



# Master of Nursing Graduate Programs FAQ

## 1. What graduate nursing programs does Lakehead University offer?

The Master of Nursing Program at Lakehead University is divided into two streams:

- Master of Nursing – Nurse Practitioner (NP) Stream
- Master of Nursing – Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) Stream

## 2. Do I have to come to campus?

The NP Stream does require students to be on campus for mandatory tutorials and labs. The on-campus portion varies each year, but typically occurs after the first year when students are enrolled in NP specific courses. Placements must occur within Lakehead University's geographic area, which is east to Wawa, north to Hudson's Bay, west to the Manitoba border and south to the U.S. border.

The APN Stream can be completed from a distance, with no on campus requirements. The clinical placements for the APN stream can be arranged anywhere in Canada.

## 3. When do applications open and close for the program?

Applications open in October of each year. The website will be updated when exact dates are known. The deadline for applications is February 1.

## 4. How many intakes does the program have each year?

Intake of new students occurs once a year, with classes starting in September.

## 5. How long does the program take to complete?

There are 2 options for speed of delivery: full time and flex time. Full-time registration requires all courses to be complete in 2 years (6 terms). Flex Time offers students up to 6 additional terms, or 2 more years, to complete the degree, for a total of 4 years (12 terms). Switching between Full Time and Flex Time is not permitted once students have commenced the program.

## 6. How many employment hours are required for admission? What is the deadline for completion of the hours?

The NP Stream requires the equivalent of 2 years (or 3,640 hrs) full time direct nursing experience in the last 5 years. This needs to be RN experience, and the hours must be completed at the time of application.

The APN Stream does not have such employment hour requirements.



## **7. Where can I do my clinical placement?**

Clinical placements are arranged in a collaborative manner between the school, student and organization.

For the NP Stream, clinical placement must occur within Lakehead University's geographic boundary, which is east to Wawa, north to Hudson's Bay, west to the Manitoba border and south to the U.S. border.

For the APN Stream, clinical placements can be arranged anywhere in Canada.

## **8. Who should I use for references?**

The application asks for 1 clinical reference and 1 academic reference.

Clinical references are individuals you worked with in a clinical environment who can write on your relevant work experience (e.g., clinical decision-making). Usually, these letters come from managers or supervisors who you worked with in a clinical environment.

Academic references should be from someone you worked with in an academic environment who can write on your academic ability and suitability for a graduate program of study. Usually, these letters come from educators who taught you in post-secondary education. The length of time since being in school may affect your ability to obtain a strong academic reference, in which case two clinical references are acceptable.

## **9. Can I use credits from another institution towards my MN degree?**

Applicants may be granted Advanced Standing for up to one graduate level full course equivalent at another institution. Advanced Standing can only be applied in cases where the initial program was not completed and a degree was not conferred. No advanced credit from previous study will be given for undergraduate courses.

Requests for Advanced Standing must be submitted and approved at the time of admission to the program. To be considered for Advanced Standing, students must submit a formal request to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, along with the official transcript and institutionally prepared course description(s).



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