



Clinical Immunization Roles for LPNs and Students in LPN Programs

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Please note that the information in this resource comes directly from the March 2021 press release titled [Clinical Immunization Roles, Scope and Recommended/Required Education](#) provided by the Ministry of Health and BC Centre for Disease Control.

Immunization Roles and Requirements

Profession	Role	Under Supervision	PHO Order Required	Education Required
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) ¹	Patient assessment*, vaccine preparation, immunizer, monitor patient in post-vaccine waiting area	No	No	C2
Retired LPN	Patient assessment*, vaccine preparation, immunizer, monitor patient in post-vaccine waiting area	Yes	Yes	B, C2
Student enrolled in LPN Program	Patient assessment*, vaccine preparation, immunizer, monitor patient in post-vaccine waiting area	Yes, by LPN, NP, RN or RPN	Yes	C2

Note: All students must have completed the requisite foundational knowledge obtained in their educational program related to intramuscular injections, immunization basics and medication principles to participate in a clinical role in the vaccination clinics.

Immunization Training for LPNs

LPNs are required to take training modules C2 specifically related to COVID-19 immunization competency for nurses (RNs, RPNs, LPNs).

Retired LPNs are required to take training modules B and C2 on intramuscular injections and COVID-19 immunization competency for nurses (RNs, RPNs, LPNs), respectively.

Students enrolled in LPN programs are required to take training modules C2 on COVID-19 immunization competency for nurses (RNs, RPNs, LPNs).

Required training modules are outlined in the following table.

¹ Includes those holding Temporary Emergency Registration

* Limited to stable and predictable patients/clients



Immunization Specific Training Modules

Training	Topic	Resources	Approximate Time
A	Intramuscular Training – Theory	This training is included in C1 Course content equivalent to: https://elsevier.health/en-US/preview/intramuscular-injections	N/A
B	Intramuscular Training – In person	In-person education and training to perform intramuscular injections per the BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Skills Checklist	60 mins
C1	Immunizing	BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course for Non-Nursing Health Professionals (C1 includes a condensed version of D, G, H and E specific to COVID-19 vaccines only)	3 hrs
C2	Immunizing	BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course for Nurses (RNs, RPNs, LPNs) (C2 includes a condensed version of D, G, H and E specific to COVID-19 vaccines only)	3 hrs
D	COVID-19 Vaccine-Specific Information	BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Webinars	60 mins
E	Anaphylaxis	Anaphylaxis Initial Emergency Treatment by Nurses (Adult & Pediatric)	45 mins
F	Dry Ice Training	Dry Ice Handling Safety Training	20 mins
G	Vaccine Storage and Handling	This training is included in C1 and C2	N/A
H	Immunization Communication	This training is included in C1 and C2	N/A