



# Glossary of Nursing Assessment Terms

Word	Definition
Administrate	Manage files, nursing tests and fees
Assessment	Show your nursing education and skills
BC	British Columbia – the West Coast of Canada
BCCNM	BC College of Nurses and Midwives – your health regulator that sets nursing rules and protects the public in BC
Bursary	Financial support given for application costs to help international educated nurses to work in BC
Candidate	A person who applies for a job
CBA	Computer-based Assessment – test is done by computer and can be done anywhere in the world
CELBAN	Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses
College or Regulatory College	Not a school but a health care organization. The College watches that nurses are giving health care to people that are safe
Competence	Your nursing abilities and care for patients
Competency Assessments	Review and show your nursing abilities
Credentials	Your work experience and education
Designation	Your nursing job (could be an LPN or an RN)
ELP	English Language Proficiency
Government Verified ID	Papers that prove your name and address and are given to you by your government (like a passport)
HCA	Health Care Assistant – supports doctors and nurses in many different places, from seniors' homes to hospitals
HMBC	HealthMatch BC is a free healthcare organization that helps health care workers find jobs in British Columbia
IELTS	International English Language Testing System
IEN	Internationally Educated Nurse – a nurse who has gone to school outside of BC or Canada
IEP	Internationally educated health practitioner
Language Proficiency	To nurse in Canada safely, English language skills are needed. Proficiency in strong speaking and writing
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse – works with a health care team to support patients
Midwives	Give care to pregnant people

NNAS	National Nursing Assessment Service
NCAS	Nursing Community Assessment Service
Nursing Competence	To nurse in Canada safely, nursing skills are needed. Proficiency is your strong skills to support patients with care that is safe
Proctored	A person watches your computer test from another computer
Prometric	Testing centre for computer-based assessments (locations in Canada and worldwide)
Province of BC	The farthest west coast of Canada
RN	Registered Nurse – can give care to patients alone or with a team
RPN	Registered Psychiatric Nurse – helps people who live with mental illness, substance use, or physical disabilities
Regulator	The group that monitors health care given in BC and is a part of the College
Return-of-Service Agreement	Signed as part of the Government of BC bursary, visit <a href="http://www.nursingjobsbc.ca">www.nursingjobsbc.ca</a> for details
SLA	Simulation Lab Assessment – tests taken in person (in BC only)
Triple-Track Assessment	NCAS reviews IENs for skills in three different Canadian nursing professions (RN, RPN and LPN)