

The *Excellence*  
Of the **BILINGUAL LICENSED  
PRACTICAL NURSING  
PROGRAM**  
at **COLLÈGE MATHIEU**



60% of the courses in French and 40% of the courses in English, the courses are not easy, but the teachers are excellent, and the coordination makes a very good follow-up of the students. This is according to Ms. Danica Auger, who has just completed the licensed practical nursing program at Collège Mathieu. Not only did she pass her studies with a good average, but she also obtained 100% on the examination for the Order of Nurses and Practical Nurses of Saskatchewan.



**How did you find the bilingual Licensed Practical Nursing program at Collège Mathieu?**

It is an excellent program because the student completes his or her two years with the ability to work and provide care in both official languages of Canada. I started my program in fall 2019 and just finished in June 2021. I really appreciated that I could work and learn in French, know the medical terms in French even if I cannot use them every day. I think it is extremely important because there is a great need for the use of the French language about health care in Saskatchewan and throughout Canada.

A significant number of patients in Saskatchewan do not have easy access to health care due to the lack of French-speaking or bilingual medical personnel. I think a lot of people mistakenly believe this: "If I need help, I have to speak English, I must necessarily know English. This is not always the case, there are some of us who can provide care in French. explains Danica. For her, Gravelbourg is a bilingual community where many residents speak French. The perfect example she gives is the Youville home, "the seniors who live there are more comfortable in French and at the end of the day that's what's best for them, I like when I can provide care in a language they prefer.

There are also newcomers who need services in French. If you are lucky enough to be bilingual, it is important to have the pleasure of helping others who are in need. When I was doing my internship at the Moose-Jaw hospital, I wore a badge to show that I speak French, a lot of people were interested in my services because they needed someone who spoke French. This is called active offer.

**Is it easy for Anglophones to do 60% of the courses in French and for Francophones 40% in English?**

That's what's important. The fact that the courses are offered in French and in English, sometimes if it does not click in French, English can be used as a resource to better understand the subject and vice versa. I can't say it's easy because I hadn't been studying French for a while and it was a challenge for me, but I did well in my program. What is certain is that at Collège Mathieu, there are a lot of resources on which you can rely to be able to improve in French or in English.

There is everything you need at the resource centre, Le Lien, and if necessary, you can ask the general manager for support and find solutions together. I am part of the first promotion of this program, there were many challenges to overcome at the beginning but as time went by, solutions were put in place and that is the reason why I came out of it champion. I invite people to take this option by following this bilingual practical nursing program at Collège Mathieu, it is an excellent program. We must not be afraid; we must get to work, and success will come.

**You have passed with 100% the College of Practical Nurses of Saskatchewan exam. How did you feel after the results were announced?**

When I did the exam, I was pregnant with the baby I just had, with a three-year-old girl at home. We are a farmer; we were harvesting, and I had to study too. It was not easy, but I was able to get there thanks to the help of all the good people around me, my husband, my parents-in-law, my parents, and Mamadou from Collège Mathieu who reminds us of what we must do every time. The teaching staff are also excellent, thanks to their support, I was able to go out all the best I could. I had to work a lot and I realized that I could do it.

Danica is the first person who did the bilingual practical nursing program at Collège Mathieu and in all of Saskatchewan, she passed with 100% the exam to enter the order of nurses and practical nurses of Saskatchewan. She has just landed a permanent job as a licensed practical nurse at Saint Joseph Hospital in Gravelbourg.

**COLLEGE MATHIEU IS ACCEPTING  
APPLICANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022**

- Two year program offered at Collège Mathieu's main campus in Gravelbourg, SK
- 60% French - 40% English
- In partnership with Saskatchewan Polytechnic

- ☒ NO WAITLIST
- ☒ RESIDENCE
- ☒ SCHOLARSHIPS



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