Post Graduate Diploma in Gerontological Nursing

If you are an internationally educated nurse and interested in geriatrics, this Post Graduate Diploma will prepare you to effectively work with older adults, promoting wellness and enabling health.

OVERVIEW
The geriatric population is the fastest growing health cohort around the world. By 2030, 25% of Canadians will be over 65 with 12% over 85 years of age. Currently 70% of all patients in Canada are elderly; registered nurses must have specialized knowledge and training to effectively educate, assess and care for these older people. This Post Graduate Diploma in Gerontological Nursing will give participants tools and skills to meet the complex physical, social, environmental, cognitive and spiritual needs of the elderly.

Students will be given the chance to have intercultural exchange between graduate nurses from other countries and on-campus BSN students. This will promote rich dialogue about nursing approaches, philosophies and global health needs. Seminars and occasional class interaction will provide added opportunity for an exchange of ideas and nursing expertise.

CURRICULUM
Upon completion of this program, each nurse will:
- Interpret basic geriatric trends and issues
- Analyze and test a wide variety of health assessment tools
- Demonstrate critical, innovative thinking when problem solving complex geriatric issues
- Illustrate how to educate towards wellness in aging
- Develop advocacy skills at relational, unit and policy making levels

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
- B. Sc. Nursing degree from a recognized nursing school with English as a primary language of instruction with overall GPA of 60% or higher
- Registration with a national/provincial/state nursing association
- Minimum of one year nursing experience
- IELTS 6.5 overall with no band score less than 6.0, and Reading band score 6.5.

FIRST YEAR CORE COURSES INCLUDE:
- Professional Nursing in the Canadian Health Care System
- Contemporary Issues in Gerontology
- Relational Practice
- Introduction to Gerontological Nursing
- Physical Aging & Chronic Disease Management: Part I
- Delirium, Dementia and Depression in the Elderly
- Nursing Lab – Basic Skills & Physical Assessment
- Clinical Practice in Complex Care (2 days per week)

AT A GLANCE
LENGTH OF STUDY: 2-Years
ACCREDITATION: Post-Graduate Diploma
CAMPUS: Castlegar

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• SECOND YEAR CORE COURSES INCLUDE:
  - Physical Aging & Chronic Disease Management: Part 2
  - Nursing Leadership
  - Advanced Pharmacology for the elderly
  - Mental Health and Addictions
  - Psychosocial Issues Impacting Aging
  - Nursing Lab – Advanced Clinical Skills & Wound Care
  - End-of-Life Care
  - Clinical Practice
    (2 days per week)

Students will participate in clinical practice in care homes and other venues in the region in both year 1 and year 2.

*For a more detailed program course list and course descriptions, please visit:
www.selkirk.ca/post-grad-gerontology

PROGRAM DATES:
Early application deadline: Feb. 1, 2016
$250 tuition discount will be applied to students who have been officially accepted into the program before this date. Final application deadline: May 1, 2016

Semester 1                  August 29 - December 16, 2016
Semester 2                  January 3 - April 21, 2017
Semester 3                  September 5 - December 22, 2017
Semester 4                  January 2 - April 20, 2018

*these dates are subject to change

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Note: Fees are subject to change. Other college fees in addition to program fees apply. Please go to www.selkirk.ca/post-grad-gerontology for current tuition and fee information.

Selkirk College’s expert nursing instructors do their best to make us familiar with the Canadian health care system and its expectations from us as nurses. If you are a nurse, and are planning to pursue your further studies in Canada, I am very confident to say that Selkirk College’s Gerontology Post-Graduate Diploma is the best choice.

GURPREET KAUR, POST-GRADUATE IN GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING

The environment at Selkirk College is inspirational and very conducive to learning. I feel energized on campus and get new innovative ideas and thoughts. The Gerontology program has challenged my ability to achieve my goal of getting a good quality international nursing education.

MINU RATHEE, POST-GRADUATE IN GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING

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