



BSN Program Requirement | Standard

Principles in Determining Nursing Practice Placement Experiences

Nursing Practice

Nursing practice is defined as that experience in or through acute, extended and community care agencies in which the student is engaged in direct or indirect nursing care with individuals, groups or is involved in laboratory learning settings.

- The School of Nursing offers a range of practice experiences and utilizes many institutional and community placements.
- Placements are organized within the program to offer a variety of practice experiences offering the opportunity to work in a variety of health related settings.
- Students, in some practice placements will be required to complete components of the assigned practice experience during evening, weekend, and night shifts.
- The student will be assessed by a variety of teachers during the program. As the student progresses through the program, the School of Nursing will work to provide a variety of teachers across the various practice placements. In the event a student is repeating a nursing practice course due to failure in that course, efforts to ensure the student is not assigned to the same facility or with the same instructor will be made whenever possible.
- Students are responsible and accountable for finding their own means of transportation to all practice placements. Please refer to the [UBC Okanagan School of Nursing Calendar](#)
- Assignment of practice placement experiences are released 1 to 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the nursing practice course. In the event a student is not satisfied with the assigned practice experience, students are invited to put forward a Switch Request Form. The Nursing Practice Placement Coordinator in consultation with the Team Leader will explore availability of a practice experience rearrangement. The School of Nursing reserves the right to determine the practice placement and the right to change a student's placement. Please refer to the [UBC Okanagan School of Nursing Calendar](#)
- If students have any disability that requires accommodation for nursing practice they must notify the [UBC Okanagan Disability Resource Centre \(DRC\)](#)

Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles will be used to determine appropriate nursing practice experiences for students enrolled in the BSN program. Nursing practice placement experiences are determined with the intention of meeting the semester's learning outcomes and the nursing course's learning objectives. Both student and patient/client safety are considered a priority consideration when assigning practice placement experiences

Principle 1

Nursing practice placement experiences will be determined by the program and arranged by the Nursing Practice Placement Coordinator.

Principle 2

Nursing practice placement experiences will assist the student to develop their knowledge, skills and abilities towards becoming a new graduate nurse eligible for application to be a Registered Nurse.

Principle 3

The goal of all Year 4 practice courses is to extend and/or consolidate nursing knowledge and skills.

Principle 4

All Year 4 nursing student preceptorships must be in accordance with [BCCNM Practice Standard | Regulatory Supervision](#)

Principle 5

Out of Region practice experiences are available for Semester 8 nursing practice preceptorship courses: NRS 431¹, NRS 434², NRS 436³, NRS 437⁴, NRS 438⁵, NRS 439⁶, and NRS 440⁷. Please refer to the [Out of Region Student Practice Placement Experiences Standard](#).

Practice Placement Overview

Year 1

In NRSG 136 each student is required to successfully complete one semester in adult care with a focus on stable chronic health challenges.

Year 2

In NRSG 236 & NRSG 237 each student is required to successfully complete two semesters in adult acute care medical and/or surgical settings. Alongside these courses, students will also complete one semester in NRSG 238 Community Health, and one semester in NRSG 239 Mental Health.

Semester V & VI

In NRSG 336 & NRSG 337 each student is required to successfully complete one semester in adult acute care with a medical focus and one semester in adult acute care with a surgical focus. In NRSG 338, students will have the opportunity to complete Nursing Practice with Childbearing Families, and in NRSG 339, Nursing Practice in Child Health.

Semester VII & VIII

Semester 8 has a minimum of two preceptor-led practice experiences per student: NRSG 431¹ and one of NRSG 434², NRSG 436³, NRSG 437⁴, NRSG 438⁵, NRSG 439⁶, or NRSG 440⁷. All students will complete NRSG 431 which takes place in an adult acute care practice area with a focus on medicine and/or surgery. Students will complete a preference statement for one of NRSG 434, NRSG 436, NRSG 437, NRSG 438, NRSG 439, or NRSG 440, which offer a variety of options within the context of practicing alongside a Registered Nurse.

Semester 8 practice courses have the opportunity for students to apply to be placed out of region. Please refer to the [Out of Region Student Practice Placement Experiences Standard](#).

Further, students can apply to complete NRSG 439 – a global health practice experience, which can be completed internationally or within rural and remote communities in Canada. Please refer to the [Global Health Application Procedure](#).

¹ NRSG 431: Acute Care Preceptorship

² NRSG 434: Practice Elective Preceptorship

³ NRSG 436: Gerontology Preceptorship

⁴ NRSG 437: Mental Health Preceptorship

⁵ NRSG 438: Community Health Preceptorship

⁶ NRSG 439: Global Health Practicum

⁷ NRSG 440: Research Preceptorship