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CRNNL & CLPNNL MERGING TO FORM NL COLLEGE OF NURSES

A New Era in NL Nursing Regulation

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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Nurses,

We are so excited to share an important and historic update with you.

The College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL) and the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CLPNNL) have formally begun the process of merging to establish a single regulatory body: NL College of Nurses.

This merger is happening now – but will not become official until April 15, 2026.

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What This Means

By coming together as the NL College of Nurses, we are creating a unified, modern regulator that will:

- *Be the largest health care regulator in the province, overseeing all nurse practitioners, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses;*
- *Provide a more streamlined and coordinated regulatory framework;*
- *Maintain the highest standards of nursing practice and public protection;*
- *Support the profession with a stronger, unified voice.*

This merger reflects years of collaboration and planning between the two Colleges, and a shared commitment to a future-focused model of nursing regulation.

Timeline to Merger

- The transition to one nursing regulator has begun and will take approximately one year. Planning, system integration, and stakeholder engagement are underway.
- April 15, 2026: The merger becomes fully official and operational. From this date forward, regulation of all nurses in Newfoundland and Labrador will fall under the NL College of Nurses.

Until then, CRNNL and CLPNNL will continue to operate separately and serve their respective registrants as usual.

What Nurses Can Expect

There will be no immediate changes to your licensure, renewal processes, or regulatory obligations.

You will continue to receive updates from your current College during the transition period.

We will ensure you are informed throughout the process.

Stay Connected

We are committed to transparency and communication every step of the way. A special episode of the College Connection Podcast has been published which outlines the information on the merger. Visit our YouTube channel [HERE](#).

A dedicated FAQ page is available on both websites by clicking [HERE](#), and we will continue sharing updates through our regular communication channels.

Follow all the social media channels of both Colleges for transition updates in the months ahead.

This is an exciting initiative for nursing regulation in Newfoundland and Labrador. Together, we are building a more integrated and responsive regulatory system—one that supports nurses and strengthens health care for all.

With appreciation,



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