

POST-BASIC NURSING PRACTICE

Faculty of Nursing

Department of Interprofessional Education and Simulation Learning

MacEwan.ca/PostBasic (<http://MacEwan.ca/PostBasic>)

As our population continues to age, the demand for nurses qualified to work with both the elderly and the terminally ill will increase. MacEwan University's Post-basic Nursing Practice certificate meets this demand as it combines the common skill sets necessary for practice in the areas of gerontology or hospice palliative care. Through innovative distance education strategies, this 18-credit program challenges nurses to apply their compassion, dedication, leadership and knowledge to end-of-life care populations. Evidence-based theoretical foundations guide students to best practices in palliative care and gerontological nursing. The program also prepares nurses to write the Canadian Nurses Association gerontological or hospice palliative care certification examinations and contributes to the ongoing educational competency expectations of provincial associations.

Career Potential

The global nursing shortage has created unprecedented career opportunities for nurses who specialize in their practice. Graduates are prepared for rewarding careers in their pursuit of excellence in a variety of acute care, continuing care, hospice or community practice settings. Nurses enrolled in the certificate build increased knowledge and skill in the physical, social, emotional and spiritual domains of specialized client care.

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Categories of Admission

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be actively registered in Canada as one of the following:

- Registered Nurse
- Registered Psychiatric Nurse
- Graduate Nurse with a temporary permit
- Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Practical Nurse

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of

standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP.

Program of Study - Gerontology Major

Course ID	Course Name	Credits
NURS 475	Ethics in Gerontology and Palliative Care ¹	2
NURS 476	Leadership in Care Management ¹	2
NURS 477	Therapeutic Relations in Specialty Practice ¹	3
NURS 478	Field Project ¹	1
NURS 480	Conceptualizing Gerontology ¹	2
NURS 481	Optimizing Older Adult Health ¹	4
NURS 482	Dementia Care in the Elderly ¹	4
Total Credits		18

¹ The minimum passing grade for this course is a C-.

Program of Study - Hospice Palliative Care Major

Course ID	Course Name	Credits
NURS 475	Ethics in Gerontology and Palliative Care ¹	2
NURS 477	Therapeutic Relations in Specialty Practice ¹	3
NURS 478	Field Project ¹	1
NURS 483	Conceptualizing Hospice Palliative Care ¹	2
NURS 484	Pain Assessment and Management ¹	4
NURS 485	Palliative Symptoms ¹	4
Total Credits		16

¹ The minimum passing grade for this course is a C-.

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.