

# PRACTICAL NURSE ACCESS PROGRAM

## Curriculum Guide

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### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of these entry requirements:

- ✓ Submission of completed application forms
- ✓ A satisfactory entrance interview with a College official
- ✓ British Columbia Grade 12 graduation with a minimum “C” standing in Biology 12 and English 12. An Adult Graduation Diploma with a minimum “C” standing in Biology 12 and English 12 will be accepted as equivalent. (Technical and Professional Communications 12, and English Literature 12, are both accepted as equivalent to English 12.)
- ✓ Grade 10 math
- ✓ RCA or RHCA Certificate
- ✓ Minimum of 1,000 hours of R/HCA practice (must be verified by employers)
- ✓ CPR (level C) certificate
- ✓ Health clearance note from doctor
- ✓ Current immunization record including hepatitis B vaccine
- ✓ Signed consent for a criminal records check under the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP)
- ✓ Provide a current résumé
- ✓ Provide names of two references – one work and one character reference

#### Criminal Record Checks

Discovery Community College will submit each applicant’s criminal record check (CRC) on-line to the Criminal Record Review Program (CRRP). The status of the CRC does not automatically prevent an applicant from attending this program. However, any CRC that reveals “relevant” offences may make it difficult or impossible to place the student in a practicum, clinical, or preceptorship. Students who cannot be placed in a practicum, clinical, or preceptorship cannot graduate from this program and will be withdrawn.

Some practicum or clinical hosts may require their own criminal record check. It is the Student's responsibility to provide this directly to the host. If the criminal record check reveals information that raises concerns relevant to the placement the host may decline the placement. Students who cannot be placed in a practicum or clinical cannot graduate from this program and will be withdrawn.

A criminal record check is a requirement for registration with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC (CLPNBC). The CLPNBC may not register or license any applicant who has a relevant criminal record. We recommend that applicants who are concerned about their criminal record complete their CRC through the CRRP before they begin the Practical Nurse Access program.

## RECOMMENDED STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Students must be willing to conduct themselves in a professional, ethical, and business-like manner at all times. As part of your preparation for professional practical nursing, instructors and staff will apply the principals of the profession to their expectations of your conduct. This will be a supportive process.

Students will be required to adhere to a clinical dress policy designed to portray the same professional image that is required in any health care facility.

Students should be willing to engage in class discussion and debate, enjoy reading, research, and study, and be able to write and record their thoughts and information gathered.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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