

REGISTERED NURSE - CRITICAL CARE NURSING

Program: RNCC

Credential: Ontario College Graduate Certificate

Delivery: Part-time, On-line

Work Integrated Learning: 1 Clinical Placement

Length: 1 Semester

Duration: 596 Hours

Effective: Fall 2023

Location: Barrie

Description

Students acquire advanced theoretical and clinical knowledge to enable them to practice competently in critical care settings. Through both online classroom instruction and clinical placements, students advance their professional nursing practice in critical care settings. Emphasis is placed on the development of critical thinking, care planning, and leadership skills. The combined theory and clinical experience encompasses the Critical Care Standards of Practice as outlined by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and Critical Care Nursing Standards from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU).

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program will be qualified to work within their scope of practice in the critical care setting.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. practice within the scope of professional, legal and ethical standards, organization policies, and best practices in critical care nursing;
2. establish and maintain therapeutic relationships with patients, families, and/or substitute decision makers to optimize patient and family-centred critical care;
3. assess, analyze and monitor data for patients with complex, multi-system problems in order to anticipate early deterioration in patient's condition, establish priorities, and plan interventions;
4. plan, implement, evaluate and document specialized nursing interventions to achieve optimal patient outcomes in potential or actual life threatening illness and end-of-life situations;
5. advocate for and deliver patient and family-centred care to patients/families experiencing potential or actual life threatening illness and end-of-life situations;
6. collaborate with members of the inter-professional health care team in providing care for patients experiencing potential or actual life threatening illness and end-of-life situations to achieve continuity of care and optimal patient outcomes;
7. use evidence-based research and best practice guidelines to inform and adapt critical care nursing practice;

8. use strategies and available resources to respond to environmental, physical and psychosocial stressors affecting self and others in the critical care setting;

9. engage in reflective practice and ongoing professional development to enhance competence in critical care nursing.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have successfully completed a diploma or degree in nursing from an accredited nursing education program. Applicants must also hold current registration with the nursing regulatory body in their home province/state and or country.

Applicants for whom English is a foreign language must provide proof of language proficiency. Please refer to Georgian's English Language Proficiency policy 2.5.

Selection Process

Applicants may be required to submit a current letter from an employer's human resource department verifying the number of hours worked. Selection will be based on proof of 1500 hours in an acute care setting.

Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: Individuals who have been charged or convicted criminally and not pardoned will be prohibited from proceeding to a clinical or work placement.

Additional Information

Applicants must have up to date immunization records in compliance with the Public Hospital Act and current BCLS, HCP level CPR.

Graduation Requirements

8 Program Courses

1 Clinical Placement

Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, a student must attain a minimum of 60% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester. The passing weighted average for promotion through each semester and to graduate is 60%.

Program Tracking

The following reflects the planned course sequence for full-time offerings of the Fall intake of the program. Where more than one intake is offered contact the program co-ordinator for the program tracking.

Program Courses		Hours
RNRS 1077	Foundations of Critical Care Nursing	56
RNRS 1047	Management of Burns and Renal Disorders	42
RNRS 1052	Management of Gastrointestinal and Endocrine Disorders	42
RNRS 1048	Rhythm Interpretation	42
RNRS 1078	Management of Neurological Disorders	42
RNRS 1079	Management of Cardiovascular Disorders	56
RNRS 1080	Management of Respiratory Disorders	56
RNRS 1081	Advanced Practice and Special Populations	56
Clinical Placement		
RNRS 1082	Critical Care Nursing Clinical Placement	204
Hours		596
Total Hours		596

Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of one semester (as stated above) may take a maximum of one year to complete their credential. After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

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