



**THOMPSON
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**School of
Nursing**

Master of Nursing – Nurse Practitioner (MN-NP) Program

Application Instructions

TRU School of Nursing
2026 Entry

www.tru.ca/nursing/programs/master-of-nursing-nurse-practitioner

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Program inquiries
Admission inquiries and status of applications

Application Notes

1. **Review the [admission requirements](#).** Ensure you meet all the educational & other admission requirements for this program before you proceed with your application. Only those who fully meet the requirements will be considered for the 2026 intake.
2. **Apply by the deadline.** The application opens September 1. The deadline to submit the complete application is **October 31st**. All additional documents, including all transcripts and reference letters, must be received by 10 days after the submission deadline, *without exception*. Incomplete applications are not reviewed by the application committee for consideration.
3. **Review your application.** This is NOT a first-come and first-serve program, so please take your time to ensure all documents are thoroughly completed prior to applying.

Admission Requirements

Admission criteria for the TRU MN-NP program includes the following:

- ✓ Completed Bachelor/Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited institution.
- ✓ Evidence of active registration as a nurse in British Columbia. Note that annual evidence of current, practicing BCCNM licensure is required while enrolled in the program.
- ✓ Evidence of a minimum of two years of relevant full-time (or equivalent to full-time) registered nursing practice within the last five years.
- ✓ A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 (B) (or 73%) based on the most recent 60 credits of post-secondary education related to nursing or healthcare from an accredited institution(s).
- ✓ An academic transcript showing a completed undergraduate or graduate course in statistics with a C+ minimum grade.
- ✓ Two letters of reference from two clinical referees. The clinical referees must be in a supervisory role in the clinical environment.
- ✓ Official copies of ALL post-secondary transcripts
- ✓ Nursing practice resumé or curriculum vitae
- ✓ Statement of interest

English language proficiency

Students who have completed studies in a country where English is not the official language, must also submit English Language Test scores.

Acceptable tests and levels:

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

a minimum score of 7.0 and the following sub-test scores: Speaking 7.0, Writing 7.0, Listening 7.5, Reading 6.5.

or

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

- iBT: a minimum score of 100 (iBT) with no section below a 20
- Paper-Based: 600 with a TWE of 5.0

Know Before you Apply...

All applicants must be aware of the following MN-NP program conditions and policies:

- ★ The MN-NP program contains 3 practicum courses in the final year where students are paired with preceptors in clinical practice. These courses are NURS 5450 (225 practice hours), NURS 5460 (225 practice hours), and NURS 6430 (320 practice hours).

It may be difficult to maintain employment hours due to the workload of seminar and clinical commitments. Throughout the program, students must realistically appraise their ability to continue employment hours alongside the time commitment required for their studies.

- ★ Students are expected to travel for their practicums, as practicums can be arranged anywhere in British Columbia. Students are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation for practicum placements.

All practicum placements are arranged by TRU. Students are not permitted to arrange their own practicum placements.

General Requirements for Clinical Practice Coursework

- Ongoing active RN registration with BCCNM
- Criminal record check
- Updated immunization schedule & tuberculosis screening
- Current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification
- Student Practice Education Core Orientation (SPECO)
- WHMIS certificate (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System).
- Health Sciences Placement Network (HSPnet) requirements

Full program details are provided to students in the ***MN-NP Graduate Program Handbook*** after acceptance of admission. Students are required to adhere to these and all other program terms.

Application Steps

Step 1

Prepare these 3 documents into a single PDF file for upload with your application.

Résumé/Curriculum Vitae

Ensure this is up to date and clearly includes

- The dates and locations of your RN work experience
- Your status e.g. staff nurse, charge nurse clinical lead etc. and indicate, part-time, full-time, casual position
- The names and locations of the clinical agencies in which you worked (and do not use abbreviations)

Statement of Interest

Your statement of interest is a scholarly submission that best reflects your writing skills.

Please include:

- Your motivation for applying to the MN-NP program
- A brief overview of your background and preparation to enter as a graduate student in the MN-NP program
- State your advanced nursing practice interests and goals for entering the NP profession
- State the geographical area in which you would prefer to practice as an NP
- Provide a description of your desired focus of study in the program that relates to NP practice

The statement should be a standard letter-size PDF document double-spaced with 1" margins in 11-point Arial font with no more than 750 words.

Evidence of Active RN Registration

Go to the BCCNM Nurse Verification page and search your name.

Take a screenshot of the page, including: BCCNM, your name, and the current practising RN status.

Step 2

Submit your application through Education Planner BC (EPBC).

During the application period, apply to the MN-NP program on EPBC through the “Apply online” link on TRU’s “Apply for Admissions” page, or directly from the [EBPC homepage](#).

You will need to create an EPBC account if you do not already have one. During this process, you will upload the PDF file which includes all documents (merged together as one PDF) from STEP 1.

Step 3

Arrange for the remaining requirements to be submitted to TRU Admissions.

Transcripts

All official transcripts must be sent to TRU directly from the issuing institution. Transcripts submitted by students will not be accepted as official documentation.

To submit post-secondary transcripts (other than a TRU transcript), please visit TRU’s transcripts instructions at www.tru.ca/transcript under “For applicants with post-secondary education, current or past”.

Verification of RN Practice Hours

Each applicant is required to provide evidence of having worked more than 3600 hours (2 years full-time equivalent) as a registered nurse *within the last 5 years*. Verification of registered nurse practice hours must be provided by your employer(s) (e.g., human resources department). Self-reported practice hours such as a screenshot from the BCCNM website will not be accepted.

Applicants are to have employers draft a letter or complete the practice hours template in the Appendix. The document from the employer must contain:

- the applicant’s name
- the total number of hours worked as a RN within the past 5 years
- the authorized representative’s name
- the authorized representative’s signature
- the authorized representative’s role
- the date signed

Reference Forms

Once your application has been received, you will be sent a link by the Admissions Office. Forward the TRU reference form to your two clinical referees along with your TRU-ID, which your referees will need to complete the form. Upon submission, the form will be directly sent to the TRU Admissions Office. Applicants are advised to select clinical referees who are prepared to meet the application deadline.

Your referees must be in a supervisory role in the clinical environment and be able to comment on items pertaining to your knowledge, skills and potential as a nurse practitioner. References from friends or people in non-clinical positions will not be helpful to your application.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are received by the deadline. There are no exceptions, and incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Résumé/CV
- ☐ Statement of Interest
- ☐ Evidence of active RN registration in BC from BCCNM
- ☐ Evidence of RN practice hours from employer(s)
- ☐ Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended, including a baccalaureate degree in nursing
- ☐ Transcript demonstrating an eligible statistics course completed by application deadline
- ☐ English language proficiency test scores, if applicable
- ☐ Two clinical reference forms

Repeat Applicants

If you are re-applying to this program, you will need to provide:

- An updated résumé/CV
- A new statement of interest
- Evidence of active registration as a nurse in BC from BCCNM
- Updated evidence of RN practice hours from employer(s)
- Any updated transcripts
- Updated reference forms

Appendix

Verification of RN Practice Hours from Employer

Name of Registered Nurse (MN-NP applicant):

This above-named nurse worked a total of *[insert number of practice hours]* within the past 5 years from *[insert start date]* to *[insert most recent work date]* as a registered nurse.

Name of authorized personnel:

Signature of authorized personnel:

Role with company/institution:

Name of company/institution:

Signatory date: