

# CERTIFICATE IN GRADUATE NURSE, INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED RE-ENTRY

## At a Glance

### Faculty

[www.kpu.ca/health](http://www.kpu.ca/health) (<http://www.kpu.ca/health/>)

### Area of Study:

[www.kpu.ca/health/programs](http://www.kpu.ca/health/programs) (<http://www.kpu.ca/health/programs/>)

### Academic Level:

Undergraduate

### Credential Granted:

Certificate

### Start Date:

Fall (September)

Spring (January)

Summer (May)

### Intake Type:

- Limited

### Minimum Credits Required:

47

### Curriculum Effective Date:

01-Sep-2021

## Description

This unique program prepares internationally educated nurses (IENs) for professional nursing practice in Canada. This program is designed for IENs who demonstrate fundamental knowledge-based nursing practice and are required by The British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP) to renew and enhance nursing knowledge and skills, in preparation for nursing practice and licensure in Canada.

This program is designed to:

- Prepare IENs 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

**Note:** Clinical placements take place at any of the Lower Mainland hospitals between North Vancouver and Chilliwack. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from clinical experiences.

## Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of the nursing program and success in passing the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), graduates

will be eligible to apply to practice as a registered nurse in British Columbia.

## Requirements

Effective Fall 2024 Admission Requirements are as follows:

### Admission Requirements

Please be advised that applications to this program will only be accepted from Canadian citizens and permanent residents / landed immigrants of Canada.

In addition to the Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

Completion of an international Registered Nursing Education program as verified by a British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM) approved credentialing agency.

Applicants with an International Registered Nursing Education program completed more than 5 years from the term of admission will also require one of the following five options:

1. A Nursing Community Assessment Services (NCAS) Summary with the following minimum practice competencies:
  - Section 2 with 50%, or less, of undemonstrated competency themes, or
  - Section 2 with 51%, or more, undemonstrated competency themes, and the KPU course PNUR 9030, Nurse Ready (Evolve online portion is not required)
2. Successful completion of the NCLEX-RN registered nurse exam within the last 5 years.
3. Current registration as a Canadian licensed practical nurse (LPN).
4. Employed as a registered nurse for a minimum of 1125 hours within the last 5 years.
5. Successful completion of the KPU course PNUR 9030, Nurse Ready (Evolve online portion is not required). For further information regarding PNUR 9030 see [kpu.ca/cps/health](https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/health/nursing/graduate-nurse-internationally-educated-re-entry-certificate/kpu.ca/cps/health/) (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/health/nursing/graduate-nurse-internationally-educated-re-entry-certificate/kpu.ca/cps/health/>)

All newly admitted students to the program will be required to provide:

- Valid Canadian CPR Basic Life Support (BLS) or CPR Health Care Provider (HCP) certification from one of the approved providers listed on the department webpage at: [kpu.ca/health/gnie](http://kpu.ca/health/gnie) (<https://www.kpu.ca/health/gnie/>) (Note: CPR certification must remain current throughout the program).
- An acceptable Criminal Record Check through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General's Criminal Records Review Program within 6 months prior to the start of the program.
- Immunization Record Form reflecting required immunizations as per Practice Education Guidelines for BC. Note: Practice Education Guidelines (PEG) for BC outline immunizations for vaccine preventable communicable diseases required by students for participation in practice experiences. KPU Faculty of Health is required to comply with these requirements. Students that are unvaccinated may not be able to be accepted into the program. Students who are accepted into the program will also be required to maintain immunizations as per the PEG.

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- Section 2 with 51%, or more, undemonstrated competency themes, and successful completion of the KPU course PNUR 9030, Nurse Ready, including the Evolve online portion

2. A Substantially Equivalent Competency (SEC) Assessment Summary with the following minimum practice competencies:

- 50%, or less, unmet competencies overall, or
- 51%, or higher, unmet competencies overall, and successful completion of the KPU course PNUR 9030, Nurse Ready, including the Evolve online portion.

3. A National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) Assessment indicating the graduation date from a Nursing program and/or years of nursing practice.

- Applicants who have not practiced as a Registered Nurse and/or graduated from an RN program within 5 years from the start of the program will also be required to successfully complete the KPU course PNUR 9030, Nurse Ready, including the Evolve online portion.
- Applicants may be required to submit proof of employment.
- For further information see [kpu.ca/cps/health](https://www.kpu.ca/cps/health/) (<https://www.kpu.ca/cps/health/>)

Once students have received a conditional offer of admission and before final admission to program is granted, students must submit the following:

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## Continuance Requirements

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.67 with a minimum grade of C+ in all required courses with Standard grading and a grade of MAS in all courses with Mastery Grading. Non-adherence to these requirements may result in removal from the program. Students must complete all program courses in each semester before they can continue to the next semester. Re-entry into the program will be based on seat availability and approval by the Program Admissions Progression Committee. Seat availability will be based on priority for students who progress with their original cohort.

## Curricular Requirements

The Graduate Nurse, Internationally Educated Re-entry Certificate program consists of 47 credits organized into three semesters. Students must achieve a minimum Program GPA of 2.67 with a minimum grade of C+ in all required courses.

Term 1		Credits
GNIE 1102	Relational Engagement in Nursing Practice	3
GNIE 1104	Pharmacology for Nurses	2
GNIE 1117	Professional Nursing Practice 1	9
GNIE 1118	Professional Nursing Theory 1	5
<b>Credits</b>		<b>19</b>
Term 2		Credits
GNIE 1218	Professional Nursing Theory 2	7
GNIE 1227	Professional Nursing Practice 2	6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
Term 3		Credits
GNIE 1328	Professional Nursing Theory 3	7
GNIE 1337	Professional Nursing Practice 3	8
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>47</b>

## Other Information

### Costs

In addition to tuition fees, students will spend approximately \$2,000 for textbooks, course materials and uniforms, during the program. Students are also responsible for providing their own transportation to and from clinical experiences.

A personal computer or mobile computing device is required in this program.

## Credential Awarded

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