



UM Bachelor of Nursing  
Collaborative Program with University College of The North (UCN)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

**#1 – What is the UM Bachelor of Nursing (BN) Collaborative program with University College of the North (UCN)?**

For the past 22 years, the University of Manitoba and the University College of the North (UCN) have had a collaborative partnership to deliver the Bachelor of Nursing program in The Pas and Thompson, Manitoba. The same BN curriculum is delivered at all three campuses.

- Theory and Clinical courses follow the same curriculum as the University of Manitoba.
- [Bachelor of Nursing UM](#)
- UCN has an on-site team of instructors and clinical education facilitators, as well as instructors from UM in all 3 years in the BN program.
- There is a Program Coordinator for both Thompson and The Pas- Kellie Graveline [kellie.graveline@umanitoba.ca](mailto:kellie.graveline@umanitoba.ca)
- There is an Academic Advisor for both Thompson and The Pas- Coralee Bolton [Coralee.bolton@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Coralee.bolton@umanitoba.ca)

**#2 – Where are the UCN campuses located?**

[The Pas](#) is a community located 6.5 hours (625km) North of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The heart of adventure territory, “Gateway to The North”, and home of the Northern Manitoba Trapper’s Festival; which is one of the longest running winter festivals in Canada.

[Thompson](#) is a community located 7.75 hours (762km) North of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The largest city in northern Manitoba. Many amenities of city living amongst the tranquility of nature.

If an active lifestyle, fresh air and the opportunity to explore and connect with nature appeals to you, you’ll love our Region. Surrounded by Crystal clear lakes, seemingly endless boreal forests and more. Our four season playground was made for everything from golfing, hiking, fishing, skiing, sailing, hunting, and snowmobiling. Watch these videos for a taste of what is available in The Pas, Thompson and area:

[Summer in The Pas - YouTube](#)

[Winter in The Pas - YouTube](#)

[Clearwater Lake Provincial Park - YouTube](#)

[Thompson's obscure wilderness a paradise - YouTube](#)



[Thompson Manitoba - YouTube](#)

**Public transit:**

Thompson- <https://www.thompson.ca/p/transit>

The Pas- Relies on taxi services

Bus Line information-

Thompson to Winnipeg- <https://www.maplebuslines.com/schedule/>

The Pas to Winnipeg- <https://mahihkanbuslines.com/>

Flight Information- <https://www.calmail.com/>

**UCN Campuses:**

View **campus tours** of Thompson and the Pas campuses at the following link: [UCN Campus Tours](#)

There is a bookstore located at each UCN campus that can provide you with all your required textbooks and UM arm crests. Name tags need to be ordered directly from the University of Manitoba Bookstore. Clinical nursing scrubs need to be ordered from University of Manitoba or need to be dark navy blue with white, clean, indoor runners.

[Nursing Name Tag UM](#)

Required Immunizations will not be done on campus. Students will need to have their immunizations done prior to coming to UCN at the Fort Garry Campus or will have to book their own appointment with at the Primary Health Center. Note: there may be a cost involved with having to have your immunizations done at Primary Health.

[UM Immunization Program](#)

You are required to have your **required documents** completed prior to starting the academic year. Due date for all required documents is July 15 for the fall admission. After you've been accepted into an undergraduate program in the College of Nursing, and before the start of your program, there are a number of requirements you need to submit. This information is relevant for all newly admitted students to our undergraduate programs: Bachelor of Nursing (Fort Garry site); Bachelor of Nursing (UCN Collaborative Cohort); Bachelor of Midwifery.

[Non-Academic Admission Requirements UCN Cohort](#)

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**#3 – Tell me about housing options for UCN students in The Pas and Thompson?**

Student housing information for UCN students is found at the following link: [UCN Housing Information](#)

Housing can be hard to get in both The Pas and Thompson. You will need to reach out prior to coming for the term.

Students are encouraged to book a meeting with the appropriate campus individual to discuss accommodations prior to the start of the academic school year:

**The Pas Campus Contact Info:**

Coordinator of Student Housing/Residence  
(204) 627-8518     [ntavener@ucn.ca](mailto:ntavener@ucn.ca)

**Thompson Campus Contact Info:**

Laurie Williamson  
Manager, Thompson Housing Facilities  
(204) 677-0694     [lwilliamson@ucn.ca](mailto:lwilliamson@ucn.ca)

**#4 – If I accept an offer to study nursing at UCN in The Pas or Thompson, how will it affect my status on the waitlist for the BN program at Fort Garry campus in Winnipeg?**

Accepting an offer to study in The Pas or Thompson will not affect your waitlist position for a seat at the Fort Garry campus in Winnipeg.



**#5 - If I am admitted to the UCN campus Collaborative University College of the North Cohort Nursing program in the Pas or Thompson for this, can I transfer back to the Fort Garry campus after a term if I choose to?**

Students are expected to study for the duration of their BN degree at the campus location where an offer is made. This means relocating to The Pas or Thompson, live in the community during the term, and will have to attend in-person.

**#6 – If I accept an offer to study at UCN at The Pas or Thompson campus for Fall 2023, am I eligible to apply to the Fort Garry campus for the Winter 2024 intake?**

Students accepting an offer to student the BN program at a UCN campus are not eligible to apply for Fort Garry campus in subsequent terms (for the BN program).

**#7 – Is there a policy and guidelines for transferring to an alternate campus within the Bachelor of Nursing program?**

Must meet required guidelines to be considered for a transfer. Must contact Academic Advisor and Program Coordinator at UCN before initiating a transfer.

**#8 – What are the benefits of completing the Bachelor of Nursing program at a UCN campus in The Pas or Thompson?**

- ✓ Small class sizes. On average NURS courses have 20 students per site. You will have the opportunity to really know your instructors and classmates.
- ✓ Smaller classes can improve well-being of students by reducing stress and anxiety, improving mental health, and promoting a sense of belonging and community.
- ✓ Classes at both UCN campuses run from September through April.
- ✓ Courses only run once per academic year.
- ✓ The Northern Health Region (NRHA) is geographically the largest of the five RHAs in the province of Manitoba. Within the Region there are: 2 cities (Thompson and Flin Flon) 6 towns (The Pas, Gillam, Grand Rapids, Leaf Rapids, Lynn Lake, Snow Lake).
- ✓ Clinical rotations tend to stay within The Pas and Thompson sites.

[About the NRHA](#)

**#9 – If I have additional questions about joining the UM Bachelor of Nursing Collaborative program with University College of the North, who do I contact?**

Rady Faculty of  
Health Sciences



**University  
of Manitoba**



University College of the North

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