



Health Assessment for Primary Care Nursing Placement and Preceptor Information

Learners who apply for the Health Assessment for Primary Health Care Nursing Program are applying and registering in two courses:

- SONNC 0001 – Health Assessment for Primary Care Fundamentals
- SONNC 0002 – Health Assessment for Primary Care Preceptorship

Successful completion of SONNC 0001 – Health Assessment for Primary Care Fundamentals is required prior to embarking on SONNC 0002 which is the clinical practicum portion.

SONNC 0002 – Health Assessment for Primary Care Preceptorship includes a blend of asynchronous modules and intentional learning practice activities. Learners will complete the asynchronous modules before beginning the preceptorship hours. **Learners must complete the thirty (30) preceptorship hours by December 22, 2024.**

For learners:

All registered learners are encouraged to identify a potential preceptor for their preceptorship experience. This health care professional may be a Registered Nurse, Registered Nurse Practitioner, or Licensed Medical Physician. The requirement is for the learner to spend thirty (30) hours of time in the clinical setting focusing on intentionally learning health assessments in primary care. You will be required to demonstrate health assessment competencies to your preceptor.

If you work in a primary care setting, you may be able to identify a potential preceptor in your workplace by consulting with your manager and asking the health professional directly.

If you do not work in a primary care setting, you may need assistance to identify a potential preceptor. Please consult with your nurse manager as they may be able to assist you in connecting with a potential primary care placement and preceptor in your community. Primary care clinics may include doctors' offices and health care clinics that provide longitudinal client care across the lifespan.

If the health care professional is willing to be a potential preceptor for you, please provide their name, credentials, and contact information to the UBCO Nursing Practice Placement Coordinator.

Ideally, you will have your preceptor in place no later than October 31, 2024, and begin your preceptorship no later than November 1, 2024. If the thirty (30) preceptorship hours are not complete by December 22, 2024, learners will be required to re-register, pay the \$200.00 tuition, and complete SONNC 0002 Health Assessment for Primary Care Preceptorship by December 19, 2025. Learners who have not completed SONNC 0002 Health Assessment for Primary Care Preceptorship by December 19, 2025, will be required



to re-register in the program and repeat SONNC 0001 Health Assessment for Primary Care Fundamentals and SONNC 0002 Health Assessment for Primary Care Preceptorship.

If you are not able to provide a potential preceptor, please contact the UBCO Nursing Practice Placement Coordinator for assistance.

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UBC Okanagan is not able to guarantee finding a primary care placement or preceptor for learners; however, we will place requests and work with each learner to find a primary care placement and preceptor.

For Preceptors:

Preceptors should be enthusiastic about teaching and keen to support the transition of nurses into the primary care area. They will observe the student for thirty (30) hours in a primary care setting. During this time, preceptors will be responsible for identifying learning opportunities and providing timely, ongoing, and constructive feedback to the learner. Preceptors will be required to submit a proficiency checklist indicating that they have supervised the learners safely performing the following assessments: mental status; neurological; respiratory; cardiovascular; abdominal (gastrointestinal, genitourinary); musculoskeletal; dermatological; ear, nose, and throat; visual acuity.

Learners are required to practice according to the practice standards outlined by their regulatory body and the CNA code of ethics. Learners are expected to be prepared for practice, seek out feedback, and ensure clear and consistent communication with the preceptor and UBCO practice teacher.

A UBCO practice teacher will support the preceptor and the learner in navigating any challenges that may arise. The practice teacher is responsible for signing off on the learner's final evaluation. The final evaluation will be based on preceptor feedback.

Preceptor Questions

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