

Updates for Educators: March 2023

Piloting a new Education Program Review program

After over three years of development, including extensive consultation with educators and other participants, BCCNM has developed a new Education Program Review (EPR) process for all nursing and midwifery programs that will increase alignment and efficiency and reflect current best practices. A pilot is currently underway to test a new set of Education Standards and Indicators, new reporting templates, evidence requirements, and recognition criteria.

The Education Program Review team will be evaluating the pilot into the fall of this year and will provide an update on how we will transition programs to the new Education Program Review process. We anticipate that transition to begin in 2024. While the pilot is underway, other programs scheduled for review will continue to follow the existing processes.

If you have questions about the pilot, please contact us at educationprogramreview@bccnm.ca.

English language proficiency updates

The Canadian Nurse Regulators Collaborative, a group representing nursing regulators across Canada, has [reviewed and updated the minimum language proficiency levels required for registration](#). The new benchmarks were determined through a rigorous and evidence-based process.

For Practical Nursing programs, the Practical Nursing Program Provincial Curriculum (2017) sets out the admission requirements, including those for English. While the curriculum is undergoing revision, BCCNM Education Program Review will require programs to meet the provincial requirements, per the Practical Nursing Program Provincial Curriculum (2017).

For more information, please contact us at educationprogramreview@bccnm.ca.

Cultural Safety and Humility Resources

To help nurses and midwives understand and apply the [Indigenous Cultural Safety, Cultural Humility and Anti-Racism practice standard](#), BCCNM has created a [Cultural Humility and Safety resource page](#). The page has resources specifically created to support the Standard, including a series of videos and a companion guide, as well as a compilation of other useful resources, including [Remembering Keegan: a BC First Nations Case Study Reflection](#). We encourage you to use these resources with your students.

Revisions to Scope of Practice, Practice Standards and Entry Level Competencies		
Change	Description	Effective date
LPN and RN Scope of Practice	The BCCNM board approved amendments to the LPN and RPN scope of practice standards relating to allergy testing, ankle-brachial index testing, and ear irrigation. Questions? Email practice@bccnm.ca	January 5, 2023
Delegation Practice Standard	To further clarify the requirements for registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses, and nurse practitioners to follow when delegating care to unregulated care	March 1, 2023.

	<p>providers, the board approved revisions to this practice standard.</p> <p>Questions? Email practice@bccnm.ca</p>	
<p>NP Entry Level Competencies</p>	<p>The Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators has completed the review and revision of the Nurse Practitioner Entry-Level Competencies. These revised Nurse Practitioner Entry-Level Competencies were approved by the BCCNM Board in January 2023.</p> <p>Questions? Email educationprogramreview@bccnm.ca</p>	<p>January 1, 2024</p>

Useful BCCNM links

- [BCCNM Education Program Review webpage](#)
- [Entry Level Competencies](#)
- [Requisite skills and abilities](#)
- Learning resources: [LPN](#), [NP](#), [RM](#), [RN](#) and [RPN](#)
- [Newsletters](#)