Steps that can be done before you arrive in British Columbia (B.C.), Canada

You want to work as Nurse Practitioner (NP) in B.C.

You have completed a Master’s level nursing program?

Yes

Review the 3 streams available to Nurse Practitioners in B.C. - Pediatric NP, Adult NP, or Family NP, https://crnbc.ca/Registration/Lists/RegistrationResources/416CompetenciesNP.pdf. You will be required to complete a written and Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) in one of the 3 streams. You must have practiced as a NP for 900 hours in the stream in which you want to register in the past 3 years. These hour requirements can be met by practicing as a NP in the stream you are registering, or by completing a clinical directed study through a B.C. recognized NP program.

Complete an online Nurse Practitioner pre-assessment questionnaire and submit it to the CRNBC for review. Once the CRNBC has reviewed your questionnaire and verified your qualifications, you will be sent an application package. The process takes between 2 to 3 months. The pre-assessment questionnaire can be found on the CRNBC website, https://crnbc.ca/Registration/NPApplication/en/Pages/Step2.aspx

You are able to register as a NP in B.C.?

Yes

You are asked by the CRNBC to go through the detailed Competency Assessment Process (CAP)?

Yes

Apply to the CAP. The CRNBC will provide you with the information needed to apply. The detailed CAP fee is $3,000 plus tax and the process takes 6 months.

Steps that you have to take in British Columbia (B.C.), Canada

Steps that can be done before you arrive in British Columbia (B.C.), Canada

You have completed a Master’s level nursing program?

No

Complete the 3 steps of the CAP. The CAP consists of a case study, an interview and supervised practice hours. The CAP process takes approximately 6 months.

You are eligible to take the registration exams (written and Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE))? (Yes)

Yes

Complete the applications to take the exams and submit the fee payments of $700 plus tax for the written exam and $2,000 plus tax for the OSCE. The application form is in the NP Application Package, https://crnbc.ca/Registration/Lists/RegistrationResources/NPoutsideBCGradAppPkg.pdf. All written exams and the family OSCE are offered twice a year, while the adult and pediatric OSCE are offered once a year. For more information on the exams: https://crnbc.ca/Registration/NPApplication/en/Pages/Step5.aspx

You have passed both exams?

Yes

You are now able to work as a Nurse Practitioner (NP) in B.C.

You are able to rewrite both exams up to 3 times

Pay the registration fee to the CRNBC. Registration fee is $200 to $650, depending on whether you are currently registered as a Registered Nurse. Once you pay the fee, you will receive your Nurse Practitioner license.

Note: This process map describes the different paths one can take to become a Nurse Practitioner in British Columbia. The path you will have to take depends on the type of training/education and work related experience you currently have in this occupation. Please ensure that all the documents you submit are in English. The approximate time it will take to go through this process ranges from 1 year to 2 and a half years. This timeframe will vary depending on how fast you complete the application form(s), collect and send the documents, and take any required courses. The cost of this qualification process is $3,200 to $6,650 if you do not need to retake exams.