

## D. Admission to Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology

The Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology is a four-year program of study that provides linked credentials. The student is awarded a certificate in Human Services by NBCC following one year of successful study in the program. The Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology is awarded by STU following successful completion of the entire program. Students must successfully complete, in any order, three years of study at St. Thomas University plus the one-year Human Services Diploma at the New Brunswick Community College (NBCC).

Students interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Arts (Gerontology) degree program must meet the Admission requirements of the institution where they begin their studies (either St. Thomas University or NBCC). Students who begin their studies at St. Thomas must meet the normal admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree. For details on the BA admission requirements, consult Subsection A. "First-year Arts."

Both NBCC and STU students are required to have a GPA of 2.0 in their programs at their respective institutions to qualify for admission to the program at the partner institution.

## E. Admission to Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology for Practical Nurses

### First-stage admission

Admission to the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology for Practical Nurses Degree program is in two stages. First-stage candidates will apply for admission to the New Brunswick Community College's Practical Nurse diploma program. Former graduates from the NBCC Practical Nurse program can proceed directly to Stage 2 admission and apply directly to St. Thomas University. All applicants must satisfy regular admission requirements for St. Thomas University Bachelor of Arts.

### Second-stage admission

Enrolment in the second stage is limited to 30 students. To participate in the second stage admissions process, candidates must satisfy the following minimum academic requirements:

1. Successful completion of the New Brunswick Community College Practical Nurse Diploma Program.
2. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 (STU grade point scale) or 70% (NBCC grading system) on courses taken in the NBCC Diploma Program. In addition, students must meet the minimum grade point average of 2.7 or 70% on the following courses: Anatomy and Physiology, Introduction to Ethics, Healthcare in Canada, Special Topics in Mental Health, Elder Nursing Concepts, Foundations of Pathophysiology, Pathophysiology for Practical Nurses, Introduction to Pharmacology, and Abnormal Psychology.

Candidates for admission to the second stage of the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology for Practical Nurses will apply to the St. Thomas University's Admissions Office by February 15 of their second year at NBCC. Applicants for the January semester intake are encouraged to apply by November 15.

Successful completion of the first stage of the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology for Practical Nurses Degree program does not guarantee admission to the second stage. Candidates not admitted to the second stage may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Arts Degree program.

### **Application Procedures**

Applications for second-stage admission to St. Thomas University will include:

1. Completed application form
2. Official NBCC transcript and, if applicable, official transcripts from other post-secondary institutions attended
3. Non-refundable \$55.00 (\$40.00 for New Brunswick residents) application fee

For further information, please contact the Admissions Office at (506) 452-0532 or email [admissions@stu.ca](mailto:admissions@stu.ca).

### **Credit Transfer**

A student registered in the St. Thomas University Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology for Practical Nurses program who has successfully completed the didactic and clinical portions of the Practical Nurse Program administered by NBCC shall receive academic credit equal to a maximum of 50% (60 ch) of the credits towards the Bachelor of Applied Arts Gerontology and Practical Nurse degree.

## F. Certificate Programs

### **Certificate in Gerontology Program**

#### **Admission Requirements**

Candidates who have acquired at least one year of experience in the field of aging or have completed Gerontology-related post-secondary studies may be considered for admission. All candidates must either have successfully completed a university preparatory high school program or meet the University's Adult Learner requirements. For further information, please contact the Admissions Office. The Certificate in Gerontology program is available on a full- or part-time basis.

#### **Application Procedures**

Applications for admission are submitted to the Admissions Office and consist of:

1. a completed application form
2. a non-refundable \$55.00 (\$40.00 for New Brunswick residents) application fee
3. an official transcript of high school or university marks if applicable
4. a letter of application describing educational background, work experience, and reasons for wishing to pursue the Certificate in Gerontology.

*Note: Candidates who are applying for admission to a certificate program under the University's Adult Learner policy should also submit a letter of application describing educational background, work experience, and academic plans. For details on the Adult Learner admissions policy, consult Subsection A. under Admissions.*