

NICU Specialty Placement Application Information Sheet

Timeframe

January to early April 2019 for N475/491 (12 weeks).

Location

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Victoria General Hospital; two practicum spaces

Prerequisites

UVic criteria

GPA 6.0 (B+) or higher; no BSN program practice probation; meet application deadline (no exceptions).

The NICU UVic Faculty Committee will review N370/470 Practice Appraisal Forms (PAFs) and N456 PAFs.

Health Authority Criteria

Must meet health authority professional practice requirements: UVic in good standing; current CPR and Mask Fit certifications; clear Criminal Record Check (CRC); confidentiality training / acknowledgement; agency orientation and computer training; Photo ID; current immunizations; current TB status.

Course Completion

BCIT NSNE 7100- Neonatal Theory 1 completed before start of NURS 475/491, BCIT NSNE 7200- Neonatal Theory 2 taken for your September nursing elective (UVic credit) and completed before starting final practicum, and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Provider Course completed prior to or during final practicum.

Upon Graduation

Commitment to work in IH NICU for 2 years; if the student wishes to withdraw from the NICU program, they can do so only at the end of NURS 475.

Application process

- 1. One application per student
- 2. Provide a letter of support from UVic, Camosun College, or College of the Rockies nursing instructor with whom the student has taken/is taking a practice course.
- 3. Name 'NICU' in email subject
- 4. Application Cover Letter named and un-named
- 5. Two page letter maximum addressing items below;
 - Reasons for choosing specialty/offsite request and how this choice fits with your professional career goals

- b. What experiences you bring that prepares you for the request
- c. How you will attend to the extra learning/workload required
- d. How you will meet the standard UVic CPE requirements and the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) New Graduate Competencies and Standards of Practice
- e. Site preference; 1st and 2nd choice of hospital
- 6. 2 copies of current resume- 1 copy must be anonymized (no name or contact)
- 7. Faculty Reference Form- a clinical instructor from UVic, Camosun, or COTR
- 8. Submit \$100 non-refundable administrative fee to SON office by May 25, 2018: cash, cheque or money order (University of Victoria)
- 9. Application Deadline Submit entire application electronically to nursprac@uvic.ca by May 25, 2018 at 4 p.m.; no late/incomplete applications accepted

After applications are submitted

NICU Faculty Review Committee

The NICU UVic Faculty Committee will review the electronic applications, semester 5 Practice Appraisal Forms from Camosun, COTR, and Uvic Criteria. The committee will send the applicants' resume and cover letter to be reviewed by health authority NICU Manager(s) and the Clinical Nurse Educator (CNE). The NICU Manager and CNE will have a face-to-face interview prior to conditional acceptance. The NICU Manager(s) will notify the successful applicant, UVic Faculty committee, and the Practica Coordinator.

Practicum Coordinator

The NICU Program placement request is submitted by the Practica coordinator via HSPnet by Oct. 1, 2018 for Jan. 2019 placement. NICU placements can be accepted/ declined any time from Nov. 1 to mid-Dec. 2018. The preceptor will be added at a later date.