



# Post Graduate Diploma in Nursing Practice



STEP TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

## Description



The Post Graduate Diploma in Nursing Practice is a program for Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) that provides the IEN with the skills and knowledge required to meet the Canadian standards and language requirements in preparation of achieving nursing licensing. The program assists IEN's in the preparation to write the NCLEX exam and completing the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS)\*. The program is based on the BC College of Nursing Professions (BCCNP) Practice Standards for Nurses and the BCCNP Entry-Level Competencies for Nurses. The program will focus on the development of knowledge, critical thinking and communication skills through engaging learning activities (i.e., laboratory, case studies, etc.). Completion of the Post Graduate Diploma in Nursing Practice does NOT guarantee passing grade for the NCLEX-RN exam.

\*NNAS – As part of becoming a Registered Nurse in Canada, all IEN's must complete a competency assessment upon completion of the Post Graduate Diploma in Nursing Practice. The purpose of this assessment is to evaluate if the IEN is safe, ethical and competent to practice in Canada. This is a mandatory pre-requisite to writing the NCLEX exam. See the [NNAS Handbook](#) for detailed application process.

## Job Opportunities



Upon successful completion of the BCCNP registration process, possible nursing career pathway options:

- Registered Nurse
- Community Health Nurse
- Home Care Nurse

- Critical Care Nurse
- Long-term Care Nurse

## Program Admission Requirements



1. Must be a licensed nurse in another country with supporting documents.
2. Minimum CELBAN score of 5 in all areas or IELTS Academic score of 6\*.

\* The BCCNP English Language Proficiency requirements are higher than the admission requirements for this program. For more details about the [BCCNP English Language Proficiency requirements see this](#).

Students attending this program will be required to complete another language proficiency test if their admission score is below the required level for registration. WCC provides English language proficiency support during the program and assists with the rewriting of the exam. Though the English language proficiency score for admission to WCC is lower, WCC believes this score is sufficient for the IEN student to complete this program successfully and improve their language proficiency along the way. It is extremely important for students work on their English communication and comprehension skills. This is best achieved by speaking in English at all times while on the WCC campus and even outside schools setting.

### Prior to Clinical Experience Requirements

1. Up to date CPR- Level Health Care Provider (HCP) certification (yearly renewal)
2. Up to date immunizations – Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Pertussis and Varicella (if no proof of immunity against chicken pox); Seasonal – annual influenza vaccine (Source: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/immunization-health-care-workers>)
3. Completion of a negative TB test

4. Clear British Columbia Criminal Record Check – Level Vulnerable Populations AND a clear Criminal Record Check – Level Vulnerable Populations from home country
5. Completion of WHIMIS Certificate
6. Completion of Food Safe Certificate

## Program Duration



Total 2080 hours

## Course Outline



Name of Course/Subject	# of Hours
NURS 400 Medical Terminology	30
NURS 100 Introduction to Canadian Health Practice	100
NURS 200 Communication in Nursing	90
NURS 300 Nursing Leadership, Management & Research	100
NURS 500 Safe and Effective Care Theory & Lab	60
NURS 410 CELBAN Preparation	60
NURS 550 Pharmacology Theory & Lab	100
NURS 510 Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory & Lab	150
NURS 520 Mental Health Nursing Theory & Lab	90
NURS 540 Maternity and Newborn Nursing Theory & Lab	100
NURS 530 Pediatric Nursing Theory & Lab	100
NURS 600 NCAS RN Preparation (with Lab)	100

NURS 700 NCLEX Examination Preparation with practice exams	200
NURS 800 Clinical Experience	800

## Fee Structure



#	PARTICULARS	FEE	REMARKS
1	Registration Fee	\$ 250	<b>Domestic Students</b>
2	Course Materials	\$ 700	
3	Book Fee	\$ 500	
4	Tuition Fee	\$ 11500	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12950</b>	
1	Registration Fee	\$ 250	<b>International Students</b>
2	Course Materials	\$ 700	
3	Course Materials	\$ 500	
4	Tuition Fee	\$ 16500	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 17950</b>	

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