

Nursing Practice in Canada

Program Overview

The Langara College [Post-Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice in Canada \(PDD NPIC\)](#) is designed to effectively prepare Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) for eligibility and application for nurse licensure and nursing practice positions. The program content includes critical thinking, clinical judgment and decision making, verbal and written communication, and cultural safety as applied within the health care setting.

The program includes active learning and a variety of evaluation methodologies with an emphasis on the British Columbia College of Nursing and Midwives (BCCNM) principles, roles, and competencies. Students will have opportunities within the classroom, nursing laboratory and clinical practice setting to apply nursing knowledge, build their clinical competency and enhance their psychomotor skills.

Applicants who graduated more than 4 years ago prior to the start of the PDD NPIC program must meet all admission requirements as well as provide documentation of work experience in a Registered Nurse capacity at a minimum half-time level. A Supplemental Application Form will be sent to all applicants who fall into this category. Upon verification of work experience, an interview link will be sent to qualified applicants.

Self-Study

Nursing Practice in Canada launched its program review in academic year 2023/24 with a Self-Study. The primary Self-Study writer was Wanda Pierson, Division Chair of Nursing. Additional support was provided by:

- Manpreet Mann-Matto (Coordinator, Nursing Practice in Canada)
- Ann Syme (Dean, Faculty of Nursing)
- Sunita Wiebe (Director, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Roshni Riar (Department Assistant, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Pennie Poon (Manager, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Institutional Research analysts

Data sources for the Self-Study included:

- Institutional Research-compiled student administrative data (e.g., headcounts, retention, satisfaction)
- Student survey
- Alumni survey
- Faculty survey
- Health Authorities via Program Advisory Committee survey

The Self-Study was completed in January 2024.

External Review

Nursing Practice in Canada's external review took place on March 14th–18th, 2022. The External Review Team consisted of:

- Dr. Hope Bilinski, Faculty, University of Saskatchewan (External Review Chair)

- Dr. Catherine Baxter, Brandon University
- Dr. Jennifer Stephens, Athabasca University

Action Plan Goals

In response to the Self-Study and External Review, Nursing Practice in Canada created an Action Plan with these goals:

- Goal 1: Strengthen Curricular Elements
- Goal 2: Strengthen External Partnerships
- Goal 3: Support Student Learning

Examples of Post-Review Successes

Forthcoming.