



STI Certified Practice Education Program Redevelopment

The previous STI theory course was 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 has been redeveloped to increase the number of learner seats and lessen the time of theory completion.

Historical structure	New structure
<p>4 course sessions/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 nurses total/session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 nurses/cohort with BCCDC Preceptorship* ○ 8 nurses/cohort with Health Authority Preceptorship <p>Total of 80 nurses/year with 48 BCCDC STI Clinic preceptorships</p>	<p>10 course sessions/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 nurses total/session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 nurses/session with BCCDC STI Clinic Preceptorship ○ 8 nurses/session with Health Authority/Community Preceptorship <p>Total of 130 nurses/year with 50 BCCDC STI Clinic preceptorships</p>

* 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

There are 13 seats available in each STI course session.

Health Authorities will have two seats in each course session (12). 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. BCCDC preceptored seats are allocated through Health Authorities based on number of requests in a particular course session, nurse applicants accepted into that session, and the ability of the Health Authority to provide preceptors and clinical locations.

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 **6 months** to complete the STI clinical practice requirements.