



NICU Specialty Placement Application Information Sheet

Placement Timeframe for 2021

January to early April 2021 for NURS 475 and NURS 491 (12 weeks total).

Location

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Victoria General Hospital; two practicum spaces.

Prerequisites

UVic criteria

GPA 6.0 (B+) or higher; registration status in good standing; no BSN program practice probation; meet application due date.

Health Authority Criteria

Must meet Island Health Authority professional practice requirements including but not limited to: current CPR and Mask Fit certifications; clear Criminal Record Check (CRC); confidentiality training or acknowledgement; agency orientation and computer training; Photo ID; current immunizations; current TB status.

Course Completion

BCIT NSNE 7100- Neonatal Theory 1 completed before start of NURS 475 and NURS 491, BCIT NSNE 7200- Neonatal Theory 2 taken for your September nursing elective (UVic credit) and completed before starting final practicum, and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Provider Course completed prior to or during final practicum.

Upon successful completion of BCIT NSER 7200- students must mail an official BCIT transcript to the UVic Office of the Registrar (PO Box 3025 STN CSC, Victoria BC V8W 3P2) no later than January 30, 2020.

Upon Graduation

Commitment to work in IH NICU for 2 years; if the student wishes to withdraw from the NICU program, they can do so only at the end of NURS 475.

Commitment to completing NSNE 7911 (Neonatal Respiratory Care) within 6 months of graduation if hired to work in the NICU.

Application process

1. One offsite or specialty application per student.
2. When submitting your application package, input 'NICU Application' in email subject



3. Provide two Faculty Reference Forms:
 - a. An instructor from UVic, Camosun, or COTR in a clinical setting in semester/term 5; and,
 - b. A second reference from any semester (may be non-clinical).
4. Current resume – 2 copies, 1 must be anonymized (i.e., no student name or contact info).
5. Cover Letter for clinical destination Manager or CNE/CNL – 2 copies, 1 must be anonymized (i.e., no student name or contact info).
 - a. Reasons for choosing a NICU practicum and how this choice fits with your professional career goals
 - b. What specific and relevant coursework, knowledge, skills, and attitudes you bring which prepares you for the placement request;
 - c. Ways you will attend to the learning required and what strategies to support your learning in this specific context of off-site;
 - d. Strategies you will use to meet the standard UVic practicum course requirements and the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals' (BCCNP) New Graduate Competencies and Standards of Practice.
6. A Letter of Intent (double-spaced, two page maximum) addressed to the NICU Faculty Application Review Committee, addressing items below;
 - a. Reasons for choosing a NICU practicum and how this choice fits with your professional career goals
 - b. What specific and relevant coursework, knowledge, skills, and attitudes you bring which prepares you for the placement request;
 - c. Ways you will attend to the learning required and what strategies to support your learning in this specific context of off-site;
 - d. Strategies you will use to meet the standard UVic practicum course requirements and the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals' (BCCNP) New Graduate Competencies and Standards of Practice.
7. Submit \$100 non-refundable administrative fee to SON office by May 29, 2020: cash, cheque or money order, payable to University of Victoria.
8. **Application Due Date – Submit entire application electronically to nursprac@uvic.ca by May 29, 2020 at 4pm.**

After applications are submitted

NICU Faculty Review Committee

The NICU Faculty Application Review Committee will review the electronic applications, semester/term 5 Practice Appraisal Forms (PAFs) from your college and UVic Criteria. The committee will send the applicants' resume and cover letter to be reviewed by health authority NICU Manager and the Clinical Nurse Educator (CNE). The NICU Manager and CNE will have a face-to-face interview prior to conditional



acceptance. The NICU Manager will notify the successful applicant, UVic Faculty committee, and the Practica Coordinator.

Practicum Coordinator

The NICU Program placement request is submitted by the Practica coordinator via HSPnet by October 1, 2020 for January 2021 placement. NICU placements can be accepted/ declined any time from November 1 to mid-December, 2020. The preceptor will be added at a later date.

