



Career Opportunities

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Health Care Aid

Licensed Practical Nurses in BC provide nursing services to patients and their families across the lifespan in a variety of hospital, community, residential and home care environments working as an integral part of the health team in collaboration with Physicians, RNs and RPNs. LPNs practice nursing using their knowledge, skills, judgment, critical thinking and problem solving to provide safe, competent and ethical care. Comprehensive patient assessments serve as the basis for developing individual nursing care plans. As a Practical Nurse and valued member of the primary healthcare team you are qualified to:

- Provide nursing care in the acute, geriatric and home care settings
- Assess and monitor patients in various healthcare settings
- Assist clients with activities of daily living such as personal care
- Administer medication to patients and monitor their effectiveness
- Document assessments and report progress
- Perform examinations in consultation with doctors, registered nurses and therapists
- Educate patients and family regarding health-related issues
- Advocate for clients
- Assist in rehabilitation activities
- Be a team leader and assign care to unregulated care providers

On completion of this program graduates will:

- Apply the Entry to Practice Competencies for Licenced Practical Nurses (2013) to provide safe, competent and ethical nursing care to clients across the lifespan
- Practice within current legislation, Scope of Practice Standards (2014), Practice Standards, and Professional Standards for Licenced Practical Nurses (May 2014)
- Build and maintain collaborative interprofessional healthcare team relationships in order to meet the diverse needs of the clients using the competencies described in A National Interprofessional Health Competency Framework (CIHC, 2010)
- Base clinical decision-making on critical thinking with consideration for client-specific acuity, complexity and variability
- Advocate for change and resources in the context of individual client care and the broader context of the health care system
- Engage in lifelong learning, self-awareness and reflective practice
- Demonstrate the nursing leadership qualities and

Diploma Program

Total program hours: 2005 Hours
 Full-Time program length: 75 Weeks
 (Includes holidays and professional days)

Program content is subject to change

International Program Costs

Tuition:	33,897.00
Registration Fee:	350.00
Fees:	612.07
Books and Supplies:	3,042.52
Taxes:	229.64
Total:	38,131.23



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Admission Requirements

Prior to acceptance:

Grade 12 transcript, GED, ABE or equivalent (all transcripts must be "true certified copies" or originals); admissions interview; successful SSC PN mathematics and language entrance assessments (with a minimum score of 30/40 in language and 40/50 in mathematics for a minimum composite score of 70/90); coordinator/director interview.

Note: English proficiency assessment will be required for International students.

English 12 with 67% OR Communications 12 with 76% OR SSC Communications for Healthcare with 76%; Math 11 Principles with a grade of C OR Math 11 Foundations with a grade of C OR Precalculus 11 with a grade of C OR SSC Math for Healthcare with 64%; Biology 12 (Human Biology) with a grade of C OR SSC Biology Basics with 60%.

Applicants with English as an additional language must meet the language requirements set by the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC (CLPNBC) and be successful in one of the following: (subject to change, consistent with CLPNBC requirements) International English Language Testing System (IELTS) - Academic Version, Canadian English Language Benchmarks Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN); Portfolio containing: English Essay, Resume, Two letters of Reference, Up-to-date Immunizations (Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Chicken Pox, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Hepatitis B, Influenza and others as required by clinical sites), TB test; Criminal Record Check (Solicitor General Level); Physicians Waiver.

Other Specifications

Basic word processing and computer skills are required; a caring attitude and a sincere interest in the well-being of people are essential; foundational courses in Mathematics, Biology, Psychology and Sociology are an asset; flexible and adaptable work/life schedule to accommodate for clinical experience shift work; healthcare related work/volunteer experience strongly recommended.

Has the following required skills and abilities described in Becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse in Canada Requisite Skills and Abilities (2013):

- Cognitive skills that demonstrate thinking capacity.
- Communication ability to express and receive written, verbal and non-verbal language, and the ability to interact with others in a respectful and professional manner.
- Ability to create positive relationships.
- Ability to conduct oneself in a professional manner.
- Ability to accurately perceive using sight, hearing, smell and touch to provide safe care and actively participate in nursing activities.
- Ability to physically participate in providing safe client care and educational activities.
- Ability to provide safe client care in commonly encountered and unavoidable environmental factors.

Diploma Requirements

Note: Successful graduation of this program does not guarantee a license to practice. Such license is issued by the College of

Licensed Practical Nurses of BC (CLPNBC) after successful completion of the mandatory national examination. For more information on this process please visit:

<http://clpnbc.org/index.php?dbq=10#6110>

Note: CPR Level C, Standard First Aid, Foodsafe and WHMIS will be completed during the program.

Graduation from this program is based on: A passing grade in all theory courses; successful completion of all practice experiences, including demonstration of mastery of all the clinical competencies; each student must attain the entry level competencies for an LPN in BC as set by the CLPNBC.

(Students may be required to have a refresher of CPR Level C, Standard First Aid, prior to beginning Level 4.)

Courses

Level 1 - 515 hours / 20 weeks

GE123	Career and Professional Development (Comp/Inc)	20
	• Interview Techniques	
	• Create a Career Development Marketing Plan	
	• Apply aspects of professionalism	
	• Identify target markets and employment resources	
	• Specialty program coverage in this shortened version	
PN100	Program Preparation	25
PN1000	Orientation	25
PN1001	Professional Practice 1	25
PN1002	Professional Communication 1	35
PN1003	Variations in Health 1	40
PN1004	Health Promotion 1	30
PN1005	Pharmacology 1	30
PN1006	Integrated Nursing Practice 1	135
PN1007	Consolidated Practice Experience 1 (Clinical)	90
PN105	Human Anatomy and Physiology	60
	• Structure and function of the 10 body systems	
	• Various health promotion strategies that work toward optimal function of these systems	

Level 2 - 455 hours / 18 weeks

PN2001	Professional Practice 2	20
PN2002	Professional Communications 2	30
PN2003	Variations in Health 2	45
PN2004	Health Promotion 2	30
PN2005	Pharmacology 2	30
PN2006	Integrated Nursing Practice 2	180
PN2007	Consolidated Practice Experience 2 (Clinical)	120

Level 3 - 306 hours / 12 weeks

PN3001	Professional Practice 3	20
PN3002	Professional Communications 3	20
PN3003	Variations in Health 3	45
PN3004	Health Promotion 3	36
PN3006	Integrated Nursing Practice 3	120
PN3007	Consolidated Practice Experience 3 (Clinical)	65

Level 4 - 494 hours / 18 weeks

PN4001	Professional Practice 4	20
PN4002	Professional Communications 4	20
PN4003	Variations in Health 4	50

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Level 4 - 494 hours / 18 weeks

PN4004	Health Promotion 4	24
PN4006	Integrated Nursing Practice 4	180
PN4007	Consolidated Practice Experience 4 (Clinical)	200

Preceptorship - 235 hours / 7 weeks

PN5000	Transition to Preceptorship	30
PN5001	Preceptorship	180
PN5002	Exam Preparation	25

Clinical / Preceptorship may include any shifts other than day shift (i.e. evenings -- 3 to 11 pm or nights -- 11 pm to 7 am and possible weekends).

Students may be required to work 12-hour shifts during the clinical and / or preceptorship.

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from clinical / preceptorship sites.

Clinical / Preceptorship are conducted over 7.5 to 12 hours per day to meet required hours as set out by CLPNBC.

Clinical / Preceptorship sites are subject to availability.

Clinical / Preceptorship sites may require more current and/or additional CRC (for instance: RCMP) and TB testing (to be done at student's expense), or other requirements to be completed prior to starting.

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