

NEW! First course begins January 2015 -Registration begins November **REGISTERED NURSE - PERINATAL NURSING**



Perinatal nursing includes the care of the mother, newborn and family throughout the childbearing continuum from preconception to three months after birth. Students focus on family-centred and interprofessional collaborative approaches, integration of current research evidence, best practices, specialty competencies and reflective practice in all program components. The Perinatal Nursing program assists in preparing nurses to write the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) certification exam in Perinatal Nursing.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the admission requirements for this program?

Program Eligibility

- Ontario College Diploma, Ontario College Advanced Diploma, degree or equivalent
- Registered Nurse in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario

Is the program part time or full time?

The program is offered on a part-time basis.

How long will it take to complete?

On average one or two courses will be offered in each of fall, winter and compressed spring/summer terms (conditional on enrollment). Earliest completion would be 1-1.5 years (4 semesters). Maximum time to complete a graduate certificate is 3 years.

When and where do the clinical placements take place?

Preceptored clinical placements may include community and hospital in-patient and ambulatory care settings subject to clinical space

availability. Students are encouraged to indicate their interest in a clinical placement to the program coordinator as soon as possible but at least one semester prior. I.e. January prior to spring practicum

Does the program prepare nurses to write the CNA certification exam?

The Perinatal Nursing program assists in preparing nurses to write the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Certification Exam in Perinatal Nursing. Completing this formal post-basic nursing specialty certificate reduces the number of hours required to apply for CNA certification. Refer to the CNA certification website for details at: <https://nurseone.ca/en/certification/>

What is the application process for this program?

Students are required to review the communications package and complete an application form. As well, a clinical pre-placement health form is required prior to start of clinical.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONT'D

I am a RPN. Can I take any of the courses?

With departmental approval, Registered Practical Nurses can take specific courses within the program, but are not eligible to receive the graduate certificate. The RPN would need to meet with the program coordinator to determine this accommodation.

I am interested in taking the NSG 0116 Breastfeeding Principles and Practice but I am not an RN - is that possible?

There are a few courses which may be at a level and of interest of other health care professionals in addition to RN's. Please contact the program coordinator to ask to be considered for special status.

I already work in the perinatal area. Do I have to take all of the courses to complete the program?

Registered Nurses with experience in the perinatal field may apply for formal recognition of one clinical placement (NSG 0117-Perinatal Nursing Practicum I). Prior learning assessment and recognition guidelines and requirements will be made available in these situations.

How many hours is each course?

Each theory course is 45 hours in length. Each Practicum course is 60 hours. Fall and Winter semesters are 15 weeks in length. Spring session will be compressed. Theory courses are usually two hours in class and one hour online each week.

is financial assistance available?

This program is part time and as such does not qualify for OSAP. RN's have the option of applying through RAO for the education bursary. Students are also encouraged to contact their employer to see if bursary or financial educational support is available.

What courses does the program include?

The program of study consists of six theoretical courses and two practicum courses:

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NSG 0111 Foundations of Perinatal Nursing*
NSG 0112 Antepartum Nursing
NSG 0113 Intrapartum Nursing
NSG 0114 Neonatal Nursing
NSG 0115 Maternal Newborn Nursing
NSG 0116 Breastfeeding Principles and Practice
NSG 0117 Perinatal Nursing Practicum I
NSG 0118 Perinatal Nursing Practicum II
***strongly recommended as 1st course to be taken**

Are there special requirements for the program other than academic?

Clinical Placement Eligibility

- Algonquin College Health Assessment Form and/or an Immunization Form
- Proof of current Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation Basic Rescuer "C" Level Training
- Police Records Check for Service with the Vulnerable Sector

Your acceptance for clinical placement (for Practicum courses - NSG 0117 & NSG 0118) in a hospital setting is at the discretion of the college and the agency. To be eligible for clinical placement, you must submit proof of a clear Police Records Check for Service with the Vulnerable Sector (PRCSVS), which will be retained on your departmental file and used only for purposes related to your placement. You will be required to disclose the contents of the PRCSVS, including all notations, to the placement agencies. It is your responsibility to obtain the PRCSVS from your local Police Department prior to clinical start date and to pay any associated costs. It may take a long time to obtain this documentation. Please submit your application (for the PRCSVS), as early as possible prior to the practicum. Should you require further information, please contact the Program Coordinator.

Return forms to:

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT'D)



Review and determination of admission status are done in May for the following fall. Registered Nurses can register for courses without applying to the program but must be admitted to the program prior to clinical placement.

What is the cost for this program?

Fees for part-time programs are charged on a course-by-course basis and are published on each individual course page. For questions related to fees, please refer to online advertising by Centre for Continuing & Online Learning. Preceptorship Credits in Agencies and Institutions can be used only for participation in credit classroom/theory* courses offered by The School of Health and Community Studies. Limit of 3 students per course and on first come/first served basis. These courses are offered in the classroom although there may be some Blackboard-based online delivery included in a few of these courses. The credits cannot be used for lab/clinical placements, for field placement experiences or for contract training activity. The participant will be required to pay \$20 fee which covers the tuition fees ONLY for the course. The participant will be required to pay the "Information Technology" fee (to have access to Blackboard) and all the other service fees which vary depending on course length and delivery mode. These charges will be obviously much less than the course tuition but they are costs that cannot be waived. Some applicants have questioned these charges when they have come to register so it needs to be clear to all that these charges are mandatory and can be expected.

The cost of books and manuals required for the course, as explained before, continue to be the participant's responsibility.

Graduation fee

Once you have completed all the courses in the program, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the Registrar's Office to obtain a certificate/diploma application. A graduation fee of \$40 is charged when the application is submitted. When your certificate/diploma

application has been approved, you will be invited to Spring or Fall Convocation.

Associated Costs

- Books, supplies and stethoscope throughout the program cost approximately \$800. Books and supplies can be purchased in the campus bookstore.
- There is a fee for a Police Records Check which is payable at your local Police Department.
- This program is part of Algonquin's mobile learning initiative. All students entering into the program are expected to have and use a laptop or mobile computing device for use in learning activities either in class or online.

Notes:

Graduate certificate programs at Algonquin College are delivered using a variety of instruction modes. Courses will be offered in a hybrid mode which combines classroom sessions with online learning activities. Lab and simulation experiences may also be a part of individual courses. Upon registration, each part-time student is provided an Algonquin email account, ITS username and password, which is used to communicate important information about program or course events. Please activate before the first class.

NSG 0117 Perinatal Nursing Practicum I -
Pre-requisites NSG0111, NSG0112, NSG0113 & NSG0114

Co requisites: NSG0115, NSG0116

NSG0118 Perinatal Nursing Practicum II -
Pre-requisites NSG0111, NSG0112, NSG0113 & NSG0114

Co requisites: NSG0115, NSG0116, NSG0117

The Registered Nurse - Perinatal Nursing Program is in collaboration with the Champlain Maternal Newborn Regional Program:



CHAMPLAIN MATERNAL NEWBORN REGIONAL PROGRAM
PROGRAMME RÉGIONAL DES SOINS À LA MÈRE
ET AU NOUVEAU-NÉ DE CHAMPLAIN

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