieu of a subject requirement when prior learning has not been completed.***

Evaluating the School/Follow-up Questions

1. Did you meet the instructor or instructors prior to selecting this school? Please explain.
2. Have you contacted local employers to see if the training is acceptable to them?
☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Does this school have a solid reputation in the community?

Yes. Fanshawe College is one of 24 publicly funded Community Colleges in Ontario and is one of the largest colleges in Ontario.

4. Are the standards and licenses recognized by Governments and Occupational Associations?

Yes.

Questions to Ask the School

Answers have been already provided for you to the questions listed below.

1. What are the methods of instruction and time spent on each?

- Lectures: ?%
- Teacher-led: ?%
- Hands-on practice: ?%
- Self-paced: ?%
- Demonstrations: ?%
- Technology-based instruction: ?%.

2. What certification will you get upon completion of this course?

Two-Year Ontario College Diploma. Upon completion of this program you will be eligible to register with the College of Nurses of Ontario to write the provincial registration exam.

3. Please explain how your progress will be monitored and reported (method and frequency).

Evaluations are from instructors including, but not limited to tests, assignments, and quizzes and practical application.

4. How many hours of home study are expected per week?

Approx. 2-3/hour of class.

5. Are detailed course descriptions available to prospective students? If YES, obtain copies and include with Training Research Guide.

Yes.

6. What resources are available if you require additional help while in training?

Fanshawe College offers a wide range of student services to support your success at college:

- English and Math tutoring
- Peer Tutors to assist students having difficulty in a specific course
- Study skills workshops and tutoring offered throughout the year for learners who need to brush up on academic skills
- Personal, academic and career counselling is available to all students

- Specialized support services for mature students
- A full range of services and academic accommodations to support the success of students with disabilities
- Help with job finding strategies, résumé and cover letter assistance, and job interview skills. A job bank lists full-time and part-time opportunities

In addition, the following services are available to all students:

- A full-service Library/Resource Centre, including a Virtual Library for easy 24/7 access and media loans
- Financial Aid Office, including bursary assistance
- Awards and Scholarships

7. What percent of students who are enrolled in the course successfully complete it?

Varied – as students from other college programs apply for and receive advanced standing to all levels of the program.

8. What academic counseling is available prior to starting school and during the training period?

Staff offers pre-admission planning and academic advice and information for those considering admission to Fanshawe College.

Fanshawe College has a Student Success Advisor in every school and campus who is dedicated to helping students achieve academic success. Student Success Advisors can discuss program progression as well as helping students connect with tutoring, study skills workshops and other academic supports. In addition, due to their close ties with faculty they are notified about students experiencing academic challenges early in the program.

9. How does the school accommodate the needs of adult learners?

The College has considerable experience with adult learners and has specialists available to assist learners with study skills, success strategies, learning and other disabilities. Program coordinators are familiar with the needs of adult learners and will provide assistance to students on a one to one basis.

10. What are the qualifications of the instructor(s)?

RN, MScN or Med.

11. Do students have the opportunity to evaluate the instructor and the course?

Yes. Instructional feedback surveys are completed for each course.

12. Does the institution have publicized policies dealing with human rights issues?

Yes.

13. Are you allowed to audit a few classes?

Yes, with a fee.

14. Will the school provide references (e.g., signed release forms, past graduates and/or current students)? If not, why?

Yes.

15. Will there be a practicum or work placement?

Yes – one in each semester (UNPAID)

Level 1: 1 day/week (6 hours), Level 2: 2 days/week (6 hours), Levels 3 & 4: 2 days/week (7 hours), Level 5: work full time.

16. How does the institution support continuing education/upgrading for graduates in this field of work?

Career Programming for Adult Learners and In a Day Workshops are available through the course guide.

17. How does the institution make an effort to place its graduates in jobs after completion of the program?

Job Connect and Career Services works with graduates to help them achieve meaningful employment.

18. What percentage of graduates from this training find work in a field related to their training?

According to our Key Performance indicators, 92% of Fanshawe College Graduates achieve employment after they have completed their studies.

19. List employers who hire graduates from this course.

All acute care centres and many long term care facilities in and around London and Woodstock routinely hire our students. Students have also been hired in the GTA.

20. How will the credentials you receive be recognized by the industry/employer/sector?

Fanshawe College is well recognized across Ontario and across Canada and has been in business since 1967. As one of the largest Community Colleges in Ontario our graduates are sought after by employers. Fanshawe College is the largest Cooperative Education College in Canada and as such has strong linkages with employers in the communities it serves. All Fanshawe Programs are evaluated by employers every 3 to 5 years.