

Information Bulletin

Date: *April 7, 2017*
To: *Lower Mainland Nursing Schools*
From: *New Knowledge and Innovation Department*
Re: *Nursing Student Placement Impact During Move into New TACC Building – Fall 2017*

As we eagerly watch the progression of the Teck Acute Care Centre (TACC) and BC Women's Urgent Care Centre (UCC), we're excited to announce that we will be moving into our new hospital on October 29, 2017.

A momentous amount of preparation is required by individuals who are moving into the TACC. They'll participate in a series of orientation and training sessions to become familiar with their new surroundings, as well as Day-in-the-Life exercises to run typical patient care delivery scenarios, testing patient flow in their new space. This education and training is being offered to 4,000 staff over a 12 week period starting in August. Faculty will be invited to participate in this education; however, there will be no capacity at this time to include students. As eLearning and other resources are developed by the ETO Teams, we will share these resources with our Academic Partners.

A move of this magnitude will have a significant impact on patients, families, staff and learners. While we are fully committed to supporting student practice and the education of future Nurses, after hours of discussion and deliberation between campus stakeholders, we were unable to circumvent the need to reduce our Nursing student group placements for the fall. Student Preceptorships, Projects, Fieldwork and Internships will see minimal to no impact as students will learn alongside staff once they have moved into the new TACC.

At BC Children's Hospital:

- September to October 22nd – we can meet capacity
- October 22 to November 12 – black out period for Nursing group students (approved Clinical Groups can orientate the week of Nov. 6th)
- November 13 to December - our capacity will be reduced by half.

At BC Women's Hospital:

- The postpartum units will not be affected. New alternative places can be found for those student learners that would typically learn in the birthing surgical suites. NICU will not be affected.

Nursing Group Criteria for student placement requests from Nov 13 - Dec 8th:

- Clinical Instructors are preferably a BCCH/BCW Staff member or they are long time Clinical Instructors known to the Program Leaders and staff.
- Clinical Instructors must take all ETO training for program area of placement, prior to placement start date.
- Students must complete online training prior to placement.
- Students' scope of practice will be limited (ex. No IV pumps, no use of new equipment, no meds) and this will be re-evaluate during placement.
- Number of clinical groups will be decreased from 10 to 5 groups (based on fall 2016 data), and the groups' size will be no more than 5-6 on the unit at one time.
- Group alternate placements will be supported in programs/clinics that are not impacted by the move into the new TACC.
- Sunny Hill Health Centre will be open to groups two days per week, to support those impacted by the move.

We are currently working with our campus stakeholders to support alternate plans for these groups to minimize the impact. We will also be increasing our visits from PHSA HR to the Schools of Nursing in the fall.

Please see our BC Children's and BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre **Open House** invitation for April 26th from 5:00pm-7:30pm, and we welcome all 3rd and 4th year students to come hear about the exciting employment opportunities available at our site.

We are also hoping to offer optional tours of the new TACC in early December for Faculty and the 3rd & 4th year students affected by the reduced placements this fall.

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