

ACCESS TO PRACTICAL NURSING

The Access to Practical Nursing (APN) program is a bridging program that recognizes the completion of the Health Care Assistant Program and related work experience. Graduates of the program can apply to write the Regulatory Exam - Practical Nurse (ReX-PN) for licensure as Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). The CMTN Practical Nursing Access program meets or exceeds all Provincial education competencies required for Licensed Practical Nurse graduates and is accredited through British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM).

Pre-requisite dates

Practical Nursing Anatomy and Physiology PNUR 103 is a pre-requisite for the program. Equivalent online courses are available through other institutions.

The next PNUR 103 (<https://catalogue.coastmountaincollege.ca/search/?P=PNUR%20103>) offering through CMTN will start September 7th 2022 and will be delivered over 10 weeks. Students will attend instructor led classes, in an online setting, Wednesdays 7pm-9pm with an additional 4 hours of self-directed work expected each week. This course is subject to enrollment.

Applicants enrolled in PNUR 103 (<https://catalogue.coastmountaincollege.ca/search/?P=PNUR%20103>), or an equivalent course, can be conditionally accepted to the Access to Practical Nursing program. The pre-requisite must be successfully completed (with a grade of 65% or better) before the program begins.

Please see the BC Transfer Guide (<https://www.bctransferguide.ca/>) for equivalent courses.

Please inquire at a campus near you for offerings of Biology 12, English 12, and Math 11 which are offered by our Career and College Prep Program (<https://catalogue.coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/career-college-prep/>). These courses are tuition-free.

Apply to CMTN

Visit Apply to CMTN (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/apply-to-cmntn/>) for an Admissions Checklist and to apply online.

Our Educational Advisors (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/student-support/educational-advising/>) are here to help if you have any questions or need guidance along the way.

Dates and locations

Intake	Location
TBD	Terrace - Blended delivery (Online and face to face)
TBD	Smithers - Blended delivery (Online and face to face)

*Please note that the dates are subject to change.

**Students are required to pay student union fees per term.

The program is currently offered through blended delivery. Theory courses are offered online with lab and clinical locations offered in person at one of our campuses. For current upcoming program dates and in-person date requirements, please see the Program Admission Requirements.

The APN program currently qualifies for both the Provincial and Federal Loan Forgiveness Programs. For more information:

B.C. loan forgiveness program | StudentAid BC (<https://studentaidbc.ca/repay/repayment-help/bc-loan-forgiveness-program/>)

Apply for Canada Student Loan Forgiveness for Family Doctors and Nurses - How much you could receive - Canada.ca (<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid/grants-loans/repay/assistance/doctors-nurses/amount.html>)

Minimum computer hardware specifications:

- 4th generation (4000 series) Intel Core i3 / i5 / i7 and newer or AMD equivalent (Check your Computer Hardware) (Apple computers from 2013+)
- 4GB of Memory (RAM)
- Intel HD Graphics 3000 or better - **Minimum** supported screen resolution 1024x768.
- Web Camera & Microphone

Code	Title	Credits
PNAC 115	Professional Practice A	1.5
PNAC 121	Professional Communication A	1.5
PNAC 135	Variations in Health A	2
PNAC 144	Health Promotion A	1
PNAC 145	Pharmacology A	2
PNAC 151	Integrated Nursing Practice A	6
PNAC 175	Consolidated Practice Experience A	4
PNUR 215	Professional Practice 3	0.5
PNUR 225	Professional Communication 3	0.5
PNUR 235	Variations in Health 3	1.5
PNUR 244	Health Promotion 3	1.0
PNUR 245	Integrated Nursing Practice 3	4.0
PNUR 275	Consolidated Practice Experience 3	2.0
PNUR 217	Professional Practice 4	0.5
PNUR 227	Professional Communication 4	0.5
PNUR 237	Variations in Health 4	1.5
PNUR 246	Health Promotion 4	1.0
PNUR 247	Integrated Nursing Practice 4	6.0
PNUR 277	Consolidated Practice Experience 4	6.0
PNUR 287	Transition to Preceptorship	1.0



PNUR 297	Preceptorship	6.0
Total Credits		50

Graduation requirements

Students must achieve a minimum accumulative GPA of 2.67. Students must receive 70% in each course and a CR in each Lab, Consolidated Practice Experience and Preceptorship to graduate from the Access to Practical Nursing Program.

For our next intake scheduled January 2023, the theory portion of this program will be offered through Distributed Learning where we use various tools that may include email, web-conferencing platforms, online videos, social media, textbooks, print modules, local contexts and experiential tasks. Learn more about Distributed Learning (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/discover/distributed-learning/>) at CMTN. Lab and clinical courses will require in person attendance and are currently scheduled as follows: May 9th, 2023- Aug 3rd, October 23, 2023- December 15, 2023 and March 18th 2024- June 27, 2024. Please indicate on your application which location (Terrace or Prince Rupert) you will be attending for the Lab and clinical portions.

Important documents

- Ministry of Public Safety Consent for a CRC (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/requirements/criminal-record-check/>)
- Information for Immunization (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/docs/default-source/program-forms/hcas/immunization-instructions-health-programs-2020.pdf>)
- Immunization Form (https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/docs/default-source/access-to-practical-nursing/health-programs-immunization-declaration-2019_2020.pdf)
- Becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse in Canada: Requisite Skills and Abilities (https://www.bccnm.ca/Documents/competencies_requisite_skills/LPN_requisite_skills_abilities.pdf)

Apply for Admission (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/apply-to-cmtn/>)

Admission requirements

Students are accepted into the program once **all** Step 1 documentation has been received, on a first come –first serve basis and will be invited to register. Step 2 documentation are prerequisites of all CPE courses and the preceptorship course, these documents must also be current for the duration of these courses. Students who do not have step 2 documentation complete or current for CPE and preceptorship courses will not be able to attend, resulting in program withdrawal.

Step 1: Required for admission and registration

- BC Grade 12 or equivalent
- Foundations of Math 11 or equivalent with a minimum grade of 60%
- Biology 12 or equivalent with a minimum grade of 60%;
- Human Anatomy and Physiology for Practical Nurses (HLPR 103) or equivalent with a minimum grade of 65%.

- English Studies 12 or equivalent with a grade of minimum grade of 65%
- English Language Proficiency
 - 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 one of the following:

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with minimum scores of:

- Speaking: 7.0
- Listening: 7.5
- Reading: 6.5
- Writing: 7.0
- Overall Band Score: 7.0

Canadian English Language Benchmarks Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN) with minimum scores of:

- Speaking: 8.0
- Listening: 10.0
- Reading: 8.0
- Writing: 7.0
- A certificate in one of the following programs: Health Care Assistant (HCA) or Resident Care Attendant (RCA) or a combined Home Support/ Resident Care Attendant (HS/RCA).
- Minimum 600 Hours of work experience within the last two years, in a hospital or residential care facility where care is provided to a group of clients. Experience must include providing care to multiple patients/ residents at one time whereby prioritizing and critical thinking are required. Experience must be verified by an official employer letter. Working in a home care environment where you are caring for one person at a time will not meet the 600 hour requirement.

Step 2: Required for practice education experiences. Students who fail to submit any Step 2 documentation will be prohibited from attending practice education experiences.

- CPR Level C:** as outlined in the Practice Education Guidelines (http://hspanada.net/docs/PEG/1_6_Orientation_Students.pdf) (http://hspanada.net/docs/PEG/1_6_Orientation_Students.pdf/).
- First Aid:** Applicants must provide evidence of successful completion of one of the following First Aid courses no more than 12 months before admission:
 - Standard First-Aid
 - Emergency First Aid – Community Care



- Emergency First Aid for Industry
- WorkSafe BC Basic First Aid (formerly OFA Level 1)
- Criminal record check under the terms of the Criminal Records Review Act and the Ministry of Justice process for educational institutions. (Advanced vulnerable populations).
- Proof of Current Immunizations (https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/docs/default-source/access-to-practical-nursing/health-programs-immunization-declaration-2019_2020.pdf) / **Vaccinations/TB skin test:** Immunizations as outlined in the Practice Education Guidelines and recommended by the BC Centre for Disease Control (2013): diphtheria and tetanus, polio, hepatitis B, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), varicella and influenza. Negative TB skin test or chest x-ray. (http://www.hspcanada.net/docs/PEG/1_3_Immunization.pdf) (http://www.hspcanada.net/docs/PEG/1_3_Immunization.pdf/)

***Students who do not meet the immunization requirements may be prohibited from attending practice education experiences.**

Residency requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 50% of the program hours at Coast Mountain College.

Program fees

Fees	Domestic	International
Full-time:		54.5 Credits
Tuition:	\$10,002.39	\$42,509.46
Student Union Fees:	\$185.07	\$185.07
Mandatory fees:	\$444.18	\$522.12
Lab Fees:	\$776.32	\$776.32
Health and Dental Insurance:	\$295.00	\$618.38
Tuition Total: ¹	\$11,702.95	\$44,611.35
Additional Costs: ²		
Books:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Uniforms and Supplies:	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Program Cost:	\$14,202.95	\$47,111.35

Fees effective August 1, 2025 for the 2025/26 academic year and are estimated based on a full course load.

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These fees are an annual cost. Program takes two years to complete.

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Please note that these are approximate costs and may vary depending on courses taken.

* The Coast Mountain Students Union (CMSU) is pleased to offer Extended Health and Dental Insurance to all qualifying members. The plan is mandatory for all students enrolled in 6 or more credits or a trades program of 26 weeks or longer. Some students, including those studying overseas and those with existing extended health coverage, are eligible

to opt out. Visit <https://cmsu.studenthealthbc.ca/> to learn more about the plan or request to opt out. You will also receive a detailed introductory email no later than 6 weeks after your semester starts. For any inquiries about the plan, please contact the Students' Union Organiser : Bhushra Ansari, organiser@mycmsu.ca

* Basic Health insurance is mandatory for all international students. Health insurance costs will be charged every term until students provide proof of MSP.

Career opportunities

Upon successful completion of the program and certification exam, Licensed Practical Nurses can work in a variety of settings included, but not limited to the following:

- Hospitals
- Community group homes
- Residential and long term care facilities
- Schools
- Public and private medical clinics
- Home care agencies
- Rehabilitation centres

