



**Summary of Aboriginal Health curricula in Canadian nursing schools**

Name of Institution	Institutional level statement/ Approach	Approach	Type of Exposure to Aboriginal Health Issues: (Integrated throughout/ Elective Courses/ Clinicals)	Core Aboriginal Health Curriculum?	Course Name	Course Description	Aboriginal Health Topics/ Themes Covered	Cultural Competency Course	Course Description/ Topics covered	Aboriginal content?	Cultural competency learning objectives
Brandon University	Curriculum in development	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
St. Francis Xavier University	See CRNNS guidelines www.crnns.ca	Cultural sensitivity	No information available	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
University of British Columbia	<b>Cultural competency-</b> Set of integrated attitudes, knowledge and skills that enable a health care professional or organization to care effectively for patients from diverse cultures, groups and communities.  <b>Cultural safety:</b> Extends analyses beyond cultural sensitivity to include power imbalances, individual and institutional discrimination and the nature of health care relations between a dominant group and a subordinated group.	Cultural Safety	Community placement, formal lectures, dialogue with guest speakers from Aboriginal health professions	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nursing 350- Socio-cultural context of Health and Illness (theory)	*Cultural safety is the focus of this course. It aims to raise awareness of how historical, political and socio-economic factors influence health. Health care providers must be aware of our own personal assumptions, and how they can influence the care provided.	Yes- Traditional Healing, Residential school legacy, Aboriginal ethics	Yes- graduating requirements to be culturally competent in the provision of nursing care in partnership with individuals, families, populations and communities.
University of Calgary	No official statement	Cultural awareness	Clinical exposure to Aboriginal patients	None	N/A	N/A	None	Transcultural Health Services	The focus of this course is the study of the diversity of health experiences within the context of culture and nursing care. Discussion focuses on human responses and relationships shaped by culture that have specific applicability to professional nursing practice. Emphasis will be placed upon a perspective of critical inquiry into the principles and practices of Transculturalism.	Yes	Attached
University of Lethbridge	Written commitment to pursue First Nations, seniors and rural health	Cultural awareness	Optional Clinical exposure on reserve; Exposure in problem-based learning scenarios. No formal lectures.	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	None	None	N/A	N/A
University of New Brunswick	No official statement	Multicultural theory	Optional clinical placements, Aboriginal guest speakers	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	"Cultural Encounters in Nursing"	Course prepares students to work at home and abroad with clients from diverse cultures. Emphasis is on developing cultural sensitivity, beginning competence, and insight into cultural beliefs, assumptions, and values and their influence on practice.	Guest speaker discusses medicine wheel teachings, native spirituality, and the stigma faced by aboriginal people in non-Aboriginal society.	None

University of Saskatchewan	Expose students to variety of definitions	Safety & Competency	Online instruction on issues, interview with Aboriginal person, readings, clinical practice	Yes	N483.3 (Cultural Diversity and Aboriginal Health)	Course provides overview of cultural diversity as it affects Aboriginal health in Canada	-Self-reflection -Examination of strengths and challenges of Aboriginal peoples in relation to health - provide basis for culturally competent nursing care				
University of Toronto	No official statement	-	Clinical placements in Aboriginal agencies, Formal lectures	Yes	"Primary Health Care"	A community nursing course (See Appendix)	-Aboriginal health issues, colonization, de-colonization, sunrise ceremony, sovereignty of First Nations peoples	No information available	N/A	N/A	None
University of Victoria	The University of Victoria is committed to promoting, providing, and protecting a positive, supportive and safe learning and working environment for all of its members.	Cultural safety	Clinical exposure to Aboriginal people, placements in Aboriginal agencies/ communities, formal lectures in a number of courses, most specifically "Culture and Health Elective"	None. However, Aboriginal Nursing course in development.	N/A	N/A	N/A	An elective course Nurse 489 called "Culture and Health."	A critical examination of the relationship between culture and health, and the impact of immigration, colonialism and racialization. Approaches to working with-in diversity to foster cultural safety are explored with a particular emphasis on health care for First Nations and immigrant people.	Yes	None available
York University	No information available	Transcultural nursing	No formal classes; opportunities for placements in Aboriginal Health Centers is limited.	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	Transcultural Nursing Course	Health and healing explored in the context of social and cultural diversity, values, beliefs, lifestyle choices, environment, growth, development. Focus on maintenance and promotion of personal, individual and family health and healing.	No information available	No information available