

BCCNP

British Columbia
College of Nursing
Professionals



IMPORTANT

As of Sept. 4, 2018, the following nursing colleges amalgamated to become the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP):

- College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia (CLPNBC)
- College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC)
- College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of British Columbia (CRPNBC)

Although the information in the document you are about to access reflects our most current information about this topic, you'll notice the content refers to the previous nursing college that published this document prior to Sept. 4, 2018.

We appreciate your patience while we work towards updating all of our documents to reflect our new name and brand.

Overview of application process for internationally educated nurse (IEN) applicants

Learn more about the IEN application process at www.crnbc.ca. If you have questions, contact CRNBC Registration at register@crnbc.ca or 604.736.7331 (1.800.565.6505 toll-free in Canada only).

Stage 1: Apply to the National Nursing Assessment Service

Your first step is to apply to the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS). They will review and verify your documents. You can apply online at www.nnas.ca, indicating that you want to apply to CRNBC.

Stage 2: Apply to CRNBC

After NNAS has completed their evaluation, you will receive an Advisory Report. Once you receive your report, you can apply to CRNBC. Please visit www.crnbc.ca, click on the “Registration & Renewal” tab and read “Registered Nurse application – how to register” for internationally educated nurses.

Stage 3: Competence assessment

All applicants for registration must demonstrate the entry-level competencies for registered nurses in BC. A competence assessment evaluates your nursing skills, knowledge and practice and shows us how it matches what we expect of a new BC graduate. The majority of internationally educated applicants will demonstrate these competencies through completion of a competence assessment and transitional education.

Stage 4: Assessment of your application for registration

After you complete the competency assessment, CRNBC will receive a report. We review the assessment report, along with your other application documents, to identify if you have any competency gaps.

If gaps exist, you may be required to complete transitional education (i.e. one or more individual courses, a re-entry to practice program or a B.C. Bachelor of Nursing program) before you can write the national nursing exam and register with CRNBC.

All applicants for CRNBC registration must write and pass the [National Council Licensure Examination for RNs](#) (NCLEX-RN).

Stage 5. Eligibility for registration

Once you have completed all CRNBC registration requirements, including any required transitional education and passing the NCLEX-RN, you are eligible for practicing RN registration. You must ensure your practicing RN registration is in place before you start practicing as an RN in B.C.