



## Program Outline

**Program Title:** Post Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice

**Brief Program Description:** The Post Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice program is designed to provide Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) with opportunities to integrate their learned concepts and experiences into the Canadian healthcare environment. In this comprehensive and applied 45-week program, learners will enhance their theoretical nursing knowledge and clinical nursing skills. The importance of critical thinking and significance of cultural diversity are both emphasized. Learners will gain valuable test taking strategies for NCAS (Nursing Community Assessment Service), CPNRE (Canadian Practical Nursing Registration Examination) and NCLEX-RN®. If you are an IEN looking to meet Canadian standards as you prepare for an exciting RN role, this program is for you!

**Admission Requirements:** Minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.0 with no individual band less than 5.5, a valid RN registration and minimum of 1 year's work experience from home country.

**Learning Objectives:** Upon successful completion of this program learners will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing of the English language
- Identify concepts and principles of therapeutic communication
- Demonstrate skills and techniques in conducting physical examination
- Discuss professional standards, RN scope of practice, Code of Ethics and entry-level competencies
- Explain perinatal assessment and care, and be able to recognize and address complications associated with pregnancy
- Assess, plan, implement and evaluate clients/patients with various medical and surgical problems, recognizing normal growth and development and developing care plans accordingly
- Explain and demonstrate safe medication administration and develop a teaching plan
- Explain the legal, ethical and interpersonal considerations in mental health nursing and describe nursing care in dealing with clients with mental illness
- Enumerate different test taking strategies and demonstrate professional responsibility and accountability for safe, compassionate, competent and ethical nursing care



**Methods of Evaluation:** Theoretical knowledge will be evaluated through multiple choice exams, case studies and written assignments. Practical skills will be evaluated via learner demonstration. Professional conduct is expected throughout the program.

**Completion Requirements:** Successful completion of all program courses and course-specific assessments. (See individual course outlines for more information.)

**Program Organization:**

Title of Course	# of Hours
CELBAN	40
Professional Practice	80
Professional Communication	40
Physical Examination	80
Pharmacology	60
Maternal and Newborn & Pediatrics	180
Variations in Health	200
Mental Health Nursing	140
Nursing Preparation Review	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>900</b>

**Program Duration:** 900 hours (45 weeks)

**Delivery Method:** Face-to-face, classroom-based learning

**Required Course Materials:**

- Canadian Fundamentals of Nursing by Potter and Perry (5<sup>th</sup> Ed)
- Nursing Interventions and Clinical Skills by Anne Perry, Martha Keene Elkin, and Patricia Ann Potter (7<sup>th</sup> Ed)
- Saunders Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-RN® Examination, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition by Linda Anne Silvestri, PhD, RN
- Maternal Child Nursing: Maternal Child Nursing Care in Canada
- Foundations of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing: A Clinical Approach (7<sup>th</sup> Edition)

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Student Signature:

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