

College Council: Western Region Councillor

Criteria for Nomination as a Western Region Councillor

Members considering nomination for a position on College Council must:

- be interested in advancing the professional standards of nursing;
- be willing to serve a three-year term (2023-26); and
- be able to attend meetings and events throughout the term.

To be eligible for nomination as a *Western Region Councillor*, you must meet the following criteria:

- you must reside within the Western Region (extends from Port aux Basques on the southeast coast to Francois, northwest to Bartlett's Harbour and on the eastern boundary north to Jackson's Arm); and
- you are a current practicing member of the College in good standing.

If elected, you agree to:

- serve a three-year term from 2023-2026;
- maintain a practicing license throughout the term of the position; and
- abide by Council Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies.¹

About Your Role on Council

Under the RN Act, 2008, Council has the legislated authority to govern the College and to uphold the objects:

"In the interest of the public of the province,

- (a) to advance and promote the ethical and professional standards of the nursing profession;
- (b) to promote proficiency and competency in the nursing profession; and
- (c) to encourage its members to participate in activities promoting the health and well-being of the public."

It is important to note that:

- Council is there to make decisions based on what is in the best interests of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and secondarily of the nursing profession as a whole, not individual nurses or groups of nurses. Individual Council members do not "represent" members in a particular region or domain.
- Council as a governing body and the College as an organization do not have a role in advocating for nurses.

¹ [Council Policies](#)

- Councillors may bring forth perspectives from their individual domains or regions, ultimately Council speaks with one voice in setting the policy direction for the College.
- Council provides policy direction and ongoing monitoring to ensure that the College is managed in an effective and efficient way.

Meeting Requirements/Commitments

Being a member of the College Council will require some flexibility in your schedule, and a commitment of your time and energy. Typically, Council meets as follows:

- At least three face-to-face meetings at CRNNL House annually. These meetings are typically in October, February and June for 1-2 days and include one evening working dinner and a full day in-person meeting.
- A 2-3 hour Annual General Meeting (typically on an evening in June).
- Eight teleconference meetings (2-3 hours each).

You can reasonably expect that preparation for each meeting will require between two to four hours of reading in order to be familiar with the agenda items. Be ready to take part by coming to meetings with your materials read and be prepared to play an active role in ensuring that Council meetings are democratic and productive.

Council Committees and Other Activities

- Council members will serve on the Complaints Authorization Committee² (Discipline) and at least one Council sub-committee.
- Council members also participate in other activities that come up from time to time (e.g., Council and staff visits to worksites throughout the province).

Orientation

New Council members have the opportunity to participate in an orientation session during which they will learn about the role of the College, their role as a Council member, and the Governance approach. During the first year on Council, new members will be paired with an experienced Councillor who will act as a "mentor".

Travel

Costs and related expenses are covered as per applicable policy for all Council members participating in College events.

² For more information about the Complaints Authorization Committee, see [Section 23](#) of the RN Act (2008).