The Nursing program at Dawson College is known for the excellence of its nursing graduates, and is designed to provide students with the most specialised knowledge and skills necessary in becoming a Registered Nurse in the province of Quebec. The program has been recently revised to meet emerging challenges in the field of health care, with updated courses in health assessment, nutrition, and pharmacology, essential for new practitioners. Use of simulation, including both high and low fidelity mannequins, complements the students’ clinical experiences, and enables students to encounter realistic patient situations in a controlled learning environment and enhance clinical reasoning skills.

The Dawson nursing program also offers flexibility in permitting busy students to complete the program in either three years or four years, and provides strong support for students requiring extra assistance with French. As a Registered Nurse in Quebec, you will have the opportunity to work in a healthcare setting and deliver safe effective patient care based on the knowledge, skills and professional attitudes developed over the course of study.

These skills include:
• Communicating and interacting effectively with clients, their families, and health professionals.
• Analyzing and interpreting data, based on scientific and disciplinary foundations.
• Solving problems and making decisions leading to relevant and effective actions.
• Delivering quality nursing care, based on knowledge, skills and professional attitudes.
• Demonstrating professionalism and personal growth through attitude and conduct.

The program includes new courses in the areas of health assessment, nutrition and pharmacology, deemed relevant for new practitioners. The program also provides more flexibility in that students may choose to complete the program in three years or four years, as well as more support for students requiring extra assistance with French-language proficiency.

Graduates of Dawson’s Nursing program may practice nursing in Quebec after passing the Order of Nurses of Quebec licensing exam. College nursing graduates are strongly encouraged to continue their nursing education by obtaining a Baccalaureate degree in Nursing.

In Quebec, partnerships have been established between nursing programs in CEGEP and universities to coordinate learning at these two levels.

Career Opportunities
A strong need for nurses now and in the future has been identified. Graduates find many employment opportunities in all clinical areas. Hospitals remain a major employer. University studies in nursing will increase the scope of career opportunities.

Admission Requirements
Diploma of Secondary Studies (DES), including:
• Secondary V Language of Instruction
• Secondary V Second Language
• Secondary IV Science
• Secondary IV Mathematics
• Secondary IV History

or academic background judged equivalent to the DES.

Students with a DES missing any of the above subjects may be admitted, space permitting, but may be required to complete remedial courses.

Specific ministerial admission requirements *
• Sec IV Environmental Science & Technology or Environmental Science 558-404 or 558-402 Sec V Chemistry 551-504

*For students graduating before June 2010 or from an Adult Education Centre, the pre-requisites are Mathematics 526 and Physics 534.

Additional admission requirements
• Candidates must be eligible to take College English 603-101 (Testing may be required).
• All candidates are recommended to have completed the science pre-requisites within the last 5 years.
• All candidates must submit a letter of intent: 200-300 words, handwritten, outlining reasons for wishing to study Nursing and how this idea may have developed; cite personal or work experience including volunteerism, interests and hobbies or activities.
• Please note, for admitted candidates only: immunization requirements and certificates of medical health are required once admitted.
• Admitted candidates must complete the Order of Nurses of Quebec (O.I.I.Q.) nursing student registration application, following admission.

The application deadline is March 1. This program accepts applications only for the Fall semester.

For more information visit the program webpages dawsoncollege.qc.ca
Course List

YEAR 1 TERM 1
- Human Body for Nurses I
- Introduction to Nursing

English
French
Humanities
Physical Education

YEAR 1 TERM 2
- Human Body for Nurses II
- Nursing the Hospitalized Adult
- Basic Health Assessment
- Psychology: Human Development

English
Complementary
French

YEAR 2 TERM 3
- Human Body for Nurses III
- Medical/Surgical Nursing

OR
- Maternal/Child Health
- Collaborative Therapies in Health and Illness I

English
Humanities
Physical Education

YEAR 2 TERM 4
- Human Body for Nurses IV
- Medical/Surgical Nursing

OR
- Maternal/Child Health
- Collaborative Therapies in Health and Illness II

English
Complementary

YEAR 3 TERM 5
- Promoting Autonomy
- Sociology of Healthcare

Humanities
Physical Education

YEAR 3 TERM 6
- Internship

Every student must take four English courses, two French courses, three Humanities courses, three Physical Education courses and two Complementary courses to receive a CEGEP Diploma.