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Native Nurses Entry Program

Lakehead University
Thunder Bay, Ontario

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Small, modern, and set in a rugged area of Ontario, Lakehead University offers a wide range of personal educational opportunities. Relatively small class sizes encourage communication between students and faculty, allow greater opportunity for "hands-on" experience in labs and easier accessibility to a wide range of facilities as diverse as computers and squash courts. A variety of campus clubs bring students together on the basis of shared interests and goals. Many clubs are involved with local and national endeavours in addition to serving the immediate needs of their members. The Student Union offers each student the opportunity to become involved in academic, political and social affairs both on and off-campus. Classic and modern movies are screened on a weekly basis; local dramatic groups present their work in the campus theatre. Dances and concerts, showcasing national and regional talent, are held regularly. A library housing 500,000 volumes, modern laboratories, extensive research facilities, and lecture rooms of all sizes support the academic activities of the University. In deference to our northerly location, many of the buildings are connected by ground tunnel for comfortable walking during inclement weather.

Our residence, composed of ten "houses" named for towns in Northwestern Ontario, is built along the banks of the McIntyre River. This mixture of trees, lawn and rushing water creates a serene yet invigorating atmosphere. Each floor has a common lounge and kitchenette and each house, a Resident Assistant who is responsible for the well-being and conduct of the house members. Six hundred and forty students can be accommodated in the ten houses. The University infirmary, located in the residence complex, is managed by a full time nurse. Doctors from a local clinic are available on a regular basis.

Our University is situated on approximately 150 hectares of scenic, wooded land overlooking the city of Thunder Bay. Excellent shopping, dining, cultural, sports and recreational facilities are available in the city, many of them within walking distance of the University.

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The Native Nurses Entry Program is a nine month preparation program designed to provide the necessary skills and academic preparation required for successful completion of the four (4) year nursing degree program.

The program is based on two (2) semesters of twelve (12) weeks each, as well as a two (2) week field experience. The student may choose field experiences in their own community or other Native health setting.

The program offers four academic preparation courses and three special-purpose courses taken over the University academic year.

Preparation Year	1st Term		2nd Term	
	Lect.	Lab	Lect.	Lab
English 1805	3	0	3	0
Chemistry 1060	2	2	2	2
Nursing 1190	3	0	3	0
Mathematics 1030	3	1	0	0
Biology 1191	0	0	2	2
Communications 1090	3	0	0	0
Professional Orientation 1091	0	0	3	0

Upon successful completion of the above courses the student will enter the Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at Lakehead University.

Specific Courses:

1. Mathematics for Nursing - 1030

A course in the basic mathematics necessary to further study of quantitative methods. Topics include: algebra; multiplication; division; squaring; powers and exponents; simple formulas; factoring; equations; graphs; word problems. Mathematics for nursing students - weights and measures (metric); computing dosages; calculation of IV flow rate; preparing solutions.

2. English - 1805

A thorough study of the effective elements of communication, including style; letter and essay writing; research, planning and organizational techniques; formal and informal report writing; oral communication techniques; reader adaptation and communication situations. Native literature and health related articles will be utilized.

3. Communication for Native Nursing Students - 1090

A practice-oriented course that examines selected aspects of communication theory related to professional nursing and cross-cultural communication. Students will be engaged in a variety of learning experiences including small group discussions, observation, role playing and simulation.

4. Professional Orientation for Native Nursing Students - N1091

An introduction to the nursing profession including: history of nursing; history of Native nursing; Native health services and impact on health; roles and different levels of nurses. Guest speakers, including Native Elders and health professionals will present topics on: culture, values and cultural change; traditional approaches to health care; child rearing practices; and social and health problems arising from family disorientation.

5. Introduction to Human Biology for Native Nursing Students - N1191

An introductory course that will examine the structure, function, and role of major body systems. The student will become familiar with biology terminology; apply scientific method for recording, observation, and reporting data; apply biological principles in relation to health disease processes; and, be able to draw relationships between biology and the other health sciences.

6. Chemistry - 1060

A course in the basic principles of physical, inorganic, and organic chemistry for students without Advanced (Grade 13) Chemistry or equivalent. Topics include: the states of matter; chemical bonding; oxidation and reduction; organic compounds.

7. Study Skills/Logical Reasoning - N1190

Formal instruction will cover such topics as time management; effective listening and note taking; how to research and write a term paper; memory/learning; reading efficiently and summarizing textbooks; exam writing; giving seminars. Students will also complete a self-directed program on logical reasoning and reading comprehension that will improve problem-solving techniques.

Facilities

- olympic length pool with 1 and 3 metre diving boards
- squash courts
- weight training and exercise rooms
- indoor track and outdoor jogging and walking trails
- gymnasium - badminton, basketball, soccer, volleyball
- fenced tennis courts
- the Thunder Bay Country Club, directly adjacent offers an 18 hole golf course
- regular City transit service
- cafeteria and variety store on campus
- the University bookstore stocks a wide range of stationery, gifts and textbooks
- "The Study" (on campus pub)

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