

Board Meeting Highlights

The March 26, 2020, Board of Governors' meeting was held via Webex.

The board received a number of reports, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrolment Update Report• Nursing Programs Overview• Program Advisory Committee Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Approval Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing• Immersive Technology• In the Spotlight – Governor Steve Arsenault – shared on <i>Staff News</i> |
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Nursing programs overview

The board asked for an overview of the nursing programs offered at Georgian College. We offer an array of nursing programs at the diploma and undergraduate levels of education. In addition, specialty nursing education and graduate certificate programs are available to practicing nurses wishing to expand current knowledge and competencies. In 2018, Georgian expanded its program offerings of postgraduate nursing programs for internationally educated nurses and launched the Acute Complex Care for Internationally Educated Nurses program at the Barrie and Orangeville campuses.

Current programs include:

Collaborative degrees

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) collaborative degree program. The BScN program is offered in conjunction with Seneca College and York University. Students complete their first two years at the college, and transfer to York for the remainder of their studies. This program is delivered at the Barrie Campus.
- Ontario Tech University RPN-BScN degree completion: The RPN-BScN program is offered to practicing Registered Practical Nurses (RPN), providing them with the opportunity to complete their BScN degree in partnership with Ontario Tech U. The entire curriculum is delivered at Georgian College.

Diplomas

- Practical Nursing is a diploma program that prepares graduates for practice as Registered Practical Nurses (RPN). The full-time program is five semesters long, while the part-time program is 10 semesters.

Graduate certificates

- Acute Complex Care Nursing, Registered Nurse Critical Care Nursing, Nursing Specialty Programs, RPN refresher series is for RPNs who have been out of practice for three or more years and need to refresh their skills in order to satisfy the provincial requirements for safe practice. Intravenous Therapy is for a variety of health-care professionals wishing to increase their understanding of IV therapies. Advanced Foot Care is for RNs and RPNs wishing to improve their skills in caring for patients with foot care needs, such as diabetics. Peri Anesthesia Nursing is for RNs and RPNs wishing to improve their competency in the care of patients in the perioperative period in order to work in the perioperative setting. RPN Coronary Care provides RPNs the knowledge to deliver care to cardiac patients in a variety of settings.

Program approval: Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Under development is a new Georgian College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree BScN (new for fall 2022), which will be offered as a standalone degree. Students will complete all four years of the degree at Georgian. The board passed a motion to move forward with offering the BScN standalone degree.

Immersive technology

As part of Georgian's efforts toward digital transformation, we are working with faculty and programs to assist in integrating virtual, augmented and mixed reality in curricula where appropriate and desirable. This requires research into available software and hardware that addresses a pedagogical need in a way that would otherwise be difficult, impossible, counterproductive or expensive by standard teaching methodology. Virtual reality, in particular, provides experiential learning, which makes it unique as an educational technology tool.

Recent activities :

- Virtual reality (VR) is available to students in the Barrie library commons
- Paramedic students are engaged in a research project to evaluate virtual reality in paramedic education

Next Steps include exploring virtual reality across 26 programs and other campus library locations.