Registered Nurse – Critical Care Nursing is a one-semester postgraduate program that prepares Registered Nurses to give competent care to critically ill individuals and their families.

The combined theory and clinical courses encompass the **Level 1, 2 and 3 Critical Care Standards of Practice** as outlined by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and Critical Care Nursing Standards from Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

This program is offered at the Daphne Cockwell Centre for Health Sciences at the Waterfront Campus.

Structured clinical courses provide nurses with a safe learning environment to practice critical care knowledge, skills and judgement in critical care units across the Greater Toronto Area.

Due to the limited number of clinical placements available, this program has a restricted number of seats open to applicants.

**PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS**

This program is not available on a part-time basis.

**YOUR FIELD STUDY OPTIONS**

Clinical placement is a key component of this program.

Placements are conducted with a partner hospital in their critical care unit. Students will be expected to spend 232 hours in a critical care environment under the supervision of a preceptor and a clinical educator as a requirement to complete the program.

**PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES**

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Practice within the scope of professional, legal and ethical standards, organization policies and best practices in critical care nursing.
2. Establish and maintain therapeutic relationships with patients, families and/or substitute decision makers to optimize patient and family-centred critical care.
3. Assess, analyze and monitor data for patients with complex, multi-system problems in order to anticipate early deterioration in patient's condition, establish priorities and to plan interventions.
4. Plan, implement, evaluate and document specialized nursing interventions to achieve optimal patient outcomes in potential or actual life threatening illness and end-of-life situations.
5. Advocate for and deliver patient and family-centred care to patients/families experiencing potential or actual life threatening illness and end-of-life situations.
6. Collaborate with members of the inter-professional health care team in providing care for patients experiencing potential or actual life threatening illness and end-of-life situations to achieve continuity of care and optimal patient outcomes.
8. Use strategies and available resources to respond to environmental, physical and psychosocial stressors affecting self and others in the critical care setting.
9. Engage in reflective practice and ongoing professional development to enhance competence in critical care nursing.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

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YOUR CAREER

Graduates are prepared to work in a variety of critical care units including:

- medical-surgical
- neuro-surgical
- trauma
- coronary
- cardiovascular

Many hospitals have chosen our program (through sponsorship) to prepare their nurses for working in this dynamic specialty field.

As a result of the current shortage of critical care nurses in Ontario, employment opportunities remain strong*.

*Source: Critical Care Workforce Profile, Provincial Report May 2017.pdf

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

See georgebrown.ca/transferguide

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- RN, Certificate of Competence, College of Nurses of Ontario without practice restrictions, and BCLS (Heart and Stroke Foundation), HCP Level
- Interview - All applicants are interviewed by telephone or in person
- Resumé
- One year of acute care nursing experience in Ontario

If taking this program as a non-sponsored student (independent student), students must meet all the mandatory pre-placement health requirements for this program.

This program is open to domestic applicants only.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

Not applicable

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

PRE-PLACEMENT HEALTH FORM

- Upon confirmation of acceptance into this program, students must meet all the mandatory pre-placement health requirements for the program. It may take up to four months to complete all the requirements.
- All costs, service fees and fines associated with the overall health requirements are the responsibility of the student.
- For further details and to download the mandatory pre-placement health form, go to the Pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement
- Students must attend mandatory computer training at their clinical site.
- Students must submit proof of a satisfactory medical examination before entering field placement. Students who are unable to provide a clear medical examination result to the college will not be able to start their field placement and therefore will be unable to complete the program.

"The critical care course has forever changed how I practice as a nurse. I went from task-oriented nursing to being able to understand the whole clinical picture. The clinical placements helped me consolidate the theory I learned and challenged my thinking in ways it has never been challenged before."

Natalia Escalante, RN, BScN (Graduate 2018, Registered Nurse – Critical Care Nursing)

"I found that the Critical Care Nursing program including the teachers, placements, and tutorials were pivotal in achieving success in my new workplace. The in-class teaching was interactive and supportive, and our clinical experience was challenging and rewarding, which ultimately led to confidence in my practice. Thanks George Brown!"

Blaire McDonald, RN, BScN (Graduate 2018, Registered Nurse – Critical Care Nursing)

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