



# Private Training Institutions Branch

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ID-1332

Dear CHCA student,

**Re: Canadian Health Care Academy [CHCA]**

I am writing to you on behalf of the [Private Training Institutions Branch \[PTIB\]](#) of the Ministry of Advanced Education Skills and Training.

PTIB regulates private training institutions. We set specific standards institutions must comply with in order to operate in BC. PTIB regulates CHCA.

CHCA is also regulated by the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals [**BCCNP**]. BCCNP regulates nursing professionals and sets the requirements to be met for nursing professionals to practice in BC. One of these requirements is that nurses must successfully complete a program recognized by the BCCNP.

On May 8, 2020, BCCNP provided [notice](#) that it was beginning the process of withdrawing recognition of CHCA's Practical Nurse and Practical Nurse Access Programs [**CHCA Programs**]. BCCNP anticipates a final decision will be issued in the fall. For the most current information on the status of the CHCA Programs, please check BCCNP's [website](#).

One of the requirements to be a Licensed Practical Nurse is the completion of a program recognized by the BCCNP.

At this time, the CHCA Programs continue to be recognized by the BCCNP.

***If BCCNP withdraws recognition of the CHCA Programs, how will this affect you?***

1. If you are currently enrolled in a CHCA Program and expect to graduate before BCCNP issues its decision, you will have completed a recognized program and meet the **education** requirements for the purposes of registration. You will also be required to meet all other BCCNP requirements to be granted registration:  
[https://www.bccnp.ca/Registration/lpn/how\\_to\\_apply/Pages/categories.aspx#practising](https://www.bccnp.ca/Registration/lpn/how_to_apply/Pages/categories.aspx#practising).

2. If you are currently enrolled in a CHCA Program and do NOT expect to graduate before BCCNP issues its decision, you should be aware that if BCCNP's decision is to withdraw program recognition, CHCA will no longer be able to offer the CHCA Programs. PTIB will support students who need to transfer and complete their program at another institution. We will provide you with more information as the situation evolves.
3. If you are currently enrolled in a CHCA Program and have not yet started, you may be considering withdrawing. If you withdraw at least 30 days before the start date of the CHCA Program, CHCA may retain 10% of the tuition you owe, to a maximum of \$1,000.

Finally, we want to clarify the information CHCA provided to students in its May 11, 2020 email. CHCA makes the following statement: "all our students and their tuition fees are fully protected by the Private Training Institution of BC (PTIB), the Ministry of Advanced Education of BC." This is not accurate. While PTIB administers a trust fund for student claims, it is only available in limited circumstances, such as the cancellation of a certificate by PTIB. At this point, because BCCNP has not made its final decision, it may be premature for PTIB to cancel CHCA's certificate. More information about the fund can be found on the student information page of the [PTIB website](#).

Should you have any questions, please contact PTIB's Student Support Team at [PTI.studentsupport@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PTI.studentsupport@gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,



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