

## Guidelines for the BCIT Preceptorship 2 Student in Community

The following is a general outline for practice of the Preceptorship 2 student working with a preceptor in Community Health (Prevention) prior to graduating from the BCIT BSN program.

### Scope of practice

The student is in the final level of the BCIT nursing program. The student has taken the BCIT Specialty Perinatal theory 1 (NSPN 7100) and Breast feeding theory (NSPN 7155) courses prior to preceptorship. As well, the student takes Breastfeeding clinical (NSPN 7156) during the level 6 NURS 8380 preceptorship. As such the student can practice under the direction of an RN (PHN), any of the nursing skills for which he/she has received education during his/her clinical placements. The student will require guidance and/or supervision when first performing a new skill. **Please refer to BCIT Nursing Policies and Health Authority Practice Guidelines for students.**

These skills include but are not limited to:

- Client (individual, family, group, community) centered care
- Family assessment
- Advocacy
- Assessment, monitoring and clinical decision making
- Building relationships and capacity building with individuals, family and community
- Cultural awareness/safety
- Safety assessments for working alone in community
- Awareness and impact of determinants of health on health status and care delivery

### Public Health Specific Skills

- Immunizations
- Maternal/Child health visits (postpartum assessment, newborn assessment, breast feeding support, etc...)
- Partnering with community resources
- Health education and group facilitation
- Various population health initiatives (school age, prenatal, youth, homeless, refugees)
- Working with vulnerable populations
- Population health surveillance
- Program planning (implementation/evaluation)
- Screening

For a detailed list please see the Clinical Techniques: Skills List on the BCIT Guide for BSN Preceptors web site <http://www.bcit.ca/health/bsnpreceptors/> under the section Links and Resources.

Skills outside the student's scope of practice

Due to the diverse context of community nursing practice students must collaborate with their preceptor, health unit supervisor, and BCIT BSN instructor to determine scope of practice adhering to policies and practice guidelines.

***The responsibility for management of these aspects of client care will remain with the preceptor at all times.***

Practice in the Community

The goal for the clinical placement prior to graduation is to provide exposure to the type of care given in a community based context. The focus should be on assessments and critical thinking, applying theory to practice and delivering care that meets best practice guidelines.

The student should provide client care to the full extent of his/her scope of practice in partnership with his/her preceptor.

Please refer to the BCIT Nursing (3year) Program Student Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures on the BCIT Guide for BSN Preceptors web site <http://www.bcit.ca/health/bsnpreceptors/> under Links and Resources for detailed policy information. Remember always follow the most restrictive policy whether it be your agency or BCIT. If in doubt, please contact the BCIT BSN Instructor.

Thank you,

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