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The only program of its kind in Canada, Specialty Nursing is a part of the School of Health Sciences and offers advanced training in a variety of specialized nursing disciplines to students of accredited nursing programs. Through partnership with industry and in accordance with the mission of BCIT, Specialty Nursing programs provide students with both theoretical and practice-based learning to achieve competence and a vision for excellence in specialty nursing practice. Graduates of our certificate programs meet the growing need for knowledge based specialists to work in high-skill, high-reward practice areas.

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In the future, RNs with college diplomas who wish to advance their practice may take advantage of the unique opportunity BCIT offers to use these courses as a part of a specialty certificate and a Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) degree. As well, previous experience and academic learning of working RNs may be eligible for credit through our Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) process.

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BCIT Specialty Nursing Courses  
As Undergraduate Nursing Electives

All of the courses listed below are offered through distance education in online or paper based format. All courses are offered every term (January, April and September) and BCIT terms are 12 weeks in length. The courses offered are all part of the course matrix for certificate completion and not continuing education credits.

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| Critical Care   | Andrea Ford  Andrea_Ford@bcit.ca 604-451-7083 | Critical Care Nursing Website  
www.bcit.ca/study/programs/680dascert#overview  
Course Outlines  
NSCC7100 Introduction to Critical Care Nursing (3 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031806  
NSCC 7150 Dysrhythmia Interpretation and Management (2 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133033546 |
| Emergency       | Kathy Kennedy  Kathryn_Kennedy@bcit.ca 604-456-8021 | Emergency Nursing Website  
www.bcit.ca/study/programs/680eascert#overview  
Course Outlines  
NSCC 7150 Dysrhythmia Interpretation and Management (2 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133033546  
NSER7110 Emergency Nursing Theory 1 (4 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133036426  
Undergrad BSN students can take NSCC7150 in their third-to-last term and NSER7110 in their second-to-last term of their program. |
| High Acuity     | Deborah Yates Deborah_Yates@bcit.ca 604-453-4075 | High Acuity Nursing Website  
www.bcit.ca/study/programs/680wascert  
Course Outlines  
NSHA7100 High Acuity Specialty Nursing Theory 1 (4 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133034077 |
| Neonatal        | Treena Cardiff Treena_Cardiff@bcit.ca 604-451-7080 | Neonatal Nursing Website  
www.bcit.ca/study/programs/680fascert#courses  
Course Outlines  
*NSNE7100 Neonatal Theory 1 (3 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031838  
NSNE7200 Neonatal Theory 2 (3 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031839 |
| Nephrology      | Tony Chacon Tony_Chacon@bcit.ca 604-451-7104 | Nephrology Nursing Website  
www.bcit.ca/study/programs/680mascert  
Course Outlines  
NSNN7200 Nephrology Nursing Theory 1: Introduction (3 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031847  
NSNN7300 Nephrology Nursing Clinical 1: Chronic Kidney Disease (3 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031849  
NSNN7400 Nephrology Nursing Clinical 2: Nursing Care of the Person on Dialysis (3 credits)  
www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031850 |
| Occupational    | Janet                                 | Occupational Health Nursing Website                                                      |
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Course Outline
- NSOH 7100 Introduction to Occupational Health Nursing (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/nsoh7100](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/nsoh7100)
- NSOH 7200 Work and Work Environments 1 (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/nsoh7200](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/nsoh7200)

### Pediatrics

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Course Outline
- NSPE 7100 Pediatric Theory 1 (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031824](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031824)
- NSPE 7200 Pediatric Theory 2 (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031826](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031826)

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Course Outline
- NSPN 7100 Perinatal Nursing Theory 1 - Healthy Childbearing Experiences & The Newborn (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031816](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031816)
- NSPN 7200 Perinatal Theory 2 Childbearing Women (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031817](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031817)
- NSPN 7155 The Breastfeeding Experience (2 credits)  
  This course contains the same theory as NSPN 7150, but does not have the clinical component.  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133040015](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133040015)
- NSPN 7720 Contraceptive Management in Reproductive Health for CRNBC Certification (2 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133036966](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133036966)
- NSPN 7735 Sexually Transmitted Infections Management Modified (2 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133040021](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133040021)
- NSPN 7740 Introduction to Sexual Health Rehabilitation 1 (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133040022](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133040022)
- NSPN 7745 Introduction to Sexual Health Rehabilitation 2 (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133040023](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133040023)

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Course Outline
- NSPO 7100 Perioperative Theory 1: Developing Perioperative Partnerships (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031854](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133031854)
- NSPO 7250 Perioperative Theory 2: The Nurse in the Scrub Role (3 credits)  
  [www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133039150](http://www.bcit.ca/study/outlines/20133039150)

Please note: progress in the Perioperative Nursing Program is conditional: Enrollment in clinical courses is only possible for industry sponsored students. Please contact the Program Head for further information.

*Prerequisite courses for the specialty programs, the students will take these courses if they only have the choice of one elective.*
Registration
The students should be advised that these courses follow a structured schedule within the 12 week term and it is important that the students start on time. They should also be aware that deadlines for course activities need to be observed to avoid marks deductions for late submissions. Students that are concerned about their ability to complete the course within the 12 week term should contact the Program Heads or Program Assistants to discuss their options before registering in the course.

To register for the course the students should:
- Go to the appropriate specialty website (link provided)
- Click on the courses tab on the right hand side of the page
- Identify course of interest
- Click on “check availability”
- Select the section
- Follow the directions for payment
- Select materials from bookstore if required.

I can honestly say that your program is the best nursing program that I have ever attended…

Your program has made a lasting impact on not only my nursing practice, but also my academic pursuits and my entire life.

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Ottawa, ON