



**MEDICINE HAT  
COLLEGE**

Division of Science & Health

To Whom It May Concern:

Students registered in the Practical Nurse program have a practicum component that is for credit, and is integral to completion of their program of study. The practicum does not exceed more than 50% of the total program of study.

As part of the program, students must complete three (3) work terms during their program. These terms are completed as follows:

First year – Winter (Jan) – total of 78 hours over 2 weeks  
– Spring (May/June) – total of 155 hours over 4 weeks  
Second Year – Fall (Sept – Dec) – total of 271 hours over 7 weeks  
Winter (Feb to Apr) total of 300 hours over 9 weeks

These work terms will provide the student the opportunity to integrate and apply theoretic knowledge in nursing practice settings; moreover, develop skills and competencies of groups, communities and populations. Students are scheduled to complete their program at the end of the Winter term of their second year.

We are asking that a co-op work permit be granted to the applicant, registered in our program, in order to fulfill program requirements as outlined in our academic calendar.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

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***Note: Students in programs that require placements involving hospital settings and/or interaction with families and children in Canada are required by IRCC to undergo a medical exam by a Panel Physician. Medical exams performed by a Panel Physician are valid for up to 12 months.***

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