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**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)

1. **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.

1. **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

1. **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**](http://blogs.rrc.ca/ltc/programs/permanent-residents/esp/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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