

# Registered Nurse Re-entry Programs for Canadian Nurses

## Yes, I HAVE practised in the last 10 years...

If you have practised, but not for 1,125 or more hours of RN practice in the last 5 years, you can complete a RN re-entry program to meet the basic practice hours requirement.

A recognized RN re-entry program will have instruction in theory and in clinical practice. The theory may be taught with lectures, independent study modules, online courses, seminars or a mix of these. The clinical practice may involve instruction and evaluation by an instructor or an RN preceptor from a clinical agency, or both.

## No, I have NOT practised in the last 10 years...

You need to write to the CRNBC Registration Committee and ask them if you can return to nursing. This is because the re-entry programs are designed for people who have practised in the last 10 years. The Registration Committee will decide if you have more requirements to meet. They will decide based on:

- your nursing practice since graduation,
- your connection to the nursing profession while away from practice and
- how long you have been out of practice.

In addition to the re-entry program, you may need to, at a minimum, work under provisional registration and provide a satisfactory employer reference after a certain length of time. For some applicants completing a re-entry program will not be enough. For example, if you have been out of practice for more than 20 years, the Registration Committee is unlikely to allow you to proceed with the registration process. You would likely be required to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

## PRIOR TO ENROLLING IN A RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

If you would like to complete the re-entry program, you [must apply for practising status](#) with BCCNP **before** enrolling. People who need to complete a re-entry program will receive a BCCNP assessment letter. Schools usually ask for this letter as part of admission requirements.

For those who have not practiced in the last 10 years, please contact BCCNP to speak with a Registration Assessor; in addition to the [application](#), you are required to submit worksheets for the Registration Committee.

## BCCNP REGISTRATION

You do not have to be registered with BCCNP (practising or non-practising) while enrolled in an RN re-entry program.

## RE-ENTRY PROGRAM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Please contact the school for tuition information and/or a full description of the program.

- THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY – OPEN LEARNING – Kamloops [www.tru.ca/distance](http://www.tru.ca/distance)

## CONFIRMATION OF COMPLETION

Once you have completed your program, please ask the school to send a confirmation to BCCNP.

## RELATED INFORMATION

The other low/no hour options available for those out of practice for less than 10 years are **either**:

- [Supervised Practice Experience](#) OR
- Completion of a competency assessment and any identified coursework required.

Please contact BCCNP if you would like more information.