

Registered Nurse (Nurse Practitioner) Prescribing Controlled Drugs and Substances

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Purpose:

To specify the requirements required to prescribe controlled drugs and substances including buprenorphine, methadone or diacetylmorphine.

Policy:

Requirements for RN(NP)s to prescribe controlled drugs and substances, (not including buprenorphine for opioid dependence, methadone or diacetylmorphine)

1. RN(NP)s are required to review the Manitoba Prescribing Practices Program (M3P) presentation and correctly answer 100% of the M3P post-test questions.
2. RN(NP)s who have completed education which does not include current competencies for prescribing controlled drugs and substances are required to correctly answer 100% of the M3P post-test questions as well as submit a certificate of successful completion of a course of instruction approved by the Council (i.e. prescribing narcotics and controlled substances course, primary health care nurse practitioner program, School of Nursing University of Ottawa; controlled drugs and substances: essential management and prescribing practices course, University of Toronto; or controlled drugs and substances course, Athabasca University).
3. RN(NP)s who have not completed these requirements will have a condition placed on their certificate of practice prohibiting them from prescribing controlled drugs and substances.
4. To have this condition removed, the RN(NP) must successfully complete 1. and 2. above.

Requirements for RN(NP)s to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid dependence

5. RN(NP)s must successfully complete 1. and 2. above.
6. RN(NP)s must not have a condition on their certificate of practice prohibiting them from prescribing controlled drugs and substances.
7. RN(NP)s must confirm they achieved the competencies to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder and submit a request to gain the authority to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder.
8. RN(NP)s must submit a certificate of successful completion of a course of instruction in the competencies necessary for prescribing buprenorphine (e.g. Centre for Addition Medicine Buprenorphine-Assisted Treatment of Opioid Dependence ; Canadian Society of Addition Medicine Buprenorphine Prescribing Course, University of Manitoba Continuing Professional Development Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: An Introduction to Clinical Practice, British

Columbia Centre for Substance Use – Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program, British Columbia
Centre for Substance Use – About the Addiction Care and Treatment Online Certificate)

Requirements for RN(NP)s to prescribe methadone for opioid use disorder

9. RN(NP)s must successfully complete 1. and 2. above.
10. RN(NP)s must not have a condition on their certificate of practice prohibiting them from prescribing controlled drugs and substances.
11. RN(NP)s must submit a certificate of successful completion of Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: An Introduction to Clinical Practice. This course of instruction and concomitant practicum will address the competencies necessary for prescribing methadone for opioid dependence.
12. Within the timeframe specified on the notation, RN(NP)s must submit a renewal application specifying education and practice completed to maintain methadone prescribing competency.

Requirements for RN(NP)s to prescribe methadone for analgesia

13. RN(NP)s must have successfully completed 1. and 2. above.
14. RN(NP)s must not have a condition on their certificate of practice prohibiting them from prescribing controlled drugs and substances.
15. RN(NP)s must submit a certificate of successful completion of Methadone for Pain in Palliative Care course online.

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