



College of
Registered Nurses
of Manitoba

Instructions for Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) - Standard Pathway

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Application Process

Our primary mode of communication with applicants is by email. Please provide a valid email address on your application form and check your email (including your junk folder) on a regular basis. Once your application has been reviewed, you will receive a confirmation email outlining all requirements needed to complete the application process.

In order to practise as a registered nurse in Manitoba and use the designation registered nurse, RN or graduate nurse, GN, you must hold a valid certificate of practice with the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (the College) in the registered nurse membership class or the graduate nurse membership class.

This application package is for you if you were educated as an RN outside Canada and are currently or have ever been registered as an RN with the regulatory body in the country where you completed your entry-level RN education. For a more detailed explanation of requirements and process, please review the [IEN Handbook](#) found on the College website.

Step 1

All IENs must first have an Educational Credential Assessment report (ECA) completed from an accepted service provider and sent directly to the College. For a list of accepted ECA providers, please see the [IEN Handbook](#) or [College Policy AA-9](#). Once the ECA report has been completed, you may submit an application directly to the College. ECA reports received without an open application will only be retained by the College for 30 days. ECA reports are to be submitted to the College by the ECA provider directly.

Step 2

□ Internationally Educated Nurse – Standard Application Form and Fee

To access the Internationally Educated Applicant – Standard application, you must first [create an account](#) with the College. Once complete, please log into your CRNM Profile and find the Internationally Educated Applicant form located in the *Applications* section on the homepage. Click ‘**Apply**’ to begin completing the application form. Please choose “**Standard**” as the Applicant Type. The application form must be submitted along with the non-refundable application processing fee and RN Competence Assessment fee.

Application processing fee:	\$ 483.00 CAD
RN Competence Assessment fee:	\$ 281.40* CAD
Total:	\$ 764.40 CAD

**This fee is in addition to any fees charged by the RN Competence Assessment provider, Inspire Global Assessments.*

□ Proof of identification

Acceptable forms of identification include a copy of your:

- passport
- permanent resident card
- driver’s license
- other government-issued picture identification and marriage/divorce certificate (only to verify name change)

A copy of your photo identification can be uploaded through your CRNM profile when you are completing your application form.

Step 3

We require the following items before your application will be considered complete and brought forward for assessment:

□ Educational Credential Assessment Report (ECA)

Sent to us directly from an accepted ECA provider by email to: registration@crnm.mb.ca. If NNAS or WES is the chosen ECA provider, the College will retrieve the report directly from NNAS or WES on your behalf once you have opened your application with the College

□ Background checks

The following three checks are required:

- nationwide criminal record check (with vulnerable sector search)
- adult abuse registry check
- child abuse registry check

Please review the [Background Checks Fact Sheet](#) for details on what is required and how you can obtain these documents. The background check documents can be uploaded in your CRNM profile once your application has been reviewed by College staff.

□ Verification of Registration

Verification of all current registrations as well as any registrations held in the previous seven years is required. Complete the upper portion of the [Request for Verification of Registration](#) form and submit it to the appropriate regulatory body/bodies where you have been registered. The regulatory bodies must complete the form and return it directly to the College. Please be advised that if your ECA report is issued by NNAS, you will only need to submit the verification of registration documents not already collected and included with your report.

Next Steps

If there are inconsistencies in any of the information you provide during the application process, we reserve the right to require additional supporting documentation, which may be over and above the items outlined above. The College may make improvements or changes to the information described at any time without notice.

Following receipt of the registration requirements outlined above, your application will be considered complete and assessment will begin. Your application will be assessed for evidence of competence to practice that is substantially equivalent to the competencies required of registered nurses in Manitoba. If the documents you submitted meet our minimum application requirements, you will be referred for an RN Competence Assessment.

College Policy on Assessment of Nursing Education

In keeping with the [College Policy AA-7](#), nursing education comparability will be determined if there is evidence of:

- a. post-secondary nursing education that prepares the nurse for a generalist role in situations of health and illness, along the health continuum and includes providing care across the lifespan (to people of all ages), to all genders, and across diverse practice settings, and
- b. the theoretical instruction was accompanied by clinical practice placements which included provision of direct care in all applicable settings

If comparability has been determined, you are eligible to continue in the application process and will be referred for a RN Competence Assessment (CA). Applicants who also meet the additional criteria outlined in [College Policy AA-7](#), will be provided with the option to complete either a CA or the full complement of courses in the Nurse Re-entry Program (NREP) at RRC Polytechnic. These additional criteria include:

- having demonstrated they met the English language proficiency requirement; and
- having passed the NCLEX-RN within the four-year period immediately before the application date.

A referral from the College is required for both the CA and the NREP.

If nursing education comparability has not been determined, you will not be referred for a CA or the NREP and are not eligible to continue in the application process.

English Language Proficiency

It is recognized that a high degree of proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English is extremely important for providing safe registered nursing care in Manitoba. Demonstrated English language proficiency is one element of fitness to engage in registered nursing practice. Applicants are required to demonstrate English language proficiency to be approved to write the NCLEX-RN or approved for RN registration if the NCLEX-RN has already been written.

For information on ways English language proficiency can be demonstrated, as well as information on benchmark scores and appropriate type of language test, please see policy [AA-2 Language Proficiency](#).

Exam Eligibility and Graduate Nurse Registration

You will be notified when you are eligible to apply to write the NCLEX-RN. You must write and pass the exam in order to be eligible to apply for registration with the College. If you have already passed the NCLEX-RN, you will not need to write the exam again. However, passing the exam is only one of the requirements. You must still complete the international application process. If all the requirements listed above are not received within six months from the date a file is opened, the file will be closed and you will need to begin the application process over again.

Once you have scheduled your NCLEX-RN writing, you also have the option of submitting an application for registration as a GN. In order to be eligible for GN registration you must have an exam writing scheduled with Pearson VUE and you must provide this date to the College. For more information regarding the application process and requirements for NCLEX-RN eligibility and GN registration, please review the application instructions found on our website here: <https://www.crnmb.ca/applicants/students-and-gns/>

Fees

Registration fees vary depending on the time of year. You can find a full list of fees on our website:

<https://www.crnmb.ca/applicants/internationally-educated-nurses/>

Questions?

Contact a registration advisor Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

204-774-3477 ext. 300

1-800-665-2027 ext. 300 (toll-free in Manitoba)

Please note: Applications remain open for six months.