

Graduate Nurse, Internationally Educated Re- entry: Certificate

Faculty of Community And Health Studies	
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IMPLEMENTATION DATE	START DATE(S)
01-Sep-2011	September January May
ADMISSION TYPE	ENROLMENT TYPE
Selective entry	Limited enrolment
PROGRAM TYPE	CREDENTIAL GRANTED
Undergraduate	Certificate
OFFERED AT	FORMAT
Surrey	Full-time
HOW TO APPLY	
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DESCRIPTION

This unique program prepares internationally educated nurses to work as registered nurses in British Columbia. This program is designed for nurses who are required by the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) to renew and enhance nursing knowledge and skills, to write the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE).

This program is designed to:

- Prepare internationally educated nurses 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
- Prepare graduates to be eligible to write the CRNE required for registration as a nurse in British Columbia

Note: Clinical placements could 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 Kwantlen's General university admission requirements including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply.

- A letter from the CRNBC recommending or requiring the program
- Registered nurse experience in the last 10 years or graduation from an RN program within the past 10 years
- 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.

CONTENT

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 setting including the nurse/patient relationship, teaching/learning theory, health promotion, the nursing process, patient-focused care, and growth and development theories. They 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.

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 and 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 1108 Nursing Theory I 8.5 credits

GNEA 1104	Pharmacology	2.5 credits
GNEA 1106	Nursing Experience I: Medicine	3 credits

GRADUATION

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

Semester 2

Students will examine in greater depth ethical, legal and professional issues and standards of nursing practice. They 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.

Students will examine Canadian values, health, and the health care delivery system in Canada. 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 apply nursing theory and practice nursing skills in an acute care surgical unit, as well as a unit that may be acute or sub-acute.

All of:

GNEA 1204	Canadian Culture and the Health Care Environment	1 credits
GNEA 1208	Nursing Theory II	6 credits
GNEA 1206	Nursing Experience II: Surgery	3 credits
GNEA 1216	Nursing Experience 3: Practicum	3 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 patients and effective working relationships with peers and facility staff. They will practice leadership and mentorship skills.

Students will continue to explore advanced nursing concepts such as leadership, family nursing, community nursing, and legal and ethical concepts. They will also prepare for the CRNE.

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 credits
NRSG 3190	Access for Registered Nurses	4.5 credits

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.