

**NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMPLETION GUIDE**

Program Name: Mental Health and Addictions

Credential/Certification: Advanced Certificate in Interprofessional Mental Health and Addictions

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Program Description: NLC's Advanced Certificate in Interprofessional Mental Health and Addictions is designed to provide diploma and degree holders with specialized education in the field of collaborative mental health and addictions services provided by the Northern Health Authority. Using health promotion and psychosocial rehabilitation as foundations for practice, students will engage in assessment, planning, and interventions that support complex needs. A holistic, trauma-informed, harm-reduction, and strength-based approach is emphasized throughout, with sensitivity to cultural contexts.

As reflective practitioners, graduates will be prepared to apply effective leadership, advocacy, and critical thinking skills to their work with individuals, families, and groups. A cumulative practicum ensures preparation for integrated practice within the health care system.

Admission Requirements:

1a. Baccalaureate degree or diploma in child and youth care, education, nursing, occupational therapy, psychology, or social work.

OR

1b. Alternative credentials and/or experience in human and health services may be considered.

AND

2. Previous post-secondary education must include successful completion of a baccalaureate-level academic writing course (e.g., NLC's English 100: Academic Writing or an equivalent).

Note on Post-Admission Requirement: NLC must receive Criminal Record Check Schedule B clearance for working with children and vulnerable adults by the first day of classes. Where viable, use of the Sharing Form is encouraged.

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours) 545 hours: approximately 28 weeks or 7 months of full-time study; part-time study over a longer period of time is also an option.

Program Intake: (start/finish dates) Continuous intake September through February

Available Seats: 25

Application Deadline: Open

Career Prospects: Professional development and career advancement in the field of interprofessional mental health and addictions.

Affiliations/Partnerships: Camosun College and the Northern Health Authority.

Location: Online: courses are primarily completed through asynchronous online study with some synchronous web-conferencing. Delivery optimizes flexibility for learners with employment and family obligations.

Additional Requirements/Supplies: (fees, supplies, materials)
A computer with current software, webcam, and high-speed internet access.

Eligibility for Canada Student Loans: (Yes or No)
Yes

Required Minimum Grade: (overall and/or minimum within a course)
C+ overall (2.33 GPA) and C+ minimum within each course unless otherwise specified.

Residency Requirement: (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)
All courses must be taken at NLC with the possible exception of an equivalent to IMHA 311.

Required Courses: (list courses required to complete credential)
IMHA 310: Foundations for Practice (3 credits; 45 hours)

IMHA 311: Therapeutic Relationships (3 credits; 45 hours); or PSYC 220: Interpersonal Communications (3 credits; 45 hours) with a minimum final grade of B+ or an equivalent to PSYC 220 with a minimum final grade of B+

IMHA 312: Assessment and Treatment (3 credits; 45 hours)

IMHA 313: Interventions (3 credits; 45 hours)

IMHA 314: Interprofessional Practice (3 credits; 45 hours)

IMHA 315: Practicum (4 credits; 320 hours)