

NEW Specialized Nursing Program for RNs at George Brown

Family Practice Nursing Starts September 2011

Are you, or is someone you know, a Registered Nurse (RN) currently practicing or aspiring to practice in a Family Practice/Primary Care setting? If so, you will be interested to know that George Brown College now has a new certificate program in Family Practice Nursing for Registered Nurses. This new two-semester, predominantly online program, is aligned with the Ontario Ministry of Health's goals for establishing High Performance Family Health Teams across the Province, ensuring all professionals practice to their full scope within a collaborative practice model to achieve more efficient and effective client-centered primary care.

Current evidence points to the benefits of collaborative team work in terms of client outcomes and job satisfaction. You will have the opportunity to learn about and from other professionals and practice the skills using a collaborative approach within a simulated practice environment. You will explore and analyze the workings of our health-care system, develop competencies related to health promotion, primary prevention and chronic disease management, and apply best practices related to quality management and e-health.

With a postgraduate certificate in Family Practice Nursing you will be able to:

1. Appraise the role and scope of a Family Practice Nurse within a collaborative client-centered family practice.
2. Integrate appropriate and relevant theories, concepts and frameworks into a collaborative client-centered family practice.
3. Promote and maintain health, and manage acute/chronic disease, across care settings and the lifespan, within the role of a Family Practice Nurse.
4. Critically analyze and apply research to promote best practices for both nursing and health team interventions within a family practice.
5. Advocate for clients and the health-care system as a member of a Family Practice Team.
6. Apply Program Planning and Evaluation and Quality Management principles to improve outcomes for clients and the health-care delivery system.

We invite you to be a part of this new and exciting program beginning September 2011. There are a number of ways for you to find out more:

- Call **Sheilagh Callahan (Program Coordinator)** today at **416 415 5000 ext: 3017**
- Visit georgebrown.ca and search **Family Practice**
- Join us for an information session on **XXXXdate, XXXX time**. Register online at georgebrown.ca/infosessions

"Congratulations! This new educational program is timely - RNs in primary care are needed as one of the everyday entry points to meet the needs of Canadians and the health-care system. The potential for reducing wait times and improving access to care is significant. RNs are crucial to a family practice team's achievement of better screening and health promotion, early detection, and chronic disease management. The objectives of this course are well aligned with CNA's Primary Care Toolkit, a comprehensive resource for accessing information and resources on evidence-based care."

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Program Code: S415
Program Length: 2 semesters
Starting: September 2011
Certification: Ontario College Graduate Certificate
Location: St James Campus / Online Learning Environment
Apply to: ontariocolleges.ca

COURSES

SEMESTER 1

- NURS4070** Evolution & Impact: Family Practice Nursing & Canada's Health Care System (online)
- NURS4071** Assessment & Management Part 1 & 2 (online & face to face)
- NURS4072** Using Research to Enhance Family Practice Nursing (online)
- NURS4073** Quality, Risk & Workflow Management (online)

SEMESTER 2

- NURS4074** Leadership & Advocacy (online)
- NURS4075** Family Practice Clinical Practicum

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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"I am very excited to endorse George Brown Colleges' new and innovative program designed to prepare registered nurses to work in Family Practice. This program is long overdue. Nurses in Family Practice (Primary Care) have used their basic nursing knowledge and gained 'on the job' experience in order to become experts in areas such as chronic disease management, patient education, prenatal and paediatric care, geriatrics, and counselling. With the increased number of Family Health Teams and clinics dedicated to primary care, nurses are in high demand to work in this interdisciplinary setting. Until now there has not been a specific program dedicated to preparing our nurses for this dynamic and exciting area of nursing. I congratulate George Brown College for providing this program and hope it will inspire the introduction of similar nursing programs across Canada."

Ann Alsaffar, RN
 President, CFPNA

(Canadian Family Practice Nurses Association/ Association des infirmières canadiennes en médecine familiale)

OUR PROGRAM

- Two-semester intensive program
- Students interact within a technology-rich environment, course are predominantly online
- Students will be required to travel to St. James Campus 1-2 times in the 1st semester of the program for face to face classroom/lab instruction sessions
- Preceptored clinical placement in a Family Health Team/Primary Care setting in semester 2

The Registered Nurse - Family Practice Nursing certificate program prepares the Registered Nurse to provide comprehensive care to individuals and families across the lifespan within family health team/primary care contexts and settings. Current research and relevant theoretical perspectives provide the foundation of study for interprofessional family-centred care. The theory and clinical courses build on entry-to-practice nursing competencies and are focused on family practice and primary care specialty areas. Application of theoretical knowledge and skills is gained by providing care to individuals and families in a family health team or other primary care setting where members work together to provide efficient and effective team-based care. Students interact within a technology-rich environment, predominantly online and also face-to-face; students are exposed to a variety of cooperative learning environments including classroom settings, online learning, uni-professional and interprofessional simulated practice environments as part of their educational experience.

This program will prepare graduates to work in family health units as well as in community/primary care agencies across Ontario and Canada. There are numerous primary care clinics and agencies in Ontario. Ontario is supported by 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), and a total of "150 FHTs have been created in both urban and rural parts of the province. Together, it is expected that these 150 teams will improve access to primary health care for more than 2.5 million Ontarians in 112 communities. Fifty more teams are currently under way bringing the total to 200."
 (Source: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation/fht/fht_mn.html).

The knowledge and skills gained through this program will help ensure that RN's have the competencies needed to practice to full scope and participate fully as contributing members of interprofessional intercollaborative family health/primary care teams across Ontario and Canada.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant is a Registered Nurse (RN) currently practicing or aspiring to practice (e.g. new graduate, novice nurse) in Family Practice Nursing within a Primary Care context. The applicant is currently registered with, or is eligible for Registered Nurse Annual Registration from the College of Nurses of Ontario.

Applicants are required to have current CPR certification and current background police check.