



BSN Program Requirement | Standard

Nursing Practice Placement Transportation Requirements

UBC Okanagan's School of Nursing program provides practice placement experiences throughout but not limited to the Okanagan valley. Our goal is to provide nursing students with rich, diverse, and meaningful practice experiences to consolidate their learned theory, seminar and lab content. Students are extended opportunity to complete some practice placement experiences out of region. Please see Out of Region Practice Placement Experiences standard for more information.

A practice placement experience denotes the component of the nursing course where patient and/or client interactions take place. This can include, but is not limited to, a patient care unit in a hospital setting, a clinic, or a client or person's home. Client can be further defined as a region, Health Authority or as a general demographic. An in-region practice placement experience encompasses a placement within the Okanagan Valley and within a 100 kilometer radius from UBC Okanagan campus.

Every attempt will be made to secure practice placement experiences within a 100 km radius from UBC O campus. In the rare event that all placements within that radius have been exhausted, we will work to secure placements that are as close to the 100 km radius as possible. In the event where a student may be placed outside the 100 km radius for a practice placement experience we will guarantee the student will not be expected to travel beyond 100 km if they live further from UBC O campus and in the opposite direction of the practice experience. For example, if the student lives in Winfield they will not be placed in Oliver.

- As an expectation of the BSN program, all students will be expected to commute throughout the Okanagan Valley for the various practice courses, for the duration of the nursing program.
- All students are required to have access to reliable motor vehicle transportation with adequate snow tires throughout Study Semesters Two (2) to Eight (8) of the nursing program.
- Students are responsible for their own transportation including the associated costs of travel and accommodations.
- Practice placement experiences will be assigned throughout the Okanagan Valley (Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna, Summerland, Penticton, and Oliver) and within a 100 kilometer radius from UBC Okanagan campus.

Other Considerations

Shared Driving Arrangements

Students have the prerogative and may decide to make arrangements amongst their peers to travel together in a vehicle for their Practice placement experience if circumstances permit. This is the responsibility of the student to arrange with the driver of a vehicle but also at the discretion of the driver of the vehicle. It is the responsibility of each student to ensure the competency and driving restriction of the driver, as well as, the insurance coverage (including liability) on the vehicle. Please note that B.C. Drivers may hold a Graduated License. For more information on ICBC's Graduated Licensing Program, click [here](#). Persons who hold a Novice Stage on their driving record are restricted by law to 1 passenger in the vehicle during its operation. For more information regarding novice driving restrictions, click [here](#).

Weather Conditions

UBC Okanagan School of Nursing does take into consideration the potential for drastic weather changes during the winter months when students are expected to commute to their assigned practice placement experience. At the discretion of the student's practice teacher, students may be exempt from commuting to their practice placement experience based on the weather conditions of that day. Students are required to present to their practice teacher reliable contact information in the event a practice placement experience is to be cancelled due to unforeseen weather changes.