

Health Programs

Practical Nursing

12-month Certificate Program

Fee Category: VII

The Program

This program provides students with the theory and skills required to practice as a Practical Nurse in acute care, extended care, intermediate care and community settings. The program consists of three semesters, three practicums, and one preceptorship. Students must successfully complete all courses in each semester before progressing to subsequent semesters and the final preceptorship.

On recommendation of the program faculty, graduates of the Practical Nursing program may write the Practical Nurse Registration examination to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

A free information session for prospective students is usually held in the Spring. Check with the Advising Centre for more details, 250-740-6410, or visit viu.ca/infosessions. Attendance at this session is highly recommended.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program can seek employment in a variety of health care settings, intermediate care facilities, extended care units, residential settings, acute care hospitals, and community agencies.

Admission Requirements

- General admission requirements apply.
- Biology 12 (Human Biology) with a min. "C" grade, or equivalent.
- Successful completion of English and Math assessment.

Apply for Admission Online or Print Application Form

Recommendations for Admission

- Recent course in writing skills.
- Volunteer experience in health care setting.
- Influenza immunization may be required by some clinical agencies. These are available in late Fall at no cost to students.

Notes on Admission

- A criminal record check will be required by facilities and agencies.
- All prerequisites must be completed and returned to the Registration Centre before applicants are placed on a waitlist.

- Completed Immunization Requirements Form is required for the first day of classes. Applicants must provide evidence of a negative tuberculin test, taken no more than six months prior to the date of application, or evidence of an appropriate follow-up if tuberculin test is positive.
- An interview may be required.
- C.P.R. level "C" certificate (presumed to include 1 person, 2 persons, infant CPR and choking victim) is required for the **first day** of classes.
- Proof of W.H.M.I.S. training is required for the **first day** of classes (effective September 2006). *Note:* W.H.M.I.S can be taken at Vancouver Island University Powell River Campus online.
- Health History Form is required.

Start Date and Application Deadline

At the Nanaimo Campus the 12-month program starts in September and November. At the Cowichan Campus the program starts in July. Applications are accepted anytime.

Special Expenses

Books and supplies cost approximately \$1,100; equipment such as a stethoscope, bandage scissors, a nurse's watch and a uniform cost approximately \$350. Travel expenses to practicum sites in Duncan and Nanaimo, association fees, and practice insurance are also the responsibility of the student. The license examination fee is approximately \$460. This fee is set by and payable to the Licensed Practical Nursing Council of British Columbia at the end of the program.

All fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Program Outline

Semester 1	Hours
PNUR 116T (Nursing Arts I/Clinical)	9
PNUR 151T (Health I: Health Promotion/Prevention)	5
PNUR 161T (Healing I: Health Promotion/Prevention)	4
PNUR 171T (Human Relationships I)	3
PNUR 181T (Professional Issues I)	3
PNUR 191T (Human Anatomy/Physiology)	4
PNUR 117T (Practicum I)	84

Semester 2	Hours
PNUR 118T (Nursing Arts/Clinical II)	11
PNUR 142T (Pharmacology)	3
PNUR 152T (Health II: Gerontology)	11
PNUR 162T (Healing II: Gerontology)	11
PNUR 172T (Human Relationships II)	3
PNUR 119T (Practicum II)	168

Semester 3	Hours
PNUR 122T (Nursing Arts/Clinical III)	16
PNUR 153T (Health III: Acute/Chronic Care)	3
PNUR 163T (Healing III: Acute/Chronic Care)	7
PNUR 183T (Professional Issues II)	2
PNUR 123T (Practicum III)	140
PNUR 124T (Preceptorship)	175

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