

	CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS – RN/NP/RPN
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Background

An applicant to CRNMPEI (for initial registration or renewal) must demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skill as outlined in the Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses Regulations, Section 8 for RNs, Section 17 for NPs, and Section 23.4 for RPNs. Currency of professional knowledge and skill is one method of assessing an applicant’s ability to practice safely and competently.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the phrase “extent acceptable by Council” written in Section 8(b) and Section 17(b) of the Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses Regulations, that states “*actively practised nursing as a registered nurse, without the imposition of any restrictions, in the province or another jurisdiction recognized by the Council, to an extent acceptable to the Council*”. As well as written in Section 23.4(b), that states “*actively practised psychiatric nursing as a registered psychiatric nurse, without the imposition of any restrictions, in the province or another jurisdiction recognized by the Council, to an extent acceptable to the Council*”.

Policy

- 1.1 As per the Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses Regulations, currency is for the three (3) years preceding an application to the College.
- 1.2 Restrictions on a registration mean conditions placed by another jurisdiction related to discipline or that the individual was unable to meet a specific registration requirement.
- 1.3 Currency will be measured using hours of registered nursing practice for RNs, hours of nurse practitioner practice for NPs, and hours of registered psychiatric nursing for RPNs. For the hours to be considered, the applicant must have held a registration as a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or registered psychiatric nurse at the time the hours were obtained. Practice hours incurred while practicing as any other designation will not be considered.
- 1.4 In the three years preceding an application, the applicant must have practiced a minimum of 450 hours of registered nursing, nurse practitioner, or registered psychiatric nursing practice.

- 1.5 If an applicant has evidence of nursing practice within the preceding three years of application but does not meet the minimum number of hours required, the applicant will be issued a Provisional Class registration as per Section 10(b), 19(b) or 23.6(b) of the regulations.
- 1.6 If an applicant has not practiced as a registered nurse in the three years preceding their application, the applicant will be required to complete a refresher program.
- 1.7 A refresher program is a program designed for registered nurses consisting of a formal curriculum, a set of individual assignments or studies and experiences, and a practicum or a combination of these elements.
- 1.8 If an applicant has evidence of nurse practitioner practice within the preceding three years of application but does not meet the minimum number of hours required, the applicant will be issued a Provisional Class registration as per Section 19(b) of the regulations
- 1.9 If an applicant has not practiced as a nurse practitioner in the three years preceding their application, the applicant will be required to complete a refresher program.
- 1.10 A refresher program is a program designed for nurse practitioners consisting of a formal curriculum, a set of individual assignments or studies and experiences, and a practicum or a combination of these elements.