

Updates to the BCCDC Immunization Competency Course Question and Answer Document January 16, 2023

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- 1. Currently there is only one BCCDC Immunization Competency Course when previously there were three different Immunization Competency Courses (i.e., for RNs & RPNs, for LPNs, and for Pharmacists and other health professionals); what is the difference?**

Prior to launching the updated BCCDC Immunization Competency Course, there were three streams of Immunization Competency Courses:

1. Immunization Competency Course for Registered Nurses and RPNs;
2. Immunization Competency Course for Licensed Practical Nurses; and
3. Immunization Competency Course for Pharmacists and Other Health Professionals

Although each of these courses had a unique title, the course content for the respective courses was identical. The only difference was the exam at the end of each course, as

the LPNs' and Pharmacists' exams included 6 additional adult-focused questions, whereas the RN & RPN exam included these 6 adult-focused questions + 3 additional pediatric-focused questions as optional at the end of the exam. The exam is now streamlined so that all health professional groups complete the same exam, with all questions based on the [Immunization Competencies for BC Health Professionals](#). These competencies cover the essential topics for safe effective immunization that are universal to the wide range of health professionals participating in immunization programs, regardless of the age of their clients or the different vaccines that they provide. All health professional groups must achieve 100% on the exam, with unlimited attempts to do so to obtain a certificate of completion for the BCCDC Immunization Competency Course.

2. Per my regulatory scope of practice, I am limited to immunizing clients 4 years of age and older; does this course include pediatric content that is not relevant to my practice?

The BCCDC Immunization Competency Course utilizes the [Immunization Competencies for BC Health Professionals](#) (based on the [Public Health Agency of Canada Immunization Competencies for Health Professionals](#)) as the guiding framework for course content. These competencies are not specific to a particular vaccine or a particular age group, but cover foundational immunization knowledge for the provision of safe and effective vaccines. The BCCDC Immunization Competency Course is recognized as the provincial standard for the education and assessment of immunization competencies, and is recommended for all health professionals who autonomously compound, dispense or administer vaccines in British Columbia.

3. What are the key updates to the BCCDC Immunization Competency Course?

The BCCDC Immunization Competency Course improvement project was informed by an evaluation survey of the course which was conducted in 2019. Key updates to the course include the following:

- Content updated with current resources and updated references that are easily retrievable
- A new more user-friendly, interactive, and modern learning platform (Articulate Rise)
- One course for all health professionals in lieu of three separate courses (i.e., RNs & RPNs, LPNs, Pharmacists)
- Description of the BC Immunization Manual and linking to the various sections within the course and aligning course content to the guidelines
- Anaphylaxis course (Anaphylaxis Initial Emergency Treatment by Nurses) incorporated into a module within the course

- Culturally safe care content added to the introduction with culturally safe care considerations woven throughout the course
- Immunization communication content updated to align with current literature and the 2021 Immunization Communication Tool
- Informed consent content enhanced
- Improved Immunization Skills Checklist which incorporates culturally safe care considerations

4. If I am a course administrator (i.e., non-editing teacher) in LearningHub for the one of the previous Immunization Competency Courses, will I have the same access to the updated course?

Yes, if you were a course administrator for any of the three previous Immunization Competency Courses, you will be able to access completion records in the updated BCCDC Immunization Competency Course.

5. If I am a course administrator (i.e., non-editing teacher) in LearningHub, how can I review a learner's record of completion for one of the previous Immunization Competency Courses prior to January 31, 2023?

Course administrators can access the completion records prior to January 31, 2023 for all three courses. Course administrators of the Immunization Competency Course for Registered Nurses and RPNs can access previous completion records through the updated BCCDC Immunization Competency Course. Course administrators of the BCCDC Immunization Competency Course for Pharmacists and Other Health Professionals and the Immunization Competency Course for Licensed Practical Nurses can access previous course completions using a direct link which has been provided to the current course administrators of these courses.

6. I completed the BCCDC Immunization Competency Course prior to January 31, 2023; how can I request a certificate of completion?

For those who completed one of the three BCCDC Immunization Competency Courses prior to January 31, 2023, completion certificates are available within their personal LearningHub account. For those who completed one of the three Immunization Competency Courses prior to August 14, 2019, they can request a completion certificate from CompetencyHelp@bccdc.ca.

7. Who should I contact if I have a question about the content within the course/exam?

If you have a question related to the content within a course/exam, please connect with your supervisor, clinical educator or immunization leader within your health authority.

8. What internet browser is most compatible with viewing the course?

Google Chrome is the recommended internet browser for optimal viewing of the course.

9. How can I obtain a hard copy of the exam?

You can connect with your supervisor, clinical educator or immunization leader within your health authority to request a hard copy of the exam.

10. Do I have to complete the exam at one point in time (i.e., at one sitting), or can I complete the exam over time (i.e., over a few days)?

As long as learners have saved their answers, they can resume completion of the exam at a later date. However, once the learner has completed the exam, the previous answers won't be saved if they re-register to take the course again.

11. Will I need to complete the separate Anaphylaxis Initial Emergency Treatment by Nurses (Adult & Pediatric) course as well as this course?

No. Learners who complete the updated BCCDC Immunization Competency Course will not be required to complete the separate Anaphylaxis Initial Emergency Treatment by Nurses (Adult & Pediatric) course as this course content is now included within the updated BCCDC Immunization Competency Course.

12. Will the BCCDC Renewal Exam for Public Health Nurses be affected by the changes to this course?

No. The BCCDC Renewal Exam for Public Health Nurses is not affected by the changes to the updated BCCDC Immunization Competency Course.

13. Will the Immunization Skills Checklist be affected by the changes to this course?

Yes. The Immunization Skills Checklist has been revised to incorporate the Indigenous Cultural Safety, Cultural Humility and Anti-Racism Practice Standard outlined by certain BC health profession regulatory colleges. The Immunization Skills Checklist will be available on the BCCDC Immunization Competency Course main page in LearningHub and the [BCCDC](#) website.

14. How will learners access the BCCDC template learning plan document?

The BCCDC Learning Plan is a template that can be used to supplement the Immunization Skills Checklist and will be available on the [BCCDC](#) website as well as on the main page of the BCCDC Immunization Competency Course in LearningHub.