

The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) hosts a range of online immunization courses available for free for BC health professionals. These courses range from providing theoretical and clinical understanding of immunology, vaccines and immunization practice to those that improve confidence in addressing questions and concerns parents have in relation to immunizations. The courses vary in length depending on the course itself and participant's previous level of knowledge. These courses have been developed by the BCCDC and/or by the British Columbia Immunization Committee (BCIC)'s Professional Education Working Group (PEWG).

Course Name	Purpose	Intended Audience	Length
<b>Immunization Competency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To equip new immunizers with the knowledge necessary to provide safe and effective immunization programs based on the Public Health Agency of Canada's (PHAC) immunization competencies.</li> <li>16 learning modules</li> <li>Employer mandated in some practice settings</li> </ul>	Public Health Nurses, Pharmacists, Licenced Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Midwives, Naturopaths, Occupational Health Nurses, Travel Nurses, Vaccine Trial Nurses	2-3 full days
<b>Immunization Competency Renewal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A refresher course to advance practice</li> <li>Required of some professional groups to re-certify every 3 years</li> </ul>	Public Health Nurses	1 full day
<b>Influenza Immunization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundations of Influenza</li> <li>Seasonal Influenza Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn or refresh knowledge regarding influenza disease, influenza vaccines and practice considerations.</li> </ul>	All immunizers, health professionals who counsel on immunizations and interested students	30 min – 4 hours
<b>Immunization Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve immunizers' knowledge, ability and confidence with regards to engaging in effective immunization communication.</li> </ul>	All immunizers, health professionals who counsel on immunizations and interested students	1 hour
<b>Pearls for Immunization Practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide practical immunization information to assist in the practice setting as well as highlight important immunization resources.</li> </ul>	Family physicians, family practice residents, interested immunization providers and health professionals including students	1-2 hours
<b>Vaccine Storage and Handling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn or refresh knowledge regarding how to appropriately handle and store vaccines based on our provincial guidelines.</li> </ul>	Medical Office Assistants, Health Unit Aides, interested immunization providers including students	½ hour
<b>Interactive immunization infographic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This user-friendly tool collates and highlights credible information and key national and provincial immunization resources for health-care providers. <a href="http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/immunization">http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/immunization</a></li> </ul>	All immunization providers, interested health professionals including students	N/A