



Regulation MATTERS

your regulatory e-newsletter

WINTER 2023

The College e-newsletter contains information on topics intended to support the practice of Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners. It is the expectation that all registrants are aware of the matters contained therein.

In this issue...

- Deadline: Renew Your License Today
- Vote for College Council
- Operational Budget Approved
- Revised Nurse Practitioner Entry-Level Competencies (ELCs) (2023)
- Accepted NP Examinations for Canadian and Internationally Education (IEN) NP Applicants
- MScN-NP Program & IEN Bridging/Re-Entry Program
- Supervised Practice Experience Program



The Council of the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador

Front row (L-R) **Lynn Power** - Executive Director, **Patricia Rodgers** - Eastern Councillor, **Melissa Colbourne** - Education/Research, **Seretha Wheaton** - Practice, **Kim Legge** - Councillor-At-Large, **Tonya Ryan** - Councillor-At-Large, **Tracy MacDonald** - Chair/Central Councillor. Back row (L-R) **Aubrey Dawe** - Public Representative, **Stephen Clark** - Public Representative, **Neil Colbourne** - Administration, **Dr. Glyn George** - Vice-Chair/Public Representative, **Rodney Pike** - Advanced Practice, **Donna Luther** - Western Councillor, **Megan Hudson** - Labrador/Grenfell Councillor. Missing from Photo: **Louise Pinsent Parsons**, Public Representative

DEADLINE: RENEW YOUR LICENCE TODAY



VOTE FOR COLLEGE COUNCIL

Attention all RNs and NPs! You have an opportunity to vote for candidates who will shape nursing regulation in our province. The Council of the College of Registered Nurses strengthens regulation, set standards of excellence for RNs and NPs, and ensures the people of our province receive care that is ethical, safe, and competent. Visit MyCRNNL.ca to meet the candidates and vote today!

Candidates for Eastern Region Councillor

Samantha Abbott

Denise Chant

Kimberly French

Candidates for Councillor-at-Large (2 Positions)

Kimberly Legge

Michael Morris

Patricia (Pat) Rodgers

Tonya Ryan

Candidate for Western Region Councillor

Donna Luther (acclaimed)

MEETING OF COLLEGE COUNCIL

The Council of the College of Registered Nurses held a meeting on February 23rd, 2023. The following are some of the highlights from that meeting:

Operational Budget Approved

College Council approved the operating budget for 2023/24 as presented. Included is the licensing for a new registration system to strengthen cyber security and build our services model. Capital budget approved as well with the costs of the new registration system included and covered by existing reserves.

Revised Nurse Practitioner Entry-Level Competencies (ELCs) (2023)

On February 23rd, 2023, College Council approved the revised NP ELCs 2023 document which can be found [here](#). NP ELCs reflect the foundational knowledge, skills, and judgment required for NPs to provide safe, competent, and ethical care at entry to practice and is used to guide the MUN NP curriculum.

This document is a deliverable of the National NP Regulation Framework Implementation Plan Project (NPR-FIPP) and replaces the 2016 version. More information on future integration into the MScN-NP education program and one national NP category of practice and exam is expected soon.

Accepted NP Examinations for Canadian and Internationally Educated Nurse (IEN) NP Applicants

Currently, new graduates of a Newfoundland & Labrador NP education program or new graduates who have not established registration/licensure as an NP in another Canadian jurisdiction were required to successfully complete a specific NP registration exam based on their education, specific to their category of practice, which had been approved by College Council.

To streamline the application process and create efficiencies, on February 23rd, 2023, College Council accepted that all NP exams that are currently approved by other Canadian jurisdictions in any category of practice will be accepted until the development and approval of one national NP exam.

To learn more, click [here](#).

MScN-NP Program & IEN Bridging/Re-Entry Program

College Council is pleased to announce that the MScN-NP program annual monitoring review as well as the Centre for Nursing Studies (CNS) IEN Bridging/Re-Entry annual report have both met the College's monitoring requirements.

- The MScN-NP Program report included year one and two of cumulative review data as part of the continuation of their seven-year approved status which was granted by the College in March 2021.
- The Bridging/Re-Entry Program annual report is a part of the continued monitoring process required between program approvals. The program was granted a five-year approval status in 2019.

Supervised Practice Experience Program

The Supervised Practice Experience Program (SPEP) was approved by Council on October 13, 2022, as a means to allow Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) eligible for provisional registration with the College to meet the legislative currency of practice requirements for licensure. The SPEP was also identified as being beneficial for nurses who had, for a variety of

reasons, let their licence lapse and as such, no longer meet the currency of practice requirements to renew their practicing licence with the College and re-enter the nursing workforce. The College requested changes to terminology and language surrounding provisional registration and interim licensure in the *RN Regulations* to support the new program. The revised Regulations will also include an option for *lapsed* Nurse Practitioners (NPs) to re-enter. With an interim licence, SPEP ensures public safety and the availability of liability insurance, while also allowing nurses to gain current nursing experience.

Like & Follow the College of Registered Nurses of NL on Facebook

Our social media channels: [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) make it easier to be kept up to date on education sessions, regulatory news and all regulatory related initiatives that impact RNs and NPs. Follow us on social media and encourage other RNs and NPs to do the same!

Please note, College members **cannot** unsubscribe to this e-newsletter. It contains important regulatory information relevant to your practice, membership and registration/licensure

55 Military Road | St. John's | NL | Canada | A1C2C5 | Tel: (709) 753-6040