

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Victoria General Hospital (VGH) is a 22 bed tertiary unit that provides medical and surgical care for vulnerable infants and families from Vancouver Island, and across the province. Some reasons for admission to the NICU include preterm birth, low birth weight, breathing difficulties, and infection.

As of January 2017 the VGH NICU will be offering an exciting opportunity for 4<sup>th</sup> year BScN students to complete their final practicum in our highly specialized unit. Students who complete their final practicum in the NICU will be considered for employment following graduation.

As a 4<sup>th</sup> year student in the NICU you will have the opportunity to:

- Provide direct care for vulnerable neonates and their families
- Act as a resource/support for families
- Participate in care planning as part of a multidisciplinary team
- Participate in ongoing quality improvement initiatives
- Consolidate your knowledge and skills in neonatal nursing to prepare you for employment



## Requirements:

- NSNE 7100- Neonatal Theory 1 completed
- NSNE 7200- Neonatal Theory 2 taken for your September nursing elective (UVic credit)
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Provider Course completed prior to or during practicum
- Letter of support or recommendation from a nursing instructor
- Desire to work in the VGH NICU for a minimum of 2 years upon graduation
- Commitment to completing NSNE 7911 (Neonatal Respiratory Care) within 6 months of graduation if hired to work in the NICU
- In person interview with the NICU manager and the NICU CNE prior to acceptance of placement request