R.P.N. Bridge to B.Sc.N. is a bridging program that offers Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) the knowledge and skills necessary to enter Trent University’s Nursing degree program. Upon successful completion of this two-semester bridging course, students are able to apply to enter Trent's Nursing degree program that is offered on-site at the state-of-the-art Daphne Cockwell Centre for Health Sciences located at the Waterfront Campus.

DELIVERY OF PROGRAM
The RPN Bridge program is offered through a full-time flexible delivery model. It is delivered in a hybrid format that includes both in-class and online learning.

The semesters are delivered consecutively with Semester 1 starting in September and Semester 2 starting in January.

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES
The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Apply the following skills and competencies to facilitate professional accountability, collaboration, leadership, continuing competence and the practice of nursing:
   1. communicate effectively verbally and in writing, using interpersonal skills to assume a leadership role on the clinical team;
   2. demonstrate novice-level scholarly writing;
   3. collaborate with the Interprofessional team;
   4. integrate information standards, technology, and information literacy tools to facilitate both client care and professional self-development; and
   5. demonstrate social responsibility and advocacy for individuals, families, groups and communities in various practice situations and settings
2. Examine the basic language and goal of research, and the implication of research findings for nursing practice.
3. Demonstrate holistic, patient/family-centred care across the lifespan and continuum of care in various practice situations and settings.
4. Apply theoretical knowledge, critical thinking and problem-solving in a variety of increasingly complex health care practice situations.
5. Demonstrate safe, effective, ethical and culturally sensitive nursing care that meets the current College of Nurses’ Professional Standards for Registered Nurses.

REQUIRED COURSES

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EDUCATIONAL/DEGREE PATHWAY

Students who successfully complete the S122 bridging program will be eligible to apply to a (post-bridge) nursing degree program delivered by Trent University at George Brown College’s Daphne Cockwell Centre for Health Sciences, located at the Waterfront Campus.

To be eligible for admission to the S122 program, you must:

1. Be a Registered Practical Nurse (RPNs) in good standing without practice limitations with the College of Nurses of Ontario

and

2. Have graduated from a two-year community college PN program in Ontario with a minimum cumulative average of 75% and not less than 70% in any element of the PN program for which advanced standing credit will be assigned by Trent.

Note: Candidates who do not meet criterion #2 (for example, those who graduated from a one-year community college program and subsequently upgraded to a diploma) may be considered on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the Admissions Sub-Committee.

To be eligible for admission to the Post-Bridge BScN Pathway (Trent University), you must:

1. Have met the above criteria for admission to the bridging courses

and

2. Have graduated from the approved RPN Bridge program with a minimum cumulative average grade of 75% and not less than 70% grade in any element of the Bridging program for which advanced standing credit will be assigned by Trent University.

The post-bridge PN to B.Sc.N. pathway at Trent University, leading to an Honours degree in Nursing (B.Sc.N.), consists of 20 credits with at least 12 credits in NURS. Upon completion of their RPN and approved bridge programs, students will normally have completed and received transfer credit for BIOL 1050H, 1051H, BIOL-CHEM 1550H, NURS 1000H, 1001H, 1002H, 1020H, 2001H, 2021H, 2550H, 3021H, PSYC 1020H, 1030H, 2.0 elective credits at 1000-level and 0.5 credit elective at 2000-level. The Trent program must include:

Year 1 (including Winter Term and Summer Session)

- 5 credit consisting of BIOL 3550H
- 5 credit elective at the 2000 level or beyond
- 5 credit elective at the 3000 level or beyond

Year 2 (including Summer Session)

- 5 NURS credits consisting of NURS 3000H, NURS 3001H, NURS 3004H, NURS 3020H, NURS 3021H, NURS 4020C
- 5 NURS credits consisting of one of NURS 4021C or 4022C
- 5 NURS credit from one of Advanced Topics Group 1
- 5 NURS credit from one of Advanced Topics Group 2
- 5 credit elective at the 3000 level or beyond

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, including the required courses, and the selection criteria outlined below:

- Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario and without practice restrictions.
- Graduation from a two-year community college Practical Nursing (PN) diploma program in Ontario with a minimum cumulative average of 75% and grades of not less than 70 (B–) in any element of the PN program for which advanced standing credit will be assigned by Trent University.
- Submission of all post-secondary transcripts from Canadian and international educational institutions attended is required and these will be reviewed for academic performance as part of the admission requirements.
- Applicants with prior university or college study in fields outside of Practical Nursing must present a minimum combined grade point average (CGPA) of 2.33 (C+) and be considered “In Good Standing” with no failures in core prerequisite subjects in order to be considered. Higher CGPAs/averages may be required subject to competition.
- Applicants applying with International Education in Nursing or the Health Sciences must present a course-by-course evaluation from WES or ICAS. Where PASS/FAIL grades are the only grades available, a letter from the issuing academic institution must indicate a minimum score for PASS.
- Applicants with PASS/FAIL grades from out-of-province institutions must present a letter from the issuing academic institution to indicate a minimum passing score.
- Applicants who have completed a Practical Nursing Certificate to Diploma upgrading program at a recognized community college in Ontario will be considered on an individual basis.
- Applicants with prior nursing studies in a Bachelor of Nursing or Bridging program will be considered by the Admissions Committee on a case by case basis regardless of the length of study, or performance in a PN program.
- The Admissions Committee reserves the right to give priority to applicants who meet all course and grade requirements on their first attempt.
- All applicants offered admission require the approval of the Admissions Committee, comprised of representatives from Trent University and George Brown College, who will provide a detailed evaluation of core course performance and competencies for transfer of credit evaluation.
• Applicants who have been absent from full-time formal Practical Nursing, Bridging, or BScN education for a period of 10 years will be considered on a case by case basis.

This program is open to domestic applicants only.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) AND FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Before commencing the clinical practice course, all students must successfully complete:

• the approved CPR course (required annually): Basic Cardiac Life Support – Health Care Provider (BCLS – HCP) Level
• a Standard First Aid Certificate course

Students will not be eligible to attend the practice area unless they hold current CPR and First Aid certificates.

REQUISITE SKILLS FOR NURSES

Applicants who wish to qualify to become a registered nurse in Ontario should review the requisite skills for nurses listed on the College of Nurses of Ontario website6.

CLINICAL PRE-PLACEMENT HEALTH FORM REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM POLICY

• Upon confirmation of acceptance into this program, students must meet and complete all the mandatory pre-placement requirements for this program. It will take up to 10 to 12 weeks to complete.
• Students will need to process and provide proof of their medical records7 (such as MMR, Varicella, Hep B blood test reports/titres, Tdap shot valid every 10 years and Two Step TB Skin Test), a clear police vulnerable sector check8 renewed every year, CPR level HCP9 renewed every year, annual flu shot and mask fit test10 renewed every two years. These requirements must be submitted by the given deadline to ParaMed.11
• The health policies and non-academic requirements are designed to protect clients and vulnerable populations that students will engage in practice. Students who do not comply with the program’s health policy and non-academic requirements, or who do not submit all required documentation by deadlines established by the program will be excluded from the clinical practicum. Exclusion from clinical practicum for any reason may jeopardize students’ academic standing and successful completion of this program.
• All costs, service fees and fines associated with the overall health requirements are the responsibility of the student.
• To download the mandatory pre-placement health form and for more details, go to the Pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement/nursing/
POLICE VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (MUST BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR)

• In compliance with the requirements of our placement partners, all students in this program are required to have a police vulnerable sector check\(^{12}\) completed, and this check must be renewed annually before entering into field or clinical placement.
• The police vulnerable sector check process typically takes two to three months, but under some circumstances can take four to eight months. This is required to protect the clientele of our placement partner agencies, who are considered “vulnerable persons” under the law.
• Students are responsible for ensuring that the police vulnerable sector check covers appropriateness for “individuals being employed and/or volunteering who will be working with vulnerable person(s).”
• Students are required to keep the original copy of their police vulnerable sector check.
• Students who are unable to provide a “clear” police vulnerable sector check may not be able to start their field or clinical placement and therefore may be unable to complete the program. Students who are not eligible to attend their practice placement due to a “not clear” status will jeopardize their progress in the program.
• Failure to meet the requirements for field placement will prevent students from completing the program and/or securing employment.
• The fees for the police record check vary and must be paid by the student. For more information, please visit the Pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement/record_check/

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LINKS REFERENCE

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2http://www.georgebrown.ca/international/futurestudents/tuitionfees/
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