"TOP TEN" UPDATE

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10. Competitive Programs

Education:

U of R Education programs – (Elementary & Secondary)
- Deadline to Apply: March 15 – this is the early admission deadline (individual programs may stay open until they reach capacity)

First Nations University Indigenous Education programs – (Elementary & Secondary)
- Deadline to Apply: (2 intakes) March 31 and June 30
- Applicants will also be asked to have an interview before they are selected.

Baccalauréate en éducation programs – (Elementary & Secondary)
- Deadline to Apply: March 15 – this is the priority deadline (individual programs may stay open until they reach capacity)
- There is still a high province-wide demand for French Immersion teachers!

Nursing:

- The Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN) is offered in partnership with Saskatchewan Polytechnic.
- Applications to the SCBScN are accepted at Saskatchewan Polytechnic
  - **Domestic Applicants:**
    - Application period: October 1 - February 15
    - Document deadline: March 15
  - **International Applicants:**
    - Application period: October 1 - December 31
    - Document deadline: January 31
- The application form is online at www.sasknursingdegree.ca , or a printable application is available from the U of R website at www.uregina.ca/admissions/apply . Applicants with a 85% or higher admission average will be automatically offered a seat before the application deadline.

SCBScN Admissions Cut-Off Scores:
- 2024: High School-83.2%, Post-Secondary-68.6%
- 2023: High School-77.4%, Post-Secondary-65.3%
- 2022: High School-83.0%, Post-Secondary-70.1%

- Applicants to the four-year program will continue to apply for only one location per intake, but will be considered for all sites and offered a seat regardless of location if their average becomes eligible for a seat. The student has the option to either accept or decline the offer to that site.
- If they accept the site that is offered that wasn't their location of choice, their application for their first location of choice will be withdrawn.
- If they decline the site to the other location, then their application to their location of choice remains active and they remain on the waitlist.
- Site options are Regina and Saskatoon.

9. All Other Programs Deadline

- Apply for **Early Admission** by March 15 to be considered for automatic entrance scholarships
- Submit the application fee
- Submit an early conditional transcript
- By August 1 submit a final transcript

8. High School Transcripts

- There is a new ordering process recently launched by the Ministry of Education.
- For the early conditional applicants (students still currently in grade 12), they can EITHER
    - submit a printout from the high school guidance counselor for all programs but Nursing (which requires an official transcript sent from the Ministry of Education to Sask Polytechnic), or
    - order an official transcript from the Ministry of Education. If they select this option, there is a $15 fee. https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/credits-degrees-and-transcripts/requesting-transcripts-for-high-school/request-high-school-and-adult-12-transcripts
- The new official transcript request starts with a request form that will verify the student's identity. Once verified, the transcript record will be securely transmitted to MyCreds™.
- The student will receive an email from MyCreds™ asking them to register their account by clicking the link in the email.
- Once registered, students can purchase a Share Credit for $15.00 to view and/or share their transcript with the U of R.
- If there are any grade information updates to a student's transcript after they have shared it with the U of R, we can continue to view the updated document. We will see the most updated version of the transcript, so students do not need to re-share their transcript if they are notified that it has been updated.

The "Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, News Media, and Communication" is a restructured 4-year degree that replaces the 2 years of pre-Journalism, plus 2 years of the Journalism. This degree is intended for individuals who may be interested in communications careers in literary journalism, digital journalism, social media, documentary production or Indigenous, non-profit, and corporate public relations. The program is direct entry, making it more accessible for students, and contains one term of an internship in a news medium (ex: online, print, radio, or television), or communications role.

The "Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Journalism and Communication Arts" is a new 4-year degree offered in partnership with First Nations University of Canada. Indigenized media is a rapidly expanding professional field, with increased demand for Indigenous content across Canadian media platforms. There is currently no other degree available in Canada that is explicitly focused on Indigenous media, and in particular media in Indigenous languages. This degree is intended for individuals who may be interested in professional communications careers in treaty negotiations, social media, news industry, community communications, and marketing.

The "Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Technologies" is a new 4-year degree and is the only degree of it's kind in Saskatchewan. The program is interdisciplinary and brings together fine arts, visual and media arts, with computer science, and engineering. This degree is ideal for individuals who may be interested in careers in video game design, digital marketing, animation, multimedia, web development, graphic design, virtual reality design, and more. The admission requirements are the same as the standard MAP admission requirements of 65% for high school admission.

The "Bachelor of Arts in French as a Second Language" is a new 4-year degree offered by La Cite Universitaire Francophone. No previous knowledge or study of French is needed for entry into this program. Whereas many French as a Second Language programs offer language and literature courses and introductory linguistics, this program gives students linguistics courses, as well culture and history courses. This degree will be of interest to students in Saskatchewan Core-French and French Immersion programs. The degree will be of interest to students seeking careers that serve the bilingual community which includes both private and public sectors.

The "Bachelor of Design" degree is a new 2-year post-diploma program (60 credit hours) that would allow direct entry for students who had completed a Diploma in Design at approved Canadian institutions or students who complete a Diploma in Creative Technologies or a Diploma in Computer Science at the University of Regina. A post-diploma baccalaureate program is a program that requires a post-secondary diploma for the purposes of admission where students receive a block of 60 transfer credits and are required to complete 60 University of Regina credit hours). This is the only Design degree offered in Saskatchewan, and will prepare students for careers in a variety of design disciplines such as graphic design, VR design, app design, interior design, and more.

6. New Admissions Requirements

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced that they are implementing changes to the high school graduation requirements. The U of R has been considering how this will change our admission requirements, which currently state that all students must have English A30 and B30. We are working with the faculties and federated colleges to come up with solutions to reducing the English requirements to one English 30 course, and most faculties are considering adding another academic course in place of the other English. For example, this 5th subject could be a math, science, language, or social science course. We will continue to update you as changes are approved for the Fall 2026 admissions.

The Duolingo test continues to be aaccepted as an English Language Proficiency exam, however, the scores have been adjusted recently: a minimum overall score of 120, and minimum sub-scores of Literacy: 105; Comprehension: 100; Conversation: 115; and Production: 115.

5. Student Awards & Financial Aid

SAFA Website: www.uregina.ca/cost-aid/funding
- SAMS is the application tool students use to search for and apply for awards www.uregina.ca/cost-aid/funding/undergraduate-scholarships/sams.html
- Will be holding Entrance Award Workshops from 3:30-5:30 PM on the following days:
  - February 3, 2025-virtual
  - February 11, 2025-in-person
  - February 19, 2025-virtual
  - February 6, 2025-in-person

Chancelor's Scholarship
- We have 14 Chancelor's Scholarships valued at $40,000 each ($10,000 X four years)
- Students apply using SAMS
- Students must have a minimum admission average of 95%
- Selection based on a combination of leadership, community involvement, and academic achievement
- There are two forms they need to attach to their application
  - Supplementary Information Form
  - Reference Form
- Deadline to apply is December 15, 2024

4. UR Self-Service Upgrade

UR Self-Services is the student portal where students log into their account using their student ID number. Here, they can register for classes, view and pay for their fees, look at their schedule, view their grades, and more. This portal is being upgraded at the end of October, so if you have logged into this portal in the past, you will see a more modern version of the same services.

3. Admission on the Spot

Please encourage your grade 12 students to apply online from October 7-14, 2024 as the application fee will be discounted from $100 to $50 using the coupon code "HALFPRICE"! Then, at the Fall Open House, on October 18, 2024, students can come and pick up their admission decision, while meeting with a U of R staff member. We will go over their admission package, and the next steps with them on a one-on-one basis.

- Students can apply to all programs except Nursing (there is a specific Nursing application on the Sask Polytechnic website for the SCBScN).
- Nursing applicants can submit an application for their plan "B" or backup program to take advantage of the reduced application fee. Then when they apply for Nursing, they can indicate they have already applied to the U of R, which will waive the requirement to pay the Nursing application fee.

2. Indigenous Students Free Application in October

In a demonstration of our commitment to Indigenous people and in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation, we are offering a free application in October for Indigenous applicants. Applicants can use the coupon code "INDIGOCT2024" to waive the application fee. We hope you will encourage your students to take advantage of this free application in October!

1. New Application

Our new online application form has launched and we hope your students will find this streamlines the application process. We have created one cohesive application for students to apply for any program https://apply.uregina.ca/apply/ (other than Nursing -this is a joint program with Sask Polytechnic, and the application is at https://apply.saskpolytech.ca/).

The new software also coordinates our enrolment counseling bookings, event registrations, and centralizes communications with applicants and prospective students. We are also excited to be launching a Guidance Counselor portal, which will give you access to your students application status and allow you to see the stages of their acceptance. The Guidance Counselor portal is in the building phase at the moment, but we are super excited for you to access this new functionality soon.