

Transitional Practice Experience (TPE) FAQs

To assist in planning for your TPE, BCCNM has compiled a list of frequently asked questions.

1. Can I choose when to activate my provisional registration?

It depends on your situation.

- a. If you are required to complete transitional education **before** being granted provisional registration, you will be able to activate your registration once BCCNM receives confirmation that you have completed the coursework.
- b. If you are an Internationally Educated Nurse applicant from Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America, and BCCNM has determined you are not required to take a competency assessment with the Nursing Community Assessment Service (NCAS), your provisional registration will be granted immediately upon receiving the initial email from your IEN application. You do not get to choose when to activate.

2. Can I do my TPE outside of B.C.?

No. Your TPE must be done in B.C.

3. Can I do my TPE anywhere in B.C.?

Yes, provided the position is a clinical nursing role (in your appropriate designation) and within your level of competency.

You may also choose which clinical practice area you would like to work in, e.g., medical-surgical, critical care (with previous education/experience), long-term care. As a self-regulating professional the expectation is that you will choose to work in a practice setting in which you demonstrate competence.

4. How do I find a job?

[Health Match BC](#) is a resource to help in both finding employment in B.C. and for navigating immigration and work permits. BCCNM strongly advises all applicants who do not yet have employment to contact Health Match BC as soon as they receive a registration decision.

5. Does BCCNM grant work permits?

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6. Why have I not received a response to my email query to Registration Monitoring?

Registration Monitoring receives a large volume of emails daily; the team attempts to respond to them as quickly as possible and in the order they are received.

- a. Check to make sure you sent your email to the correct address (e.g., no typos).
- b. Please ensure that you include your BCCNM ID number on all correspondence so that we can identify you accurately.
- c. Send all email queries to RegistrationMonitoring@bccnm.ca.

7. Why does my Provisional Registration only run to March 31? I thought I had a year to meet all my requirements. Do I have to reapply?

No. All registrants in B.C., including those holding provisional and practising registration, must renew their registration by April 1. You still have the year to complete your registration requirements.

You will go through the renewal process as a provisional registrant and then complete the remainder of your TPE with your (renewed) provisional registration.

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