



PNPR – Practical Nursing Preparatory Program

College Preparation and Upgrading

Effective Term & Year: Winter 2027

Program Outline Review Date: 2032-09-01

Program Area: Upgrading for Academic and Career Entry

Description:

Practical Nursing Preparation is a Certificate of Achievement designed for learners who intend to enter the College of the Rockies Practical Nursing diploma and who need to complete or refresh prerequisite upgrading while building stronger readiness for first-term Practical Nursing coursework. The program combines ENGL 090, MATH 080, BIOL 090 and HLTH 100 within a coordinated pathway that includes contextualized health-related learning tasks, academic success supports, and transition planning. The program is intended to reduce barriers to entry, strengthen academic confidence, and improve readiness for the pace, terminology, communication demands, and science expectations of the Practical Nursing Diploma, particularly PPNP 101.

Program Information:

This credential prepares students for entry into the PPNP Program.

Credentials Granted:

Practical Nursing Preparatory Program Certificate of Achievement

Delivery Methods: Blended (Hybrid)

Credits: 0

Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	330
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	30
Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	360

Admission Requirements:

None

Program Completion Requirements:

None

Program Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the program, student will be able to:

- interpret health-related information by reading, analyzing, and using introductory health-science and related texts with accuracy and confidence;
- communicate in academic and pre-professional contexts through clear, appropriate, and purposeful written, oral, and interpersonal communication;
- apply foundational numeracy in health-related learning contexts by using mathematical reasoning, calculation skills, and quantitative problem-solving relevant to science learning and health-program study;
- use foundational health science knowledge by applying biology concepts, health terminology, and body-systems understanding to support readiness for Practical Nursing studies
- manage learning in a health-program pathway by using effective study strategies, self-management, planning, and help-seeking practices; and
- demonstrate transition readiness by compiling and reflecting on evidence of preparation for Practical Nursing, further study, or entry-level roles in health and community service environments.

Prior Learning and Recognition: No

Program Transfer Credit:

For information about block transfer agreements between programs in British Columbia, Alberta, and elsewhere, please visit <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/transfer>.

To minimize transfer issues, check with an academic advisor at the institution that will receive the transfer credits.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.1.4 Course Audit
 - Policy 2.4.1 Credential Framework
 - Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
 - Policy 2.4.4 Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct
 - Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
 - Policy 2.4.9 Student Feedback and Concerns
 - Policy 2.4.11 Storage of Academic Works
 - Policy 2.5.3 Student Appeal
 - Policy 2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)
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Program Changes:

Information contained in this program outline is correct at the time of publication. Courses and course content may be revised from time to time based on changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The timetable may also be revised.

Course Descriptions: Refer to Course Outlines – <https://outlines.cotr.bc.ca/course/>