



BSN Preceptorship Two: Community Student in Home Health

The following is an overview and the practice guidelines for students working with a Preceptor in a Home Health focus of practice prior to graduating from the BCIT BSN program.

Overview

The student is in the final level of the nursing program and has just finished 300 preceptorship hours in either a medical or surgical acute care unit, with the emphasis on consolidating their clinical practice in preparation for graduation (critical thinking and clinical reasoning, coordinating and prioritizing nursing care, time management, focused assessments and evaluating patient responses, working with other healthcare team members, stress management). They have completed two community and two High Acuity theory courses and in the previous level, a 16 week clinical course in Home Health. The student has selected Home Health as a focus of practice for the final Preceptorship.

Scope of Practice

The student practices under the direction and supervision of the Preceptor RN in accordance with the College of Registered Nurses of BC standard of *regulatory supervision*:

<https://www.crnbc.ca/Standards/PracticeStandards/Pages/regulatorysupervision.aspx>

The student will require guidance and/or supervision as indicated by the client situation or as indicated by their level of ability to determine, plan, coordinate, implement or evaluate appropriate and safe nursing care. They are accountable for their actions. The student can implement any of the nursing skills for which they have received education during previous clinical placements, in accordance with BCIT BSN Program Guidelines and Policies as well as agency policy and procedure; see BSN Preceptor website:

<http://www.bcit.ca/health/bsnPreceptors/> . For a detailed list please see the Clinical Techniques: Skills List under the section Links and Resources. The most restrictive policy (Home Health agency or BCIT) applies.

The goal is for students to achieve some measure of independence with client care (including client visits); again, as indicated by their personal capacity, the client situation, policy and procedure and within the parameters of regulatory supervision.

Skill Sets and Capacities

Students have theoretical knowledge of, and varied experience with:

- 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 in community contexts
- The impacts of determinants of health on health status and care delivery

Home Health specific:

- Chronic disease management
- IV management
- Wound management
- Immunizations – influenza, pneumonia
- Palliative care – limited
- Addressing client health outcomes – short and long term
- Health education and group facilitation
- Accessing and partnering with community resources
- Working with vulnerable populations

Questions Regarding Scope of Practice

Due to the diverse context of community nursing practice students must collaborate with the Preceptor, educator, clinical coordinator and BCIT BSN instructor to determine and delineate appropriate scopes of practice should questions arise.

The responsibility for management of client care remains with the Preceptor at all times.

Goal of Home Health Preceptorship

The goal is to provide the student with a more extensive experience in home health while further consolidating their practice capacity in preparation for licensure. The focus should be on the provision of comprehensive, safe and holistic client care while applying theory to practice and delivering care that meets best practice guidelines.

The student provides client care to the full extent of their scope of practice and capacity in partnership with the Preceptor. This is an educational experience for the student, it is important they not be considered an extra staff member, they are supernumerary.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the BCIT BSN Instructor at any time.