



BSN Program Requirement | Standard

Out of Region Practice Placement Experience

The School of Nursing offers an option for practice placements to occur out of region during nursing practice courses offered in Semester 8 of the BSN program. The applicable nursing practice courses are NRS 431¹, NRS 434², NRS 436³, NRS 437⁴, NRS 438⁵, NRS 439⁶, and NRS 440⁷. Out of region practice placement experiences are defined as an experience occurring beyond a 100 kilometre radius from UBC Okanagan campus.

A Student Placement Agreement (SPA), also called an Affiliation Agreement, needs to be in place prior to the commencement of any Out of Region practice experience. A placement cannot move forward without an SPA in place.

Arranging out of region requests can be challenging and, therefore, may either not be possible or may not be finalized in a timely fashion. It is for this reason, students must notify the Nursing Practice Placement Coordinator of their intentions to apply for an experience Out of Region at least 6 months in advance of the practice placement experience start date. **Students are advised not to make travel or living arrangements until placements are accepted and confirmed.** Students are responsible for all associated costs of an out of region practice placement, including but not limited to: travel, transportation, and costs of living. If the out of region placement cannot be secured, the student will be required to stay in region for the practice experience.

Approval for an out of region placement will be based on academic, practice, and professional performance. When students are 'out of region' the School of Nursing cannot provide the same level of instructor support as 'in region' placements. The Nursing Practice Placement Coordinator, in consultation with the Team Leaders and Assistant Director, will make the decision to approve or not approve an out of region placement based on a comprehensive review of the student's file, and in addition to the following criteria:

1. consistent satisfactory practice on midterm and final practice evaluations
2. consistently good academic standing
3. exemplary attendance record in practice courses
4. no records of unprofessional conduct

Students are required to continue meeting the above criteria from the time of application, approval process, and up to the start of the out of region placement. In the event that the student fails to continue to meet the above criteria, the School of Nursing reserves the right to revoke the approval and require the student to complete the course in region. Students will be responsible for all associated costs and expenses that are the result of a change in the practice placement.

In addition to meeting the above criteria, courses that offer an out of region option have a specific application process. Refer to the [Out of Region Student Practice Placement Application Procedure](#).

Review Labs

Year 4 NRS practice courses include a review lab & simulation; attendance is mandatory. Review labs must be completed prior to the commencement of any practice hours. Please refer to the [Attendance: Missed Practice/Laboratory Time Standard](#) for more information.

If a student is unable to attend their scheduled lab, the student must obtain approval for rescheduling from the applicable Team Leader. If approval is granted, the student will either be scheduled into an alternative review lab or will be assigned to complete a self-directed review lab onsite at UBC Okanagan.

If an unapproved absence occurs, the student may be charged for the cost of the teaching time required to support missed time or the student may be withdrawn from the practice course(s). Please refer to the BSN Programs Academic Regulations in the [Academic Calendar](#).

¹ NRS 431: Acute Care Preceptorship

² NRS 434: Practice Elective Preceptorship

³ NRS 436: Gerontology Preceptorship

⁴ NRS 437: Mental Health Preceptorship

⁵ NRS 438: Community Health Preceptorship

⁶ NRS 439: Global Health Practicum

⁷ NRS 440: Research Preceptorship