



College of  
Registered Nurses  
of Manitoba

# Practice Direction:

## Registration Requirements

*Practice directions set out requirements related to specific aspects of registered nursing practice. They provide more detailed information related to the Registered Nurses Act, Regulations and bylaws of the College; Standards of Practice for Registered Nurses and Standards of Practice for Registered Nurses on the Extended Practice Register; and the Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses.*

*The College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba is the regulatory organization for registered nurses, nurse practitioners and graduate nurses. The College sets the standards for education, registration and practice, supports nurses in meeting the standards and takes action when the standards are not met. The primary purpose of regulation is to protect the public interest.*

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The purpose of this practice direction is to further identify the requirements for registration and obtaining or renewing a certificate of practice as referenced in the *College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba General Regulation*.

## Education

1. For the purpose of establishing or re-establishing registration in RN membership class, a nursing education program will be deemed to be comparable to a nursing education program in Manitoba if it is one of the following:
  - a. a nursing education program within Canada and successful completion allows for either:
    - i. eligibility to write the approved RN entry-to-practice examination, or
    - ii. establishment of initial registration as a registered nurse in another Canadian jurisdictionor
  - b. a nursing education program outside of Canada and academic documents have determined comparability to a Manitoba nursing education program.
2. For the purpose of establishing or re-establishing registration in the registered nurse (nurse practitioner) [RN(NP)] membership class, a nursing education program will be deemed to be comparable to a nursing education program in Manitoba if it is one of the following:
  - a. an RN(NP) program within Canada and successful completion allows for either:
    - i. eligibility to write an approved RN(NP) examination or
    - ii. establishment of initial registration as an RN(NP) in another Canadian jurisdiction.or
  - b. an RN(NP) education program outside of Canada and academic documents have determined comparability to a Manitoba nursing education program.

## Time Period for Exam Eligibility

Eligibility to write the RN entry-to-practice examination for registration in the RN membership class:

1. An applicant who has successfully completed an approved or comparable nursing education program in Canada is eligible to write the RN entry-to-practice examination an unlimited number of times within three years of the date they completed the program.
2. An applicant who received their nursing education outside of Canada is eligible to write the RN entry-to-practice examination an unlimited number of times within three years of the date they successfully completed one of the following:
  - a. an assessment of prior learning
  - b. a course of instruction
  - c. a program deemed comparable by the council

Eligibility to write the RN(NP) entry-to-practice examination for registration in the RN(NP) membership class:

1. An applicant who has successfully completed an approved RN(NP) education program is eligible to write the RN(NP) entry-to-practice examination a maximum of three times within 18 months of the date they completed the program.
2. An applicant who received their RN(NP) education outside of Canada is eligible to write the RN(NP) entry-to-practice examination a maximum of three times within 18 months of the date they successfully completed one of the following:
  - a. an assessment of prior learning
  - b. a course of instruction
  - c. a program deemed comparable by the council

Any applicant who is unable to complete the maximum number of examination writings within the timeframe specified may appeal to the Registrar for an extension if the applicant can demonstrate that they cannot comply with the timeframe requirement due to a reason acceptable to the Registrar.

## Practice Hours for Registration and Renewing a Certificate of Practice

1. An applicant is eligible to establish or re-establish registration in the RN membership class if they can verify that they have engaged in registered nursing practice:
  - a. a minimum of 1,125 hours in the previous five years,  
or
  - b. a minimum of 450 hours in the previous two-years.
2. An applicant is eligible to establish or re-establish registration in the RN(NP) membership class if they can verify that they have engaged in RN(NP) practice:
  - a. a minimum of 900 hours in the previous three years,  
or
  - b. a minimum of 300 hours in the previous year

Practice hours for the purpose of registration in the RN(NP) membership class must:

- a. Be at the RN(NP) level of practice in a role that requires registration as an RN(NP); and
- b. Be accrued in direct patient/client care within the regulated scope of RN(NP) practice. This means the practice must:
  - i. include ordering and receiving results of screening and diagnostic tests, prescribing drugs and devices, and
  - ii. include performing minor surgical and invasive procedures; and
  - iii. demonstrate the Entry-level Competencies for the Registered Nurse (Nurse Practitioner) and the Standards of Practice for Registered Nurses on the Extended Practice Register.
  - iv. include a minimum of 100 hours each year for RN(NP) educators. These practice hours must be in direct clinical practice with patients in a role that requires registration as an RN(NP). RN(NP)s in the role of educators may claim practice hours accrued in teaching RN(EP) students.

## Graduate Nurse (GN) Registration

A person may be registered in the GN membership class for four months.

## Renewing a Certificate of Practice

A member will be required to provide the requirements of sub-section 2.25(2) of the general council regulations every five years of continuous possession of a certificate of practice as identified by the Registrar.

A member will not be eligible to renew a certificate of practice unless all outstanding monies owed to the College have been submitted and the member has provided any other information requested by the Registrar.