



What is an NP (F)?

Family Nurse Practitioners are masters prepared registered nurses trained to diagnose, prescribe and manage health concerns in patients of all ages. The role was introduced in BC in 2005 to improve patient access to primary care services. Nurse Practitioners can work autonomously and do not require supervision but also work collaboratively with other primary care providers.

How are NPs Licensed in BC?

NPs are licensed through the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM). To be licensed to practice in BC NPs complete a written exam and an OSCE exam.

If I accept an NP student what are my responsibilities?

NP preceptors are asked to share their knowledge within the clinical setting showing what day-to-day clinic practice is about. As a preceptor you would be a role-model who can supervise, support, guide and facilitate student learning. NP students are experienced RNs whose focus is transitioning into history taking, complex physical examinations, diagnosing and treating patients. Preceptors have an integral role in helping students develop their diagnostic, management and prescribing skills with support of the institutional faculty.

How many patients should they see per day?

This can vary depending on the clinical setting and where the student is in their learning. Ideally an NP student should see approximately, 6-10 patients per day, depending on patient complexity.

Do NP students have liability coverage while working under my supervision?

Yes, all NP students have primary insurance coverage through their university and because they are licensed RNs. They have secondary insurance coverage through CNPS.

Do I need a legal agreement with the university to precept a student?

Most post-secondary institutions provide an affiliation agreement upon request. Please check with the university.



Will I be paid for being a preceptor?

Financial support now exists for NP student placements. See Table.

Length of placement	Honorarium paid
Less than 40 hours	\$200
40-150 hours	\$600
More than 150 hours	\$1500

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