

#### **WINTER 2025**

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.

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## Admin DEADLINE: Renew Your Licence

The administrative DEADLINE to renew your licence is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. **Avoid late fees**! Visit the **member portal (Alinity) ASAP** to ensure a quick and easy renewal of your licence.



### **MEETING OF COLLEGE COUNCIL**

The Council of the College of Registered Nurses held a meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The following are some highlights from that meeting:

The 25/26 budget was presented and approved by Council. The budget ensures the College is able to meet the strategic outcomes which are set by the College Council.

Council accepted the annual monitoring data and the curriculum planning report for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Collaborative) Program. Based upon two years of data, the program retained an overall average of 100% and met requirements for continued approval status.

Council accepted the annual monitoring data and the curriculum planning report for the Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner Program. Based upon the three years of cumulative data, the program retained an overall average of 94%, which meets the requirements for continued approval status.

Council accepted the Centre for Nursing Studies IEN Bridging/RN Re-Entry Program annual monitoring review report. The program was originally granted a five-year approval status 2019-2024, and Council has approved extending the program by one year to 2027.

Council supported the expression of interest of Councilors and Public Representatives wishing to be appointed/elected to the transition board of one nursing regulator by March 15th, 2025. Further details will be released on this initiative in the coming weeks.

#### **Code of Professional Conduct**

In 2024, consultations began with registrants regarding the creation of an updated Code of Professional Conduct to replace the Code of Ethics document. College Council was presented with, (and approved) the Code of Professional Conduct which will be launched in June of 2025.

## **Scope of Practice Document - Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs)**

As part of legislation which passed in the House of Assembly in December 2024, the College now regulates Registered Psychiatric Nurses in Newfoundland and Labrador. College Council was presented with, (and approved) the RPN Scope of Practice Document. Further details will be released regarding RPNs in the coming weeks. Information on RPNs can be found HERE.

#### **Labour Mobility & CFTA**

The province and the country are currently facing unprecedented trade relations with the United States. Public commentary has been made by various levels of government with respect to labour mobility and interprovincial trade reforms via the Canada Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). College Council was given a presentation on this matter and staff are monitoring the situation as it unfolds.

#### The College Connection Podcast

The College Connection Podcast continues to see significant growth and engagement with RNs and NPs throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. Technical issues and required upgrades resulted in fewer episodes this season, but we will be back this spring with all new (and improved) content throughout April, May, and June!

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