



College of  
New Caledonia  
School of Health Sciences

# Practical Nursing Diploma Program

Application & Information Package

September 2023 Intake

## APPLICANT CHECKLIST

All of the following should be completed and submitted to the College of New Caledonia's Office of the Registrar at [regoffice@cnc.bc.ca](mailto:regoffice@cnc.bc.ca).

- ☐ Complete online application, pay application fee
- ☐ Official high school transcripts
- ☐ Official transcripts from post-secondary institution (if applicable)

### Admission Requirements

- ☐ High school graduation or equivalent
  - ☐ Completion of one of the following courses, each with a grade of "C+" or higher:
    - English Studies 12, or English First Peoples 12, or ENGL 050, or ENGL 051, or equivalent
    - Foundations of Mathematics 11, or MATH 043, or equivalent
  - ☐ BIO 130 (minimum "B-") or equivalent
  - ☐ English Language Proficiency requirements. Candidates whose first language is not English must meet the English requirements and provide proof of English language proficiency through one of the following:
    - Three years of full-time, face-to-face secondary or post-secondary education at an accredited institution where English is the medium of instruction and is also one of the country's official languages. English as a Second Language/Additional Language courses are not included in this three-year calculation,
- OR
- Academic International English Language Testing System-Academic (IELTS) with minimum scores of:
    - Listening 7.5
    - Reading 6.5
    - Writing 7.0
    - Speaking 7.0
    - Overall Band Score 7.0
- OR
- Canadian English Language Benchmarks Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN) with minimum scores of:
    - Listening: 10.0
    - Speaking: 8.0
    - Reading: 8.0
    - Writing: 7.0

## APPLICATION Information

### Application to Program

Apply through the “Apply Now” button on the [Practical Nurse Program](#) page on the CNC website.

### Requirements to be met Once Accepted

The list below is some of what will be required after you are accepted into the program. More information will be provided in your acceptance package and during orientation. All associated costs are the responsibility of the student.

*\*Do not arrange for this information until you receive instructions in your acceptance package.*

- a. Proof of current immunization status
  - Required by the BC Centre for Disease Control and as outlined in the Practice Education Guidelines BC Immunization.
  - Students may be prevented from starting clinical placements with incomplete immunization schedules.
- b. CPR-C or Basic Life Support (BLS). CPR online course must include face-to-face practice components.
  - Students are responsible for maintaining certification for the duration of the program.
- c. Fit tested for a N95 respirator
- d. Criminal Record Check Schedule B (RCMP criminal record checks are not accepted).
  - Required to participate in practicum component involving work with vulnerable people.
  - A search that identifies relevant criminal convictions may prevent students from registering for practicum.

### Notes:

Clinical hours are required for graduation.

All certifications must remain valid throughout the program.

Students may be required to travel for practicum placements

## SELECTION CRITERIA

### Limited

If there is room in the program, you will be accepted once you have met all the admission requirements. This is called “first qualified, first accepted.” If you qualify after the program is full, you will be put on a wait list for the 2023 Intake.

Self-identified Canadian Aboriginal applicants who meet the admission requirements by the priority deadline will be given priority for four (4) of seats.

Eight (8) seats will be allocated to qualified international student applicants who meet the admission requirements by the institutional release date.

## General Program Information

### Program Specific Recommendations

- Chemistry 11 or CHEM 045 or equivalent
- MEDT 100 (Medical Terminology) or equivalent

These courses will help students in the program have a robust understanding of some of the concepts pertaining to disease processes, compensatory mechanisms of the body, and pharmacological concepts covered in the first four terms of the program. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to complete these courses prior to entering the program.

It may be necessary for a student to be placed in a practicum location outside the Prince George area. Students are expected to cover the costs of accommodation, travel, and living expenses.

All costs associated with certifications, courses, and/or documentation requirements are the student's responsibility. In addition to expenses of tuition, textbooks, and uniforms, students are required to purchase miscellaneous clinic supplies and equipment. Information regarding estimated program costs, supplies, immunizations and other required documentation will be provided to students in a program acceptance package. All costs associated with the above are the responsibility of the student.