If you are a practicing nurse interested in geriatrics, this Post Graduate Diploma will prepare you to effectively work with older adults, promoting wellness and enabling health.

OVERVIEW
The geriatric population is the fastest growing health cohort around the world. By 2030, 25% of Canadians will be over 65 with 12% over 85 years of age. Currently 70% of all patients in Canada are elderly; registered nurses must have specialized knowledge and training to effectively educate, assess and care for these older people. This Post Graduate Diploma in Leadership in Gerontological Nursing will give participants tools and skills to meet the complex physical, social, environmental, cognitive and spiritual needs of the elderly. While completing the Diploma, the participants will also receive a Mental Health and Addictions Associate Certificate.

Students will be given the chance to have intercultural exchange between graduate nurses from other countries and on-campus BSN students. This will promote rich dialogue about nursing approaches, philosophies and global health needs. Seminars and occasional class interaction will provide added opportunity for an exchange of ideas and nursing expertise.

CURRICULUM
Upon completion of this program, each nurse will:
• Interpret basic geriatric trends and issues
• Analyze and test a wide variety of health assessment tools
• Demonstrate critical, innovative thinking when problem solving complex geriatric issues
• Illustrate how to educate towards wellness in aging
• Develop advocacy skills at relational, unit and policy making levels

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
• B.Sc. Nursing graduates from a recognized nursing school with English as a primary language of instruction
• Registration with a national/provincial/state nursing association
• Minimum of one year nursing experience
• IELTS 6.5 overall with no band score lower than 6.0
FIRST YEAR CORE COURSES INCLUDE:
Professional Nursing in the Canadian Health Care System
Contemporary Issues in Gerontology
Nursing Leadership
Intro to Gerontological Nursing
Physiological Function in the Aged: Part 1
Advanced Pharmacology in Canada
Nursing Skills – Advanced Physical Assessment and Skills
College Composition
Oral Presentations and Skills Training

SECOND YEAR CORE COURSES INCLUDE:
Psychosocial Issues Impacting Aging
Physiological Function in the Aged: Part 2
Nursing Skills – Advanced Wound Care with Older Adults
Professional Foundations for Human Services
Mental Health & Addictions: Introduction to Addiction
Delirium, Dementia, and Depression in the Elderly
Mental Health Issues: Practical Solutions & Motivational Interviewing Workshop
Lab Consolidation Course
N-CLEX exam preparation
End-of-Life Care and Palliation

In the final semester, students will also participate in clinical practice in long-term care facilities in the region one day per week.

*For a more detailed program course list and course descriptions, please visit: www.selkirk.ca/post-grad-gerontology

PROGRAM DATES:
Application deadline: January 31, 2014
Program start date: March 31, 2014

| Semester 1 | March 31 - June 28, 2014 |
| Semester 2 | September 3 - December 12, 2014 |
| Semester 3 | January 5 - April 17, 2015 |
| Semester 4 | September 1 - December 18, 2015 |

*these dates are subject to change

FEES
Tuition - $10,700
Clinical practice fee - $750
Lab fee - $750

NOTE – Fees are subject to change. Other college fees in addition to program fees apply. Please go to www.selkirk.ca/post-grad-gerontology for current tuition and fee information.

HOW TO APPLY
For applicants from India and the Indian subcontinent, please address all application inquiries to:

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For international applicants from other countries, please address all application inquiries to:

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