

## Intravenous Therapy and Protocol Update Course FAQs

**Q.** How is the Intravenous Therapy and Protocol Update course delivered?

**A.** The IV Therapy and Protocol Update course is delivered in a blended format which includes an online, classroom and practice education component. During the 3-week online portion, learners participate in group discussions, complete required readings and various assignments. This is followed by one (1) classroom day where learners are orientated and evaluated on required skills. Upon completion of the face-to-face classroom day learners will be scheduled to attend a practice education shift in hospital, during this shift they will apply their newly learned skill in a clinical setting. Course timelines are broken down as follows:

Example: Course is scheduled from Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>:

Online: Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup>

Classroom: March 12<sup>th</sup>

Practice Education: Scheduled within a month of the completion of the classroom portion (in this example, March 13<sup>th</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>). Scheduled shifts will be posted on Blackboard before the face-to-face date.

**Q.** Can Emergency Medical Responders or First Responders take the IV Therapy and Protocol Update Course?

**A.** No, only Paramedics trained at the Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) level or higher can take this course.

**Q.** I am already employed with BCEHS, why do I need to have a Criminal Record Check (CRC)?

**A.** In accordance with the BC Criminal Records Review Act all students are required to undergo a CRC if you are working with children or vulnerable adults. This is conducted through the Provincial Criminal Records Review Program | Security Programs Division | Policing and Security Branch | Ministry of Justice. If a relevant record exists, then the individual will not be able to participate in clinical practice placements and will, therefore, not be considered for the course. If you have already done this check through your current employer, then you can select the “share” option at no extra cost. CRC are valid for 5 years. Please refer to course application for CRC process.

**Q.** I am already employed with BCEHS, why do I need to provide a completed immunization checklist?

**A.** Based on the Practice Education Guidelines for BC set out by the BC Academic Health Council, specific immunizations are required by healthcare students in BC doing practice education placements. These immunizations are required for your own protection and the protection of patients and families you meet as a student. If you do not comply with the immunization requirements, then you will not have access to clinical placements and subsequently will be unable to complete the course. Please refer to course application for immunization process.

**Q.** Where can I get my live IV starts?

**A.** Students in the IV Therapy and Protocol Update course will attend Practice Education (PE) shifts in hospitals to obtain required live IV starts (as set by EMA Licensing Board). These shifts will be scheduled by the Health Sciences Division Practice Education Team.

**Q.** When will my hospital shift be scheduled?

**A.** After the face-to-face classroom portion there will be a 30-day window in which you will be scheduled for your PE shift. Scheduled shifts will be posted on Blackboard before the face-to-face date. Students must attend their scheduled hospital shift. In the event of illness, injury or exceptional circumstances students are required to contact the Health Sciences Division Practice Education Team. Students who fail to do so and do not show up for their PE placement may incur a \$300 fee. Rescheduling or cancellation of any assigned dates will only be permitted for emergency situations and must be approved. PE placements are scheduled by the Health Sciences Division Practice Education Team. Students are not permitted to schedule their own placements.

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**Q.** Can I get my IV starts on ambulance or during times other than my scheduled hospital shift?

**A.** No, students in the IV Therapy and Protocol Update course can only obtain IV starts in the classroom under the direct supervision of their instructor or during PE shifts as scheduled by the Health Sciences Division Practice Education Team.

**Q.** Why do I require an Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board (EMALB) student licence?

**A.** Operating under provincial legislation and regulation, EMALB states you must successfully complete a training program recognized by the EMALB before you are eligible to apply for a license or endorsement; JIBC is a recognized institution by the EMALB. Furthermore, EMALB states that student licenses are required for the practicum component of the programs.

**Q.** What is the cost for the course?

**A.** The cost for the course is \$602.38. This includes learner services fee, GST, equipment, lab fee and your practice education shift placement.

**Q.** What do I wear to class?

**A.** Business casual or blue cargo pants with blue t-shirt or golf shirt (subject to confirmation).

**Q.** What do I wear during my PE shift?

**A.** Blue cargo pants with a JIBC Paramedic Academy t-shirt or a blue golf shirt (subject to confirmation). Students are also required to be punctual, in appropriate attire with JIBC student ID (visible on shirt front).

**Q.** What else do I need to bring to my PE shift?

**A.** During your PE shift you are required to have the following documentation on your person:

- EMALB student license for PE placement
- JIBC fit test card
- Health Authority Orientation Checklist
- JIBC 1-page IV Therapy Course Practice Education Placement document
- IV Start Log

**Q.** I already have my fit test card through BCEHS. Will that be sufficient?

**A.** Yes, but the information will need to be copied to a JIBC fit test card for PE purposes. JIBC fit test cards will be distributed to you in class. The BCEHS fit test card will be considered current if it extends 30 days past the classroom date. If you do not have a current fit test card, then you will not be accepted into the course.

**Q.** Why are there no IV Therapy and Protocol Update Courses scheduled in the Lower Mainland?

**A.** JIBC Health Sciences Division has confirmed PE placement for IV therapy shifts with Island Health, Interior Health and Northern Health Authorities. At this time the Health Authorities within the Lower Mainland do not have capacity to take students for IV shifts so IV Therapy and Protocol Update courses have not been scheduled in the Lower Mainland.

**Q.** How do I get IV endorsement on my PCP EMA license?

**A.** EMA Licensing Board recognizes the JIBC – Health Sciences Division IV Therapy and Protocol Update Course. Upon completion of this stand-alone IV therapy course, submit your completion certificate to [getalicense@gov.bc.ca](mailto:getalicense@gov.bc.ca).

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**Q.** I am a trained and licensed PCP from out-of-province, can I take this course?

**A.** Yes, but you will need to provide evidence of your qualifications prior to being admitted into the course.

**Q.** How do I maintain my endorsement?

**A.** Refer to EMALB website for provincial requirements of annual licensure maintenance.

**Q.** Who do I contact to get more information?

**A.** Please contact [cpd@jibc.ca](mailto:cpd@jibc.ca) to get more information regarding the IV Therapy and Protocol Update Course.

For additional JIBC Centre for Professional Health Education courses please visit:

<http://www.jibc.ca/programs-courses/schools-departments/school-health-community-social-justice/centre-professional-health-education>