

School of Nursing Internationalization Statement

The University of Victoria (UVic), as a whole, is striving to broaden the world-mindedness of students, faculty and staff by bringing the world into the classroom (actual or virtual) and promoting outreach around the globe through teaching/learning, networking, research, practica and co-operative work experiences.

The UVic School of Nursing is working to provide learning opportunities to explore diversity, critique and attend to power and privilege, foster inclusivity and cultural safety, and promote social justice, world-mindedness and global citizenship across all programs undergraduate and graduate.

Various factors—heritage, culture, politics, economics, landscape, climate, and opportunities—influence the ways nurses come to understand and promote health, and prevent and treat illness and injury within Canada's borders.

What this means for UVic 3rd and 4th year Collaboration for Academic Education in Nursing (CAEN) BSN Program Students:

For CAEN students who are continuing to BSN degree completion at UVic in Year 3, the School of Nursing is pleased to consider undergraduate practice experiences within Canada for students in their final practice experience, NURS 491, provided they have met CRNBC entry level competencies of a new graduate in their prior consolidated practice experience (NURS 475), and an appropriate practicum is available and willing to accept a nursing preceptorship student. For success in passing the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination and becoming a Registered Nurse, it is important for fourth year nursing students to be competent in practicing nursing within Canadian contexts.

Through the School of Nursing CAEN partnerships, federal/territorial recruitment, and provincial initiatives, opportunities exist for fourth year nursing students to complete their final practicum in rural, remote or urban locations providing experiences with diverse cultures, inter-sectoral collaboration, and those living with marginal health resources.

- Internationalization learning opportunities will happen throughout the undergraduate nursing courses
- Term 6 on-campus UVic CAEN BSN students all take the course *NURS 342: Global Health Issues*
- All UVic BSN continuing program nursing practice placements will be in Canada
- Opportunities to apply for rural, remote or urban location placements throughout Canada are available for the final Nursing Practice course, N491, provided students have met CRNBC entry level competencies of a new graduate in their prior consolidated practice experience (NURS 475)
- Students are eligible for an international experience, such as a student exchange in Sweden, for a nursing elective course only.

What this means for UVic Post Diploma Distance BSN Registered Nurses (RNs)

UVic post diploma RNs are practicing, credentialed nurses competent to practice in their jurisdictions.

- Opportunities for organizing international placements are available for N495, Nursing Synthesis, only. Students need to contact the practice coordinator for the Post RN program at least one year in advance to ensure sufficient time to plan the requested international placement.

What this means for UVic Graduate Students

In the graduate programs in nursing, our commitment to accessibility for learning through distance education technologies crosses borders and cultures thus convening students not only from diverse backgrounds in Canada, but also from the global community. As a number of nursing faculty members who teach in the graduate programs are actively engaged in international health research, internationalization is currently evident in these programs to some extent.

As Registered Nurses (RNs), their practice is guided by the CNA Code of Ethics (2008) which includes responsibility for social justice and addressing health inequities. As Advanced Practice Nurses, our graduate students are prepared for nursing leadership roles in primary health care and nursing education, for knowledge translation, and leading interprofessional health care teams and health service organizations. Advanced Practice Nurses are active nationally and globally through knowledge generation and exchange, and shaping health policy.