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NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Rural Nursing Certificate Program**  
**Requirements**

Registered Nurses (RNs) are eligible to apply to the Rural Nursing Certificate Program. The Certificate requires successful completion of 30 course credit hours, including:

- **NURS 451-3** Health Assessment and RN First Call
- **NURS 452-6** Chronic Disease Management, Palliative Care and Wound Care *← hard*
- **NURS 453-3** Nursing Practice with Older Persons
- **NURS 454-6** Perinatal Care *⇒*
- **NURS 455-6** Foundations in Emergency and Trauma Nursing *high demand*
- **NURS 456-3** Mental Health and Addictions
- **NURS 457-3** Living and Working in a Rural Community *1st - 2nd - 3rd - 4th - 5th - 6th - 7th - 8th - 9th - 10th*

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## Rural Nursing Certificate with BScN Completion Option

RNs with a Nursing Diploma who wish to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) are required to complete at least 15 credit hours of course work in addition to the Rural Nursing Certificate, for a minimum 45 credit hours.

Required courses include:

- **STAT 240-3** Basic Statistics, or equivalent
- **NURS 304-3** Introduction to Nursing Knowledge
- **NURS 403-3** Introduction to Nursing Research
- **NURS 408-3** Nursing Leadership
- **POLS 403-3** Social & Health Policy & Administration

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## Course Delivery Methods

- Course content is delivered online using Blackboard Learn as a platform.
  - All course documents are provided online
  - Assignments are submitted electronically and returned to students electronically
- Content is divided into modules and organized using the ICARE format (Introduction, Connect, Apply, Reflect, Extend)
- Interaction with the instructor and between students occurs via:
  - Discussion Board
  - Virtual "break-out rooms"
  - "Collaborate", a real-time, virtual classroom in Blackboard Learn
  - Email
  - Telephone/conference call

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### Course Delivery Methods (Continued)

- Each of the following courses includes a mandatory, face-to-face workshop:
  - NURS 451-3 Health Assessment & RN First Call (4-5 days)
  - NURS 454-6 Perinatal Nursing (2 days)
  - NURS 455-6 Foundations of Emergency & Trauma Nursing (3 days)
  - NURS 458-6 Remote Nursing Certified Practice and NURS 498-3 Remote Nursing Clinical Reasoning combined (5-6 days)
- The following two course include a preceptored practicum of a minimum of 144 hours:
  - NURS 454-6 Perinatal Nursing
  - NURS 455-6 Foundations of Emergency & Trauma Nursing
  - Students are evaluated based on a clinical competency tool

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### Certified Practice Courses

- RNs who provide care within the expanded scope of practice required in some rural and remote sites must be either a:
  - RN First Call Certified Nurse, OR
  - Remote Certified Nurse.
- Certified Practice Registration is granted through the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC)
- The following courses are required for these certifications:
  - NURS 451-3 Health Assessment & RN First Call
  - NURS 458-6 Remote Nursing Certified Practice, OR
  - NURS 498-3 Remote Nursing Clinical Reasoning (Pre-requisite: NURS 451 in the last 36 months)
- The School of Nursing confirms RNs' successful course completion with CRNBC. At that time, RNs can apply for Certified Practice Registration.

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