



# ESN/ESPN Program Information Booklet 2025 / 2026

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#### Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in a career opportunity with Interior Health (IH) through our Employed Student Nurse (ESN) & Employed Student Psychiatric Nurse (ESPN) program. This program provides you with an opportunity to earn employment while consolidating your knowledge and skills within clinical practice.

**Did you know?** In 2001, a nursing student questioned why they had to work in the fast-food industry to earn money for tuition and housing while being enrolled in an academic healthcare program? This resulted in a nursing research study and the future development of the provincial Employed Student Nurse Program. IH has been involved in the development of this program since its inception and we are proud to continue to offer it to our undergraduates today.

As an ESN/ESPN, this provides you with the opportunity to:

- Work under a Registered Nurse (RN)/Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN)/Nurse Practitioner (NP) designate;
- Work with the healthcare team as a valued team member;
- Provide comprehensive patient care in accordance with IH and BCCNM policies;

WOW! We provide a diverse selection of over 200 assignment options AND have the capacity for more than 400 ESN/ESPN employment opportunities within Interior Health!

- Consolidate your nursing skills and enhance your résumé;
- Gain valuable paid nursing experience.

The ESN/ESPN Program is available for support, questions, and/or concerns throughout your employment experience. Team members will meet and check in with each and every ESN/ESPN during their employment either in person, by phone, or via email. We will be there if and when you need us!

We appreciate your interest in our ESN/ESPN Program! We hope that you chose to share your unique talents with our staff and assist our patient population with their healthcare needs! We wish you all the best for the opportunity ahead and continued success with the completion of your nursing program.

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! IMPORTANT: this list is not exhaustive and is subject to change.

Sincerely,

ANETA D'ANGELO, RN, BSCN, MED, Director of Clinical Education -Professional Practice Office ERIN BRYANT, MSN, RN Manager, Clinical Education - Professional Practice Office

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# **Land Acknowledgement**

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dãkelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, Syilx, and Tŝilhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate, and work together.



# **ESN/ESPN Program Information**

Thank you for your interest in our Employed Student Nurse (ESN)/Employed Student Psychiatric Nurse (ESPN) Program. This document provides essential information about the program, outlining key details that will help you make an informed decision as you work through the application process. Whether you're looking to gain valuable hands-on experience or explore your future career in healthcare, this program offers an exceptional opportunity to grow and develop in a supportive environment.

#### **Program Information**

Please see below for logistical hiring information.

- ESN/ESPNs funded up to 336 hours.
  - o If hour extensions become available, the ESN/ESPN Program team will reach out.
- ESN/ESPNs have 4 months from start date to complete these hours.
- May work up to 2 STATS (no super stats).

#### **Cohort Hiring Information**

At Interior Health, we recognize that every ESN/ESPN experience is unique, which is why we offer flexible cohort periods. This flexibility allows you to choose a work period that best fits your schedule, helping you make the most of your time as an ESN/ESPN. When applying, you'll select from our available 'Cohort Start Dates.' We recommend you choose an intake that starts near the end or after your educational commitments are complete. Although your official start date would be the 1st day of the month of the chosen intake, you would have flexibility to commence your duties after attending a mandatory virtual orientation.

- May 1<sup>st</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup>
- June 1st October 1st
- July 1<sup>st</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup>
- August 1<sup>st</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup>
- September 1st January 1st
- October 1<sup>st</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup>
- November 1<sup>st</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Scheduling**

The successful candidate must be available to work during the chosen intake as per a pre-determined schedule. Shifts will follow the unit's regular shift pattern and hours. Partial shifts may be permitted to accommodate your academic schedule.



Although ESN/ESPNs are hired as 'casual' employees, this position does not operate the same as a typical casual employment contract as ESN/ESPNs are supernumerary employees. Meaning, you will be paid a percentage of your wage in lieu of benefits, vacation, sick time, etc. but as supernumerary employees, you are not able to 'pick-up' shifts as the shift callouts are sent out as these shifts are intended for baseline staff. You are expected to work 2-3 shifts/week when you are not currently attending academic studies. If you are attending school during your employment period, you may work 1-2 shifts/week +/- partial shifts where your schedule allows. As your ability to work a shift is dependent on an RN/RPN/NP being able to provide regulatory supervision for your practice (see <a href="Employed Student Registrants BCCNM">Employed Student Registrants BCCNM</a>), you will need to create a schedule with your manager/unit leadership at the beginning of your employment period to ensure there is adequate RN/RPN/NP coverage for that shift.

#### **Assignment Eligibility**

Program Year Completed	Eligible Assignment Areas
<b>Year 2</b> (or equivalent)	<ul> <li>Community Assignments (except UPCC)</li> <li>Long Term Care</li> <li>Rehab Medical Units (or equivalent)</li> </ul>
<b>Year 3</b> (after 1 <sup>st</sup> semester)	<ul> <li>Community Assignments</li> <li>Corporate</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Long Term Care</li> <li>Medical Units</li> <li>Surgical Units</li> </ul>
<b>Year 3</b> (or equivalent)	Eligible for all assignment options
<b>Year 4</b> (or equivalent)	Eligible for all assignment options



# Recruitment Incentives & Loan Forgiveness

As you plan for your future career, Interior Health provides various recruitment incentives to support your education and manage expenses. While these incentives are available only for permanent full-time or part-time positions, applying for an ESN/ESPN assignment in one of these areas offers a valuable opportunity. It allows you to experience what it's like to work there after graduation and helps you start building essential connections early on. Learn how you can qualify.

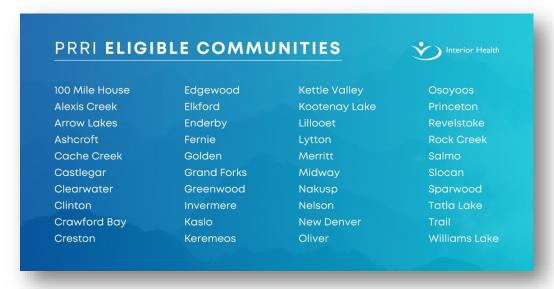
#### **Rural & Remote Recruitment Incentive**

Eligible new employees in identified rural and remote communities will receive up to \$20,000 for a full-time position and pro-rated for part-time positions. This incentive is in exchange for a 24-month return of service.

- Employees who receive the incentive are not eligible to receive the Provincial Rural Retention incentive while they are completing their related 24-month Return of Service commitment.
- Eligible communities listed below. Recruitment Incentives (interiorhealth.ca)

#### **Provincial Rural Retention Incentives**

Regular full-time and regular part-time employees in the Nurses' Bargaining Association (NBA), Health Science Professionals Bargaining Association (HSPBA), Facilities Bargaining Association (FBA) and Community Bargaining Association (CBA) collective agreements that work in the following eligible communities may receive up to \$2,000 quarterly to a maximum of \$8,000 per year.





# Difficult-to-Fill Vacancies Recruitment Incentive (DTFV Incentive)

Eligible new CBA, NBA, HSPBA, or FBA employees in difficult-to-fill vacancies in Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, and Vernon will receive up to \$15,000 for a full-time position and pro-rated for part-time positions. *This incentive is in exchange for a 24-month return of service.* 

- Areas include:
  - o Critical Care
  - Emergency
  - o Long-Term Care
  - o Neonatal
  - o Perinatal
  - Perioperative
- **Note:** you will still be considered a 'new' employee upon graduation if you work here as an ESN.
- Recruitment Incentives (interiorhealth.ca)

#### **B.C Loan Forgiveness**

Recent graduates in select in-demand occupations can have their B.C. student loans forgiven by agreeing to work at publicly funded facilities in underserved communities in B.C.

- If you qualify for the B.C. Loan Forgiveness Program, the Province of British Columbia will forgive the outstanding B.C. portion of your Canada-B.C. integrated student loan debt at a rate of up to a maximum of 20% per year for up to five years.
- See here for a comprehensive list of eligible communities: <u>B.C. Loan</u> Forgiveness Program | StudentAid BC

#### **Canadian Loan Forgiveness**

The Government of Canada offers Canada Student Loan forgiveness to eligible family doctors, residents in family medicine, nurse practitioners, and nurses who work in under-served rural or remote communities that lack the primary health care they need.

- Loan forgiveness can only be applied to outstanding Canada Student Loan balances. Only applies to federal portion of loan.
- Can receive up to **\$30,000**.
- See here to use the Postal Code Lookup Tool to see eligible communities:

  Doctors and Nurses Student Loan Forgiveness CanLearn.ca
  - TIP: Don't know the postal code? Look up the address of the worksite you are interested in and use that postal code to determine eligibility.

Interested in a worksite but unsur



# **East Kootenay/Kootenay Boundary**



Kootenay Rockies Hot Spring

# **Recruitment Incentive Eligible Areas:**

#### **Communities**

- Castlegar
- Cranbrook
- Crawford Bay
- Creston
- Edgewood
- Elkford
- Fernie
- Golden

- Greenwood
- Grand Forks
- Invermere
- Kaslo
- Kimberley
- Lumby
- Midway
- Nakusp

- Nelson
- New Denver
- Rock Creek
- Salmo
- Slocan
- Sparwood
- Trail



#### **Acute Care**

Site	Unit(s)
<b>Boundary &amp; District Hospital</b>	• Emergency
(Grand Forks)	Medical
Castlegar & District Hospital	Emergency
Creston Valley Hospital	<ul> <li>Medical/Surgical</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ambulatory Care Unit</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Day Care Surgery (DCS)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Emergency</li> </ul>
	• ICU
East Kootenay Regional	<ul> <li>Medical</li> </ul>
Hospital	Mental Health
(Cranbrook)	OBS/GYNE/PEDS
	<ul> <li>Oncology</li> </ul>
	OR (BSN Learning Pathway ONLY)
	• PACU
	Surgical
<b>Elk Valley Hospital</b> (Fernie)	Medical/Surgical
Golden & District Hospital	<ul> <li>Medical/Surgical/Emergency</li> </ul>
Invermere & District Hospital	<ul> <li>Medical/Surgical</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Day Care Surgery</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Emergency (BSN Learning Pathways ONLY)</li> </ul>
<b>Kootenay Boundary Regional</b>	• ICU
Hospital (Trail)	<ul> <li>Maternity/Peds/NICU</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Medical</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Mental Health (Daly Pavilion - IPU)</li> </ul>
	Surgical
Kootenay Lake Hospital (Nelson)	<ul> <li>Day Care Surgery</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Emergency (BSN Learning Pathways ONLY)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Medical</li> </ul>
	OBS/GYNE/Peds
<b>Sparwood Health Centre</b>	<ul> <li>Emergency</li> </ul>



Site	Unit(s)
Arrow Lake Hospital	Home Health
<b>Boundary &amp; District Hospital</b> (Grand Forks)	Home Health
Castlegar District Health Centre	Urgent Primary Care Center
Castlegar Health Centre	Home Health
<b>Castlegar Urgent Care Centre</b>	Urgent Care Centre
<b>Cranbrook Urgent Care Centre</b>	Urgent Care Centre
Creston Home Health Centre	Home Health
East Kootenay Regional Hospital	Discharge Coordination (Transition Liaison)
East Shore Health Centre (Crawford Bay)	East Shore Health Centre
Fernie Home Health	Home Health
Kimberley Health Centre	Home Health
Kiro Wellness Centre (Trail)	<ul> <li>Diabetes Education Centre &amp; Heart Function Clinic</li> <li>Home Health</li> </ul>
Rocky Mountain Lodge (Cranbrook)	Home Health

# **Long-term Care**

Community	Site(s)
Castlegar	Talarico Place
Cranbrook	F.W Green
Creston	Swan Valley Lodge
Golden	Durand Manor
Grand Forks	Hardy View Lodge
Kaslo	Victorian Hospital of Kaslo
Kimberley	The Pines Special Care Home
Nelson	Nelson Jubilee Manor
Revelstoke	Mount Cartier Court
Trail	Columbia View Lodge
	Poplar Ridge Pavilion



# **Central Okanagan**



Kelowna General Hospital



#### **Acute Care – Kelowna General Hospital**

Unit(s)	Unit(s)/Additional Information
Ambulatory Care Unit	Infusions, plastics, ortho
Coronary Catheterization Lab/Clinic	<ul> <li>Mix of outpatient &amp; inpatient procedural unit</li> <li>Has OR suites</li> </ul>
Day Care Surgery	
Emergency Department	<ul> <li>Pathway optional unit</li> <li>Non-pathway ESN hours must be complete by November</li> </ul>
Eye Care Center	<ul><li>Outpatient procedural unit</li><li>Has OR suites</li></ul>
GI	Has OR suites
Hemodialysis	
ICU/ICUB	<ul> <li>Pathway optional unit</li> <li>Non-pathway ESN hours must be complete by</li> <li>November</li> </ul>
IHSC 1	Surgical short stay/ortho overflow
Medical Units	<ul> <li>2S (cardiac/tele)</li> <li>3S (general)</li> <li>4A (renal)</li> <li>4B (oncology, respiratory, palliative)</li> <li>4E (geriatric/dementia)</li> <li>5B (72-hour unit/GI)</li> <li>6W (stroke)</li> </ul>
Mental Health	<ul><li>Adolescent Psychiatric Unit</li><li>McNair</li></ul>
NICU	
OBS/GYNE	<ul><li>Pathway optional unit</li><li>Non-pathway ESN hours must be complete by November</li></ul>
OR	BSN Learning Pathways ONLY
Pediatrics	• 4S
Rehab Medical Unit	Year 2, 3 & 4 eligible
Surgical Units	<ul> <li>2W (cardiac/tele)</li> <li>3E (plastics/vascular/ENT)</li> <li>3W (thoracic, gen surg)</li> <li>4W (ortho/neuro/trauma)</li> </ul>



Site	Unit(s)
Cara Centre	Facility Based Mental Health
Capri Centre	Diabetes Education
Capit Centre	Home Health
Central Okanagan Hospice	Hospice House
Kelowna Community MHSU	<ul> <li>Complex Care Housing Services (Fuller House &amp; Ethel House)</li> </ul>
	Early Psychosis Intervention
	MHSU Case Management
	Tertiary Mental Health
	Youth Integrated Case Management
Outreach Urban Health	• ACT Teams (1 & 2)
	iOAT Clinic
	Supervised Consumption Site
Urgent Primary Care Centers	Kelowna
	Rutland
	West Kelowna

### **Long-Term Care**

Community	Site(s)
Kelowna	<ul> <li>Central Okanagan Hospice House</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Cottonwoods Short Stay Unit</li> </ul>
	David Lloyd Jones
	Three Links Manor
West Kelowna	Brookhaven

# **Education/Corporate - !NEW!**

Unit	Additional Information
Professional Practice Office	<ul> <li>Program development, research, project work</li> <li>Remote position</li> </ul>
	• Remote position
Kelowna General Hospital Simulation Program	<ul> <li>Program creation, interdisciplinary collaboration</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Semi-remote position</li> </ul>



# **South Okanagan**



South Okanagan

# **Recruitment Incentive Eligible Areas:**

#### Communities

- Chase
- Oliver
- Keremeos
- Osoyoos

Princeton

#### **Acute Care**

Site	Unit(s)
Penticton Regional Hospital	<ul> <li>Emergency</li> <li>ICU</li> <li>Level 4 Surgical (urology, gen surg, ortho)</li> <li>Level 5 Medical (general med)</li> <li>Mental Health Inpatient Unit</li> <li>OBS/GYNE/PEDS</li> <li>OR</li> <li>SP3 Medical</li> </ul>
Princeton General Hospital	Emergency/Medical/Surgical
South Okanagan General Hospital (Oliver)	<ul><li>Emergency</li><li>Medical/Surgical</li></ul>



Site	Unit(s)
Penticton Health Centre	<ul><li>Home Health</li><li>MHSU</li></ul>
Penticton Urgent Primary Care	Urgent Care Centre
Ponderosa Primary Care Centre	Primary Care
South Similkameen Health Centre (Keremeos)	Home Health
Summerland Health Centre	Home Health

# **Long-Term Care**

Community	Site(s)
Oliver	McKinney Place Extended Care
Penticton	Trinity Care Centre



# **North Okanagan**



The BEST Views | Shuswap Edition — Shuswap Adventure Girl

# **Recruitment Incentive Eligible Areas:**

#### Communities

- ArmstrongEnderby
- Salmon Arm
- Sicamous

#### Acute Care - Salmon Arm

Site	Unit(s)/Additional Information
Shuswap Lake General Hospital	<ul> <li>Emergency</li> <li>Level 2 Medical/Surgical</li> <li>Level 4 Medical/Surgical</li> <li>OBS/GYNE</li> <li>PAR/DCS/OR</li> </ul>





Vernon Jubilee Hospital

# **Acute Care - Vernon Jubilee Hospital**

Unit Types	Unit(s)/Additional Information
Ambulatory Care Unit	
Day Care Surgery	
Emergency	
	Pathway optional unit
ICU/CCU	<ul> <li>Non-pathway ESN hours must be complete by November</li> </ul>
Medical Units	• 2E/W (general)
	• 3N (geriatric)
	6th Floor (cardiac/telemetry)
	• 7th Floor (stroke/rehab)
Mental Health	Inpatient Unit
OBS/GYNE/Peds	•
PAR/OR	Pathway optional unit
	Non-pathway ESN hours must be complete by November
Surgical Units	• 3E/W (gen surg)



Site	Unit(s)
Salmon Arm Health Centre	Mental Health Substance Use (MHSU)
<b>Shuswap Community Care</b>	Home Health
Vernon Community Care	CAT Clinic
Vernon Jubilee Hospital	Community Home Health/ Alexander Wing Annex

# **Long-Term Care**

Community	Site(s)
Vernon	Noric House
Salmon Arm	Bastion Place



# **Thompson Cariboo Shuswap**



#### Communities

- 100 Mile House
- Ashcroft
- Alexis Creek
- Barrière
- Blue River
- Clearwater
- Clinton
- Lillooet
- Logan Lake
- Lytton

- Merritt
- Revelstoke
- Talta Lake
- Williams Lake
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# **Acute Care – Royal Inland Hospital**

Unit Types	Unit(s)/Additional Information
Ambulatory Care Unit	
Emergency	BSN Learning Pathways ONLY
Hemodialysis	• 7S
ICU	
Mental Health	• GT6
	• 5S (general)
Medical Units	6N (general)
Medical Offics	• 7N (cardiac/tele)
	GT7 (rehab)
NICU	• GT3
OBS/GYNE	• GT3
Oncology	
OR	BSN Learning Pathways ONLY
PAR/DCS	
Pediatrics	• 3W
Surgical Units	• 5N (ortho)
	6S (vascular/GU)
	GT8 (stroke/trauma/neuro)

#### **Acute Care**

Site	Unit(s)
100 Mile House District General Hospital	Ambulatory Care Unit
	Emergency
Cariboo Memorial Hospital (Williams Lake)	Ambulatory Care Unit
	Emergency
	Hemodialysis
	Medical/Surgical
	OBS/GYNE
	PAR/DCS/OR
Chase & District Health Centre	Emergency
Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital	Emergency
(Clearwater)	Medical/Surgical
Lillooet Hospital	Emergency
Nicola Valley Hospital	Medical



Site	Unit(s)
100 Mile House MHSU	Community MHSU
	Home Health
Ashcroft	Home Health
	Urgent Primary Care
Barriere	Home Health
Chase	Home Health
Logan Lake	Home Health
Lillooet	Community MHSU
Lillooet	Home Health
	Hillside Psychiatric Centre
	Home Health
	King Street MHSU
Kamloops	Liver Clinic
Kamioops	Seniors Health & Wellness
	RIH Transition Liaison
	South Hills Psychiatric Centre
	Urgent Primary Care Centre (RIH & NCC)
Merritt Williams Lake	Community MHSU
	Home Health
	Community MHSU
	Gateway Stabilization Unit (MHSU)
	Home Health

# **Long-Term Care**

Community	Site(s)
100 Mile House	Fischer Place
Ashcroft	<ul> <li>Jackson House</li> </ul>
Kamloops	<ul> <li>Overlander Extended Care</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ponderosa</li> </ul>
Lillooet	<ul> <li>Mountain View Lodge</li> </ul>
Merritt	Coquihalla Gillis
Revelstoke	Mount Cartier Court
Williams Lake	Deni House



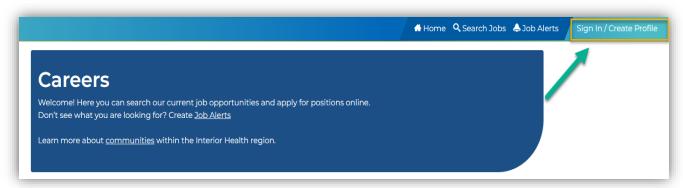
## **Education/Corporate - !NEW!**

Unit	Additional Information
Royal Inland Hospital Simulation Program	<ul><li>Semi-remote position</li><li>Program creation, interdisciplinary collaboration</li></ul>

# **Next Steps**

#### **Step 1: Create a Profile**

#### Jobs.InteriorHealth.Ca



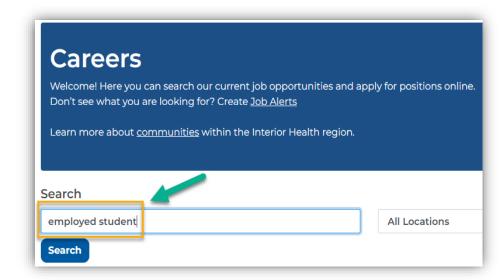
#### Include ALL contact information:

- Permanent mailing address
- Cell and home telephone numbers
- Email address (use school)

# Step 2: Search for a Posting

Select appropriate posting based by geographical area

#### **Download fillable:**

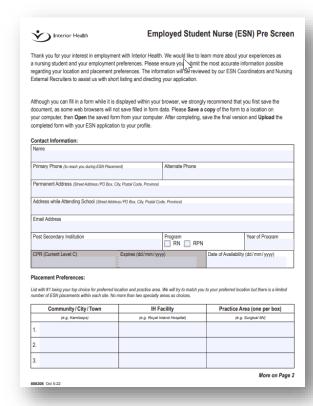


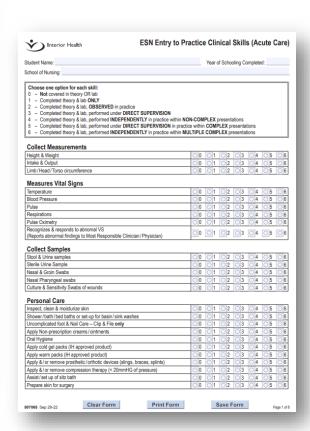


- Pre-screen Form
- ESN Clinical Skills List
- Save both once complete.

#### **Step 3: Prepare Documents**

- Update cover letter and resume with clinical experience included;
  - !IMPORTANT If you are applying to a specialty area, please ensure you include a well written cover letter expressing your interest in applicable area as these are highly competitive assignments.
- Ensure current CPR certificate;
- Complete/save Pre-Screen Form & ESN Clinical Skills List;
- Upload all documents to online profile.





! IMPORTANT: Only FULLY completed applications will be considered



# Step 4: Submit Application

• Remember only to apply to one posting\*



### **Questions?**

Email IHEmployedStudents@interiorhealth.ca