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LPN to BScN Update May 2018

Changes to Nova Scotia Medical-Surgical Clinical Placement Sites for Athabasca University (AU) Post-LPN BN Students

Effective May 1, 2018, the NURS 401: Professional Practice with Adults Experiencing Health Alterations (Medical-Surgical) clinical course will no longer be offered in Nova Scotia for LPNs enrolled in AU's Post-LPN BN program. Learners will be required to travel to Alberta to complete this program requirement.

The Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) and AU made this decision after careful review of student enrollment and an assessment of both organizations' ability to offer the clinical oversight necessary for this course in the accredited Post-LPN BN program.

The NSHA and AU are continuing to work together to attempt to support students who wish to complete NURS 437: Professional Practice in Family Health Promotion and NUR 441: Consolidated Professional Practice (final preceptorship) clinical courses in Nova Scotia.

Students with questions or concerns about this change are invited to contact Athabasca University at bnclinical@athabascau.ca or Nova Scotia Health Authority at MaryEllen.Gurnham@nshealth.ca for assistance.