

Essentials of Critical Care Orientation (ECCO) Program

The Interior Health critical care training program is a blended learning program that enables RNs to work in the Intensive Care Unit, Coronary Care Unit and the Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care Unit. The IH Critical Care Network and the Professional Practice Office have jointly approved the program to satisfy the advanced preparation required within the critical care specialty.

The program is full time training (12 weeks) with a systematic integration of online and face-to-face learning, aimed to facilitate critical thinking within the context of critical care. The program uses a standardized, evidence informed online curriculum offered by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses called Essentials of Critical Orientation (ECCO) and the ***Essentials of ECG & Dysrhythmia Monitoring**.

ECCO has three components: theory, lab and preceptorship

| Required Theory | Clinical Lab Hours | Preceptorship led Clinical Practicum | Total Length of Program |
|--|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Full-Time Training – all hours remunerated | | | 12 weeks |
| 115 hours | 155 hours | 180 hours | 450 hours |

**Completed prior to progression to full-time training (14 unpaid hours as employee investment in their education). Hours to complete theory is an average estimate and may take longer to complete for some learners. Access to on-line modules is purchased by the Professional Practice Office.*

Additional program information may be found in the [ECCO Syllabus](#).