Vancouver Community College’s (VCC) Access to Practical Nursing diploma program builds on previous health care education and experience and teaches students to provide quality nursing care to clients of all ages. This program credits applicants for previous post-secondary health care training (in B.C. and abroad) and work experience in the health care sector. If you have an HCA, RCA or HS/RCA certificate; or are an internationally-educated nurse wanting to become a LPN in BC; or if you are a practical nurse wanting to update or refresh your knowledge and skills for licensure – this program is for you.

The program prepares graduates to provide nursing care in partnership with other health care professionals. Graduates will be able to care for selected clients chosen on the basis of acuity and complexity in a variety of settings. Upon successful completion of the program, learners are eligible to write the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Exam (CPNRE).

Program information
- Credential: Diploma
- Length: 13 months, full-time
- Start: September

Program admission requirements
- B.C. grade 12 graduation or equivalent
- Completion of HCA, RCA, or HS/RCA certificate
- English 12 with a minimum grade of B or equivalent
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (example: IELTS 7.0,7.5,6.5,7.0,7.0, CELBAN 8.0,10.0,8.0,7.0)
- Pre-Calculus 11 with a minimum grade of C or equivalent or Foundations of Math 11 with a minimum grade of C or equivalent
- VCC Health Sciences Math Assessment with 80% or completion of Math for Health Sciences (Math 1054) with 80%
- Biology 12 with a minimum grade of C or equivalent

More information
Contact Program Advising:
By phone: 604.871.7000, option 2
In person: 1155 E. Broadway, or 200-block Dunsmuir at Hamilton

For the most up-to-date program info, check vcc.ca.