

School of Nursing – Rural Nursing Certificate Program (RNCP)

NURS 458 – 6 credit course

Remote Nursing Certified Practice

Course Description

This course focuses on Remote Nursing Certified Practice competencies. Key content areas include history and physical assessment, advanced clinical reasoning, informed judgement and pharmacotherapeutics for the management of specified common and predictable health conditions. Dispensary management and medication dispensing functions are also included. Content and course evaluation are based on a body-systems approach and incorporate the CRNBC Decision Support Tools for Remote Nursing Certified Practice. A mandatory extended workshop focusing on nursing practice in remote communities is included. Upon successful completion students may apply for Remote Nursing Certification through CRNBC.

Course Objectives¹

This course prepares students to:

- Provide safe evidence based care to populations in remote settings
- Practice client and community care through a lens of cultural competence and cultural safety
- Conduct advanced history taking and physical examination using clinical reasoning and informed judgment to make a differential diagnoses within the scope of CRNBC approved Decision Support Tools
- Conduct appropriate tests and interpret laboratory results
- Understand the management of the dispensary as well as relevant pharmacology and dispensing functions for nurses working in remote settings

Who should take this course?

This course is for Registered Nurses seeking Remote Nursing Certification through CRNBC. It is one of three courses required to be certified for work in remote communities in British Columbia.

How much study time is required?

This is not a self-paced course. Students are required to follow a prescribed course schedule and should budget approximately 20-25 hours per week for study time, reading, and assignments.

Course Delivery

This course includes 15 weeks of online theory and a face-to-face workshop and examination*.

* dates, length and locations vary based on course enrollment