

September 24, 2020 Agenda/Summary Notes

1. Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgment

The purpose of this meeting series:

- To share information in a timely manner;
- To provide opportunity for dialogue, questions and clarifications;
- To identify potential issues or concerns;
- To gather suggestions, ideas, solutions, and improvements.

2. Student Practice Education Planning and Coordination

The planning and coordination principles contained in the provincial guideline intended to help guide both sectors through possible challenges in placement capacity and service delivery during COVID-19 outbreaks over the coming terms were reviewed.

■ Practice Education Planning and Coordination Principles:

- *Safety*
- *Responsibility*
- *Collaboration*
- *Competency-based*
- *Prioritization*
- *Integrated Preparedness Planning*

3. Student Practice Education: Designs and Innovations

There were five presentations from across sectors to provide examples and highlight changes in delivery models and innovations to enable students to meet their learning objectives.

1. UBC Social Work: Remote Learning Plans and Placements

- Kelly Allison, Field Education Chair (Kelly.Allison@ubc.ca)

2. BCIT BSN: Term 8 Clinical Practice Model

- Shelley Fraser, Associate Dean, Nursing (sfraser65@bcit.ca);
- Connie Clark, Program Head Accelerated Baccalaureate Program (Connie_Clark@bcit.ca);
- Kimberley O'Donovan, Placement Coordinator (kodonovan@bcit.ca);

3. Island Health and Island PSIs: Collaboration and Partnership

- Monta Harrison, Student Practice Coordination, Island Health (Monta.Harrison@viha.ca)

4. Langara College BSN Paediatric Rotations

- Kelly Hughes, Assistant Chair, Placements (khughes@Langara.ca)

5. Ministry of Health, Allied Health Policy Secretariat: Jurisdictional Review

- Melody Burgoyne, A/Senior Manager Health Education & Clinical Capacity (Melody.Burgoyne@gov.bc.ca);
- Julia Bilinski, Co-op Student (Julia.Bilinski@gov.bc.ca)

If you have any follow-up questions on these presentations, please feel free to contact the presenter directly. It is hoped that this format will continue for the upcoming meetings this Fall.

4. Provincial Updates:

- Joanne Maclaren, Executive Director, Nursing Policy Secretariat, Ministry of Health

Since the provincial election has been called, the government will be in 'care-taker' mode until after October 24. Plans are underway to proceed with the initiative to hire and train additional health care support workers.

- Melanie Nelson, Director, Health and Medical Education, Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Training

A collaborative approach across sectors is underway to develop and launch the health care support worker learning pathway.

5. Question & Answer Session (grouped by topic):

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Q: Can we provide our own medical grade goggles for our students and faculty members as not all units are providing these?

A: Health organizations are responsible to provide PPE for clinical placements. Please contact student education leads for follow-up with the site/unit and to confirm that a plan is in place.

Q: A small number of our students are using N95s for ambulance placements. Are we ok to continue fit testing every two years to conserve our supply of N95s?

A: Yes.

Q: Are we to follow the PEG's where the mask fit test is annually or can we use the HA guidelines of every 2 years?

A: Health care organizations (HCOs) follow the [Ministry of Health Policy Communique May 19, 2020](#) which states:

- Health authorities facing an imminent shortage of N95 respirators shall allow workers who have had their respirator fit test within the previous 2 years continue to use respirators without additional testing.
- Health authorities facing an imminent shortage of N95 respirators shall ensure these same workers perform a fit check or seal check prior to the use of the respirator, and where that check reveals an issue with the seal, a full fit test will be performed.
- Health authorities not facing an imminent shortage of N95 respirators shall perform annual fit tests as required by section 8.40(2.1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

Practice Setting

Q: What is each HA's policy on student nurses completing flu immunization on minors? Is there a certain age "cut off"?

A: Announcements on this year's flu campaign and approach will be forthcoming soon and widely distributed.

Q: Can nursing students complete COVID swabbing in the hospital setting? We are adding this to our curriculum.

A: Kathy Scarborough reported that FHA is expanding their testing sites and want to have nursing students in those settings. Please follow-up with Student Practice at FHA to find out more information regarding the destinations in HSPnet.

Q: Are students in UBC health programs still not seeing COVID presumed/positive pts?

A: Nick Steel confirmed that UBC Health students are not providing care to COVID patients at this time. If you would like more information, please contact Nick at nick.steel@ubc.ca.

Planning and Coordination

Q: Can we count on the HA assisting us with redeployment of groups if there is an outbreak on a unit before or during the clinical?

A: Yes. Please connect with the student practice education leads for the health authority that may be experiencing the outbreak.

Q: Are LTC placements with Fraser Health proceeding - we have been trying to set up orientation with no response back.

A: Kathy Scarborough asked that the information be emailed to Student Placements at FHA, with the HSPnet number, and they will follow up.

Placement Prerequisites

Q: Does anyone know if there will be challenges for students getting an influenza vaccination this fall? What is the Health Authority deadline for students to receive this year's Flu Vaccine?

A: Announcements on this year's flu campaign and approach will be forthcoming soon and widely distributed.