

“TOP TEN” UPDATE FROM ENROLMENT SERVICES

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10. New Programs

- **Faculty of Arts:**
 - Certificate in Sustainability
 - Certificate in Non-Profit Sector Leadership & Innovation
- **Faculty of Science:**
 - Indigenous Environmental Science major offered in affiliation with First Nations University

9. Changes to Programs

- **Faculty of Education/Media, Art, and Performance:**
 - The Bachelor of Music Education degree is now a 150 credit hour, five-year program. Entrance is still competitive, and applicants must fill out the Teacher Education Application.
 - The Bachelor of Arts Education degree is now a 120 credit hour, four-year program. Entrance is still competitive, and applicants must fill out the Teacher Education Application.
- **Faculty of Science:**
 - The Environmental Health & Science degree is now under the Faculty of Science, in the Department of Biology. It was previously in the Faculty of Engineering, but this was felt to be a more logical home for the program. It is still offered in affiliation with First Nations University and is still accredited with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.
- **Faculty of Kinesiology & Health Studies**
 - Has entered into a new articulation agreement with the College of the Rockies in Cranbrook, BC. Students can take the Health and Human Performance Diploma or the Exercise Science Diploma from the College of the Rockies, and transfer these two years of studies to the Bachelor of Kinesiology, Human Kinetics major.

8. Admission Average Calculation

There are two ways we calculate the admission average for incoming high school students. Each of these can be used for the automatic entrance scholarships, and we will always use the higher of the two.

- **The Early Conditional Average** – The early conditional admission calculation is split into two different calculations based on Faculty. The only difference between these two averages is that Math is required in one and is replaced with “an additional course” in the other. The early conditional admission average is the same average used for the assessment of scholarships.
- **The Final Admission Average** – The final admission average is calculated on the final grade 12 marks in July. All high school students are reviewed for the automatic entrance awards a second time in late August based on faculty-specific, final grade 12 grades and are potentially upgraded to the Centennial Merit or Centennial Merit Plus if this new average meets a new threshold.

NOTE: The Re-Calc of the Early Conditional Average – As we did last year, any students who apply at our Admissions on the Spot events before their first semester grade 12 marks are available, will be re-assessed for scholarships by sending us a revised transcript in February.

7. Transcripts

- The Ministry of Education allows students to submit one request to have transcripts sent after their first semester of Grade 12 **and** at the end of Grade 12 for a single charge of \$20. We would really appreciate your continued support in encouraging students to do this. We will also continue to accept the school generated documents for early conditional admission. These can be sent by email, fax, or mail, or in person, unless they are for Nursing which requires electronically submitted transcripts directly to Sask Poly from the Ministry of Education.
- Final transcripts must be **official** (not faxes, scans, or photocopies) and must be submitted by **August 1** to complete the conditional acceptance. Official transcripts can either come from the Ministry of Education directly or the student can submit their original official transcript that the Ministry mails out to all grads in July directly to the Admissions Office. Exception: Nursing still requires all transcripts to be sent **electronically** directly to Sask Poly from the Ministry of Education.

6. Nursing

The cut offs this year were at 87.8% for high school and 69.5% for post-secondary.

5. Faculties with Qualifying Admissions Categories

- **The Faculty of Business Administration** – Students with an average of 65.0%-84.99% are admitted as Qualifying students. Those with an entering average of 85.0% or higher

are admitted directly to the degree program and receive a \$1000 Business Excellence entrance scholarship.

- **The Faculty of Kinesiology & Health Studies**– Students with an average of 65.0%-69.99% are admitted as Qualifying students. Those with an entering average of 70.0% or higher are admitted directly to the degree program.
- **The Faculty of Science** – Students with an average of 65-69.99% or who are missing a prerequisite are admitted as Qualifying students. Those with an entering average of 70.0% or higher are admitted directly to the degree program.

4. Education Programs

The Faculty of Education – has four different applications for four unique programs:

① U of R programs

- Use the “Teacher Education Application”
- Application is an online version only
- Programs: Elementary (Early Elementary-Pre-K to Gr 5; or Middle Years-Gr 6-9), Secondary, Arts Education, Music Education, Joint BEd/BKin

② First Nations University Indigenous Education programs

- Use the “First Nations University of Canada Indigenous Education Application”
- Application is a paper version only
- Programs: Elementary Indigenous Ed and Secondary Indigenous Ed

③ Baccalaureate en Education programs

- Use the Programme du Baccalauréat en éducation (le Bac)
- Application is an online version only
- Programs: Elementary and Secondary to prepare teachers for francophone and French immersion schools

④ SUNTEP program

- Use the “Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program Student Application Form”
- Application is an online or paper version
- Program: BEd with a Métis and First Nations focus
- Note: qualified students of Métis ancestry may have tuition covered by the program

3. Deadlines

- **Faculty of Education** – There are four types of admission to Education:
 - ① The U of R Faculty of Education programs:
 - deadline of March 1st (programs stay open until they reach capacity)
 - ② The First Nations University Indigenous Education programs

- two deadlines: March 31 and June 30
 - ③ The Baccalaureate en Education programs:
 - deadline of March 1st (programs stay open until they reach capacity)
 - ④ The SUNTEP program:
 - deadline of May 1st (program may stay open until they reach capacity)
- **Faculty of Nursing** – Applications for the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will continue to be accepted by Sask Polytechnic from October 1st until February 15th for domestic students, and transcripts must be in by March 1. Applicants who will be on a study permit must apply by December 31, and submit documents by January 31.
 - **Priority vs. Final Deadlines for other Faculties:** The “priority deadline” of March 15th is a “recommended” deadline to ensure maximum student service throughout the admissions process. It is also the entrance scholarship application deadline. Students may still apply for early conditional admission after this deadline and automatic entrance scholarships continue to be awarded up until June 15.

2. Changes to Final High School Admission Requirements

- **The Faculty of Engineering**
 - The minimum high school admission average required to select a major of choice is now 90%. However, high school students with an admission average between 70% and 89.99% are still admissible to the Engineering General program.
 - Once the Engineering General students have completed a minimum of 8 required first year courses in the Engineering program (which are the same no matter which major is later chosen), they apply to their major of choice by filling out a “Selection of Major” form. This request is reviewed by the Faculty and the decision to accept the student is based on their PGPA.
- **The Faculty of Nursing**
 - The grade 11 and 12 Fine Arts, Christian Ethics, and Physical Education courses will no longer be used in the early conditional admission average to Nursing. These are any of the Category B courses on your Admissions at a Glance handout with an asterisk beside them. After analyzing admission data of students who were not successful in the Nursing program, it was determined these courses had often inflated the competitive entrance average, but there was on average an 8% drop in the final admission average when these courses were no longer used in the calculation.

1. Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries... Oh My!

- FREE MONEY!
- The Student Awards and Financial Aid office will once again be offering free workshops to help students navigate through SAMS (Student Awards Management System). The dates of these workshops are on the “Perfect Balance” Handout and all workshops will be held in the main library on the first floor. Parents are welcome to attend with their students!
- The Entrance Awards deadline is March 15, 2017.