

College of Nursing

Mahkwa omushki kiim: Pathway to Indigenous Nursing Education (PINE)

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Objective

The overall purpose of PINE is to create a safe learning environment and increase the number of Indigenous nurses to work in health-care facilities throughout Manitoba. PINE does this through advocacy, individualized course sections, tutor supports, knowledge keepers in residence, and access to the PINE student lounge.

History and Background

The PINE unit is a supportive community of Indigenous staff, students, and allies. PINE member students are eligible to access academic, personal, and cultural supports geared to preparing for entrance and success in the BN degree program.

Canadian students of First Nations, Métis and Inuit ancestry who are interested in a career as a nurse are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

In 2008 the University of Manitoba's College of Nursing received funding from the Government of Manitoba to support Indigenous students pursuing their nursing degree. The Aboriginal Nursing Cohort Initiative (ANCI) was created and was an access pathway of support for Indigenous students. In 2019 ANCI developed a strategic plan which also included a name change in 2020 that was a gift to us from Indigenous Elders. We are now called Mahkwa omushki kiim: Pathway to Indigenous Nursing Education (PINE).

Supportive Learning Environment

PINE is a network of support which consists of Indigenous faculty, staff, nursing students and allies that offers academic, personal, and cultural supports aimed to prepare students for entrance and success in the Baccalaureate Nursing degree program at the University of Manitoba.

The University of Manitoba College of Nursing is taking concrete actions to implement the Truth and Reconciliation of Canada's Calls: specifically, #23 "we call upon all levels of government to: Increase the number of Aboriginal professionals working in the health-care field."

How PINE Supports Enhance Your Success:

- **Academic and personal supports:** Stay on track through check-ins with your student advisor and academic coach.
- **Cultural support:** Visit the Knowledge-Keeper-in-Residence for cultural and spiritual guidance.
- **Tutoring:** Reach your full potential with up to five hours per week of tutoring.
- **Small class size** for select pre-nursing course work: Feel confident and encouraged in a small class setting.
- **Other support:** We'll help identify funding options and troubleshoot applications.

Bachelor of Nursing (BN)

The University of Manitoba's BN program offers a solid base of nursing knowledge, hands-on clinical practice, and the skills to embrace a challenging, diverse, and satisfying career. Following a year of pre-Nursing studies in which students choose electives to fulfill the BN admission requirements, the BN program provides students everything needed to succeed in the nursing field. Upon admission to the BN program, students attend classes in Fall, Winter and Summer terms and complete the

Expected Duration

One to two-years of pre-Nursing PLUS 28-months once admitted to the BN program.



Pre-Nursing Studies

To prepare for BN application, students complete 30-credit hours of admission requirements. Courses are a combination of core courses, science electives, humanities and/or social sciences and UM written English and math requirements. PINE offers a 3-credit hour humanities course for its member students only. NURS 1500: Preparing for Professional Nursing Education develops knowledge, skills, and approaches to learning to increase opportunity for success in the BN program.

Pre-Nursing Course Work

Course #	Course name	Credit hours
BIOL 1410	Anatomy of the Human Body	3
BIOL 1412	Physiology of the Human Body	3
MBIO 1220	Essentials of Microbiology	3
Science electives including math requirement		9
Social science or humanities electives including written English requirement		12

How to Apply

Apply to Mahkwa omushki kiim – PINE, in two-steps:

1. Apply to become an official UM student

Admission requirements vary by degree program of application. Online applications with \$100 application fee.


Education Background	Applicant Type	Suggested Programs	Fall Term Deadline
Current high school students or high school graduates with no more than 24-credit hours of post-secondary level study	Direct entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University 1 	August 1 (March 1 or May 1 recommended)
Students with more than 24-credit hours of post-secondary level study	Advance entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty of Arts Faculty of Science Extended Education-General Studies 	June 1 (Arts/Science) August 1 (Ext. Ed)

PINE – Mahkwa omushki kiim accepts students with high school credits and those with university credits in other UM faculty or from another university. Application support available

2. Apply to PINE

Complete and submit the application form. Fall application deadline is annually May 1.

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