STI Certified Practice Education Program Redevelopment

The current STI theory course has been facilitated 4 times/year, in January, February, September, and October and run over a 10 – 12 week period. Each Health Authority had two reserved seats in each course session that included an STI preceptorship at the BCCDC STI Clinic. Additional seats in the course were also available to Health Authorities completing clinical preceptorships within the Health Authority.

The course is being redeveloped to increase the number of learner seats and lessen the time of theory completion.

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<td>4 course sessions/year</td>
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<td>- 20 nurses total/session</td>
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<td>o 12 nurses/cohort with BCCDC Preceptorship*</td>
<td>o 5 nurses/session with BCCDC STI Clinic Preceptorship</td>
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<td>o 8 nurses/cohort with Health Authority Preceptorship</td>
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<td>Total of 80 nurses/year with 48 BCCDC STI Clinic preceptorships</td>
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* Based on pre-COVID numbers

**STI Course Schedule 2022 - 2023**

The STI theory course will run in 8-week sessions starting in September 2022.

- September 12, 2022 – November 4, 2022 (November, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)
- October 17, 2022 – December 9, 2022 (December/January, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)
- November 14, 2022 – January 6, 2023 (January, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)
- December 12, 2022 – February 3, 2023* (February, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)
- January 9, 2023 – March 3, 2023* (March, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)
- February 6, 2023 – March 31, 2023* (April, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)
- March 6, 2023 – April 28, 2023* (May, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)
- April 3, 2023 – May 26, 2023* (June, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)

**NO COURSE SESSIONS MAY/JUNE**

- July 24, 2023 – September 8, 2023* (September, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)
- August 21, 2023 – October 6, 2023* (October, 5 BCCDC STI Clinic placements)

* tentative
Seat Allocation

Health Authorities will have two seats in each course session. The majority of seats will require pre-arranged Health Authority preceptorships but there will be five BCCDC STI Clinic preceptorships available in each course session.

There will also be one seat in each course session for non-Health Authority applicants that will require a pre-arranged community preceptorship.

All course applicants must have the following prerequisites:

- Registered Nurse in British Columbia
- Approval from employer, i.e. Program Manager or Nursing Supervisor with a health authority or affiliate to complete the course
- Upon completion of the course, the RN will be performing STI assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up as part of their ongoing work

Nurses have 3 months to complete the STI clinical practice requirements.