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Welcome to the Nipissing/Canadore RPN to BScN Bridging Program Class of 2025!

Throughout the next three years, we will work together to contribute to your success as a baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse. Your courses will be delivered by both Nipissing University and Canadore College faculty.

It is mandated by the Ontario Hospital Association that all nursing students complete a Communicable Disease Screening Form at the beginning of the program, and annual updates thereafter. You will be required to send your completed Communicable Disease Screening Form to the Campus Health Centre at Nipissing University (submit by July 19, 2022) and obtain a Clearance Card. In addition to a Clearance Card, students will submit other clearance documents through the School of Nursing Clearance Website (a link to the clearance website will be emailed to you over the summer, along with information you will need to know before coming to campus for your first placement), documents include but are not limited to the following:

- Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) or (BLS) – Level “C”, Health Care Provider (HCP) – First Aid is not required
- N95 Mask Fit
- Ministry of Labour Worker Health & Safety Awareness in Four Steps certificate

Clinical placement agencies (hospitals) require proof of full COVID vaccinations. In some instances, these agencies are also requiring proof of boosters as well. Student who cannot provide this proof will not be permitted into placements and will not be able to continue in the BScN program.

The Regulated Health Professions Act and the Nursing Act of Ontario mandate that persons who wish to register as a nurse must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada, or authorized under the Immigration Act. In addition, they may NOT have a previous criminal conviction and NOT have been subject to a previous disciplinary proceeding in another health profession (or in nursing from another jurisdiction) resulting from incompetence, misconduct, or incapacity. Furthermore, all clinical agencies require a Police Vulnerable Sector Check prior to beginning clinical placement. These checks are required for our program and are the responsibility of the student. A Consent to Disclosure Letter will be emailed to you over the summer.

If you have any questions about clearance documents, please contact the Clinical Placement Clerk by email to clinicalclearance@nipissingu.ca.

As outlined in your package please note that you will have a special Nursing orientation during the new student orientation in July. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet other students and faculty.

Very best wishes,



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