



BSN Program Requirement | Standard

Nursing Practice Placement Transportation Requirements

UBC Okanagan's School of Nursing program provides practice placement experiences throughout but is 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 la content. Students are extended opportunity to complete some practice placements experiences out of region. Please see the Out of Region Placement Experience Standard.

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.

Practice placement experiences will be assigned throughout the Okanagan Valley (Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Summerland, and Oliver) and within a 100-kilometer radius from UBC Okanagan campus. Every attempt will be made to secure practice placement experiences within a 100-kilometer radius from UBC Okanagan 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.

- 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 find their own transportation throughout study semester II-VIII of the nursing program. Please note, the bus and public transit system will not provide the required transportation. A request for a practice placement switch based on transportation challenges will not be accepted.
- Students are responsible for their own transportation including the associated costs of travel and accommodations.
- It is important to review the British Columbia Governments "Driving and Transportation: Seasonal Driving" information to ensure that if you are using your own vehicle to get to practice it is reliable and safe (e.g., snow tire requirements from October-April).



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 restrictions 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 restrictions, click [here](#).

Weather Conditions

UBC Okanagan School of Nursing does take into consideration the potential for drastic weather conditions 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 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 challenges.