



College of  
Registered Nurses  
of Manitoba

# Instructions for Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) from the United States – Expedited Registration 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 the requirements needed to complete the application process.

To practise as a registered nurse in Manitoba and use the title or 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.

**Please review the eligibility criteria including required education, recency of practice and licensure requirements outlined in the [IEN Handbook](#) to ensure this is the correct application pathway for you.**

**\*Application processing fees are non-refundable, therefore we strongly recommend applicants carefully review eligibility criteria and requirements for registration prior to submitting their application to the College.**

If you do not meet all eligibility criteria, you are not eligible to apply through the expedited registration pathway. You may be eligible to apply through the standard IEN application pathway. Please review application eligibility and requirements in the [IEN Handbook](#). If you meet the requirements for the standard application pathway, please complete the Internationally Educated Nurse Applicant form and choose **‘Standard’** as the Applicant Type. Application package and instructions for the standard application pathway can be found here:

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

## Step 1 (Applicants Who Completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing or Bachelor of Nursing outside of the US)

Applicants who completed their Bachelor of Science in Nursing or Bachelor of Nursing outside of the US must obtain an educational credential assessment report (ECA). 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 can begin the application process 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.

\*Applicants educated in the US do not need to obtain an ECA report and can proceed directly to Step 2 below.

## Step 2

### □ Internationally Educated Nurse (United States) – Expedited Application Form and Fee

To access the Internationally Educated Nurse – Expedited US 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 “**Expedited US**” as the Applicant Type. The application form must be submitted along with the non-refundable application processing fee.

Application processing fee: \$ **483.00 CAD**

### □ 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:

### □ Official Academic Transcripts

**Applicants educated in the US:** Please arrange for official transcripts from your entry level nursing education program to be sent directly from the educational institution to the College. Electronic documents can be sent via email to [registration@crnm.mb.ca](mailto:registration@crnm.mb.ca). If you completed an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and a subsequent Bachelor of Nursing (BN or BSN program), transcripts from both the ADN and the BN/BSN program are required.

Please note that applicants who completed their BN or BSN outside of the US are not required to submit an academic transcript, as your ECA report will contain the educational transcript. You will be advised by the College if additional information regarding your educational program is required once the ECA report has been received and reviewed.

### □ Background checks

The following three checks are required:

- nationwide criminal record check (with vulnerable sector search)
- Manitoba adult abuse registry check
- Manitoba 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 registration is required for all current and expired US registrations held within the past seven years. The College will use the [nursys.com](https://www.nursys.com) website to verify current and expired US nursing license(s) as part of the initial registration process and will accept official verification of registration documents up to three months following registration.

Current registration(s) from other countries will require verification of registration from the applicable regulatory body/bodies. Expired registration(s) from other countries within the past seven years also require verification of registration from the regulatory body/bodies. These verification of registration documents must be submitted prior to registration.

Complete the upper portion of the [Request for Verification of Registration](#) form and submit it to the appropriate regulatory body/bodies. The regulatory bodies must complete the form and return it directly to the College. Verifications of registration are valid for one year from the date they were completed or sooner if an expiry date is indicated.

**Applicants educated outside of the US:** Please be advised if your ECA report is issued by NNAS, you are only required to submit verification of current registration(s) as well as any registration(s) held in the previous seven years that were not captured through NNAS.

## □ Verification of Practice Hours

Verification of your registered nursing practice hours for the previous five years is required from your employer(s). Please complete the upper portion of the [Request for Verification of Practice Hours](#) form and submit it to all employers for whom you have worked as a registered nurse in the past five years. The employers must complete the form and return it directly to the College by email to: [hours@crnm.mb.ca](mailto:hours@crnm.mb.ca).

## □ 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 for RN registration. For information on the accepted ways English language proficiency is demonstrated please see [Policy AA-2 Language Proficiency](#) on our website.

## 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 reviewed and assessed to ensure you meet initial registration requirements.

### □ Supervised Practice Experience

US educated applicants with a Bachelor of Nursing (BN) or Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), who have graduated within the last two years, and do not meet the minimum number of practice hours will be approved for RN registration with no limit on scope of practice, with the condition they complete **250 hours of supervised RN practice** with a [Designated Manitoba Employer](#) within one year of registration.

### □ Transitional Practice Experience

US applicants with an Associate Degree (ADN) or ADN and subsequent BN or BSN obtained through bridging education (ie. credit toward the BN or BSN obtained through or as a result of ADN education) who meet eligibility criteria for the US expedited pathway will be approved for RN registration with no limit on scope of practice, with the condition they complete **250 hours of transitional RN practice** with a [Designated Manitoba Employer](#) within one year of registration.

US applicants who have completed a Bachelor of Nursing (BN) or Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) **outside** of the US must have a minimum number of practice hours to be eligible for the expedited registration pathway and will be required to complete 250 hours of transitional RN practice. Please see the [IEN Handbook](#) for more information.

US educated applicants with a BN or BSN (who did not obtain the BN or BSN based on credit received from or through the completion of an ADN) who meet the minimum number of practice hours under this pathway are not subject to a supervised or transitional RN practice condition.

When supervised or transitional practice is required, the employer will be required to provide verification of practice hours and confirm satisfactory practice to the College. Upon successful completion of the 250 supervised or transitional practice hours, the condition will be removed from the registrant's certificate of practice.

### □ Completion of the Registered Nurse Practice Course

Successful completion of the [Registered Nurse Practice Course \(NRSG-1012\)](#) offered through Red River College Polytech is required **within one year of the date of registration**. Previous completion of the course within one year of your application to the College will be accepted. To enroll in the course, please contact Red River College Polytech at: <https://www.rrc.ca>.

## 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)

[registration@crnm.mb.ca](mailto:registration@crnm.mb.ca)

*Please note: Applications remain open for six months.*