

Graduate Nurse, Internationally Educated Re- entry: Certificate

Faculty of Community And Health Studies	kpu.ca/health
Implementation Date	01-Sep-2011
Start Date(s)	September January
Admission Type	Selective entry
Enrolment Type	Limited enrolment
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Certificate
Offered At	Langley
Format	Full-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

This unique program prepares internationally educated nurses (IENs) for professional nursing practice in Canada. This program is designed for IENs who may wish, or are required by the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) to renew and enhance nursing knowledge and skills, in preparation for nursing practice and licensure in Canada.

This program is designed to:

- Prepare IENs to practice within the Canadian health care setting
- Renew and enhance previously acquired knowledge and skills
- Identify and address individual needs
- Ensure graduates meet the professional practice requirements
- Enable effective communication skills with patients and colleagues
- Assist in preparing IENs to write the Canadian Registered Nurse exams (CRNEs)

Note: Clinical placements take place at any of the Lower Mainland hospitals between North Vancouver and Chilliwack. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical experiences.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Upon successful completion of the program and the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination, graduates will be eligible to apply to practice as a registered nurse in British Columbia.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to KPU's General university admission requirements including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply.

- A letter of assessment from the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) stating eligibility for registration

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upon successful completion of a graduate nurse re-entry program.

- Proof of Canadian CPR Level C certificate; CPR certification must remain current throughout the program.
- Immunizations consistent with the requirements of clinical agencies. A Canadian TB skin test or chest x-ray dated within 2 years of registering into the program. Some practice experience agencies may require proof of current immunizations. Failure to have acceptable documentation at the time of placement may jeopardize the completion of the program.
- Criminal record review issued by the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. A criminal record check review is required by the CRNBC prior to registration as a nurse and is pre-practice requirement of some of the clinical agencies used during the program. Related costs are the responsibility of the individual student. The CRNBC may refuse to register any person who has been convicted of an indictable offence.

Note: Some agencies may require students to take an Oath of Confidentiality.

If any practice experience agencies require proof of current immunizations, students are responsible for all costs related to immunization. Failure to have acceptable documentation at the time of placement may jeopardize completion of the program.

Please be advised that applications to this program will only be accepted from Canadian citizens and permanent residents / landed immigrants of Canada.

Note: This program is recognized by the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) which is the regulatory body for registered nurses in this province. In order to practice nursing upon graduation, students must meet the CRNBC English Requirements and Requisite Skills and Abilities for practicing nurses. To learn more visit www.crnbc.ca.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The program requirements, courses, course credits, and graduation requirements for this program are currently being revised. Students starting studies in Fall 2013 should contact the program chair for their detailed program requirements.

This is a full-time, continuous, three semester program that includes classroom instruction, independent study, online study, nursing skill laboratory sessions, and hospital clinical experience. The content provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide safe nursing care for adults in the health care setting.

A student must achieve a minimum grade of C in a theory course and mastery in a clinical course in order to progress to a subsequent course and to receive the program certificate. The clinical experience evaluation includes judgments about interpersonal skills, professional behaviour, and clinical knowledge and skills based on the CRNBC scope of practice standards. If a student is not successful in one course withdrawal from co-requisite courses is mandatory.

Semester 1

Students will explore the fundamental concepts of nursing in the Canadian health care setting including the nurse/client relationship, teaching/learning theory, the nursing process, client-focused care, and growth and development theories. They will examine the construct of family and be introduced to community nursing. Students will have an opportunity to acquire new psychomotor skills and practice previously learned psychomotor skills consistent with the scope of registered nursing practice

in acute, sub-acute, and long-term care settings in Canada. The students will have the opportunity to develop and practice essential professional communication skills. They will explore the social and cultural dimensions of the health care environment and the major trends that affect health, broadly conceptualized, in Canada. Students will examine Canadian values, health, and the health care delivery system in Canada.

Students will also learn the fundamental principles of pharmacology and become familiar with the generic and trade names of drugs prescribed for common health challenges. They will explore the use of pharmacology fundamentals in the nurse's role within Canadian society. Students will apply nursing theory and skills in an adult acute care unit.

All of:

GNEA 1104	Pharmacology	2.5 credits
GNEA 1107	Nursing Experience 1: Medicine	5 credits
GNEA 1108	Nursing Theory 1	8.5 credits

Semester 2

Students will apply their knowledge of anatomy and physiology to the principles of illness and injury. Students will use critical thinking skills in applying these principles to medical and surgical health issues in an adult population. They will explore the principles of primary health care and continue to examine community health nursing. They will explore advanced nursing concepts such as leadership, family nursing, quality improvement, assignment and delegation, and legal and ethical concepts. Students will continue to acquire new psychomotor skills in the laboratory setting. They will apply nursing theory and practice nursing skills in an adult acute care unit.

All of:

GNEA 1204	Canadian Culture and the Health Care Environment	1 credit
GNEA 1207	Nursing Experience II: Surgery	5 credits
GNEA 1208	Nursing Theory II	6 credits
GNEA 1217	Nursing Experience 3: Practicum	5 credits

Semester 3

Students will integrate and apply nursing theory and practice skills necessary for the scope of RN practice. They will develop caring professional relationships with clients and effective working relationships with peers and other members of the health care team. Students will practice leadership and mentorship skills. They will explore the nursing care of vulnerable populations in society, and will examine the care of clients within the context of child/maternity, pediatrics/family, mental health, and community health nursing.

All of:

GNEA 1308	Nursing Theory 3	4 credits
GNEA 1316	Nursing Experience 4	3 credits

And one elective from:

GNEA 1318	Nursing Theory 4	4.5 credits
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OTHER INFORMATION

Costs

In addition to tuition fees, students will spend approximately \$2,000 for textbooks, course materials, uniforms, during the program. Students are also responsible for providing their own transportation to clinical experiences.

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate in Graduate Nurse, Internationally Educated Re-entry**.