

Critical Care Nursing Program



PEI offers a Critical Care Nursing Program (CCNP) to support nurses who work in or are interested in working in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Whether you are new to ICU or are experienced in this area, CCNP will develop your knowledge and skills in this nursing specialty. There is a 3900hr Critical Care Area RIS associated with this full time study program.

The next CCNP starts **Sept 8, 2026**

The Full Time CCNP Timeline:

Weeks 1-8	Full time study	Education leave Online and in person learning, simulation and skills labs, assignments and exams
Weeks 9-13 +	Full Time Clinical	Minimum 14 x 12 hour clinical orientation shifts <i>Additional shifts on individual basis</i>

This program includes self-directed study of web-based lessons supported by a high level of interactive on-line learning using our e-learning platform Brightspace

A study schedule and regular communication with faculty will keep you on track with your studies.

Learners take part in virtual classroom sessions as well as in-person hands-on simulations and skills sessions. Discussions and case studies are woven throughout the program

Clinical shifts are held on PEI in Health PEI Intensive Care Units.

How to apply: Deadline Aug 7th, 2026

Inform the Health PEI Program Coordinators, Kim MacDonald and Janelle Jackson that you are interested in applying. You require the support of your Nurse Manager to participate.

Create a Genius Account and [Register Online](#) via the Nova Scotia Learning Institute for Health Care Providers.

Course fee: \$600 **Textbooks:** See [CCNP Textbooks](#)

You may qualify to have your program registration and text fees covered through the PEINU Education Fund.

Please apply through [PEINU](#) .

For more information about this program please visit [CCNP website](#) at learninginstitute.nshealth.ca or contact the CCNP Coordinators:

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