

Bridging Program for Internationally-Educated Nurses (BPIEN) – Level 1

BPIEN-Level 1 Program Overview:

- **Schedule:** **400** hours over **16** weeks (September 2 to December 19, 2019)
- **Blended Delivery format:**
 - **Face-to-face (F2F) workshops** (14 hours/week)
 - Language and Communication - 8 hours
 - Nursing Support – 4 hours
 - Computer Lab – 2 hours
 - **Online components: 8 hours/week** (prep for in-class workshops and/or post-workshop assignments and homework)
 - **Independent Study: 3 hours/week**

 - **Instructors:** Language and Communication: Blanche Kingdon
Nursing Support: TBA
Computer Lab: Clayton Lorraine
- **Successful completion** of BPIEN- Level 1 is based on:
 - Satisfactory completion of all program requirements (online & F2F)
 - Demonstration of skills and knowledge of BPIEN-Level 1 units
 - Attendance (min. 80% of F2F components)

The BPIEN-Level 1 program is a **non-credit program**; a final progress report will be issued to participants.

Content:

The focus of all **online preparation, F2F workshops, assessments and assignments** will be on *Language, Culture and Communication* for nursing in the Canadian Health Care Context. Skill-building in *speaking, listening, reading, and writing* will be emphasized.

Curriculum:

- Introduction to Language and Communication
- Intercultural Communication
 - Culture and communication models
 - Non-Verbal Communication and impact on communication
 - Cultural orientations and impact on communication
- Overview of Health Care in Canada and Manitoba
- Nursing in Manitoba
 - Patient-Centred Practice
 - The ‘Language’ of Health Care
- Taking Care of Patients and their families
 - Effective Interviewing
 - Therapeutic Communication
 - Communicating with Challenging Patients
- Collaborative Practice
- Professional Communication (“Soft” skills)
- Practical preparation for language proficiency assessments (*e.g., CELBAN*)
- Strategies for Effective Communication and Lifelong Learning (*Personal Learning Plan*)

Special Components:

- *Role Plays*
- *Video examples*
- *Guest Speakers (health care)*
- *Field trips (nursing related)*
- *Institutional CELBAN*
- *Ongoing feedback on strengths and weaknesses in speaking and listening*

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Health Professional:

- Must be an internationally-educated nurse
- Must provide Proof of Education as a Nurse (form to be completed)

2. Language Proficiency:

- Must have been referred by WELARC (contact information below*)
- Must have taken an English language proficiency test within the last 6-12 months and achieved:
 - CLB level 8 in Speaking, Listening and Reading; CLB Level 7 in Writing (through WELARC) **OR**
 - IELTS 7.0 in Speaking, Listening and Reading; IELTS 6.5 in Writing

Consideration will be given to applicants who have taken *other* language tests approved by a specific health regulator (see specific regulator's website for details) OR have completed an LTC program within the last 6 months.

3. Education and Work History

- Name, professional designation, and contact info. (phone number and email address)
- A Career Plan (form to be completed)
- Career goal timeline
- Plan of action
- Other

4. Permanent Resident

- This program is funded by *Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)*
- There is no cost for participants, but applicants must be permanent residents.

Note: There is a fee for a textbook.

Information for application available online.

See website: rrc.ca/bpien

APPLICATION DEADLINE: *August 2, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.* (*Applicants are encouraged to apply well in advance of the deadline.*)

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