

## Policy AA-33 Expedited Registration for US Educated Nurse Practitioners

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### Rationale:

The College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (College) recognizes that some nurse practitioner (NP) education and practice in the United States (US) may be comparable to NP education and practice in Canada. To facilitate the registration process for eligible NP applicants from the United States, the College has developed an expedited registration pathway.

### Purpose:

This policy outlines the eligibility criteria, registration requirements and College processes for US-educated nurse practitioners seeking registration through the expedited pathway.

### Authority:

- Section 32(1) of The Regulated Health Professions Act identifies requirements for the registration of applicants.
- Section 2.6 of the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba General Regulation identifies application contents that an applicant must submit for registration.
- Section 2.14 of the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba General Regulation identifies additional registration requirements for the registration of applicants.

### Policy:

This policy applies to NP applicants who were educated and are currently registered in the United States. It defines the eligibility criteria and process for expedited registration with the College.

## Eligibility criteria:

- 1) Obtained registration as a Registered Nurse (RN) in Manitoba. To proceed with an application for NP registration, there must be no conditions on their RN registration. **Any education or other registration requirements tied to an applicant's RN certificate of practice must be met before an NP certificate of practice can be issued.**
- 2) Graduated from a masters-level nurse practitioner or equivalent advanced nursing practice\* program in a US state and obtained the corresponding registration in a US state following completion.
- 3) Hold a current and active NP or equivalent regulated advanced nursing practice\* registration in good standing in a US state.
- 4) Practiced the minimum number of NP hours (in the US) needed for registration in the nurse practitioner membership class as outlined in the College's [currency of practice requirement](#).
- 5) Provide evidence acceptable to the College that demonstrates the practice hours were worked in a role that required an expanded scope of practice and the applicant worked autonomously.
- 6) Be certified to provide care to one of the following three patient populations: Family/All Ages, Pediatrics, or Adult/Gerontology.  
  
Note: Applicants with certification in other patient populations may still apply but will be required to undergo a different assessment process to determine eligibility. They may also face additional educational requirements and/or conditions.
- 7) Passed one of the College-approved exams for NPs within the approved timelines as outlined in [policy AA-12](#).

You are not eligible if:

- Your nurse practitioner or advanced nursing practice\* education was not completed in the US, was not a masters-level program, or was not designed to prepare you for practice as a nurse practitioner.
- You were not registered in the US following completion of your nurse practitioner or advanced nursing practice\* education.
- Your education or experience is not comparable to Canadian NP education, practice and/or entry-level competencies.

\*In order to qualify, the advanced nursing practice education and registration must have included the entry-level competencies of NPs in Manitoba. It must also have entailed a legislated expanded scope of practice including, but not limited to, advanced health assessments, diagnosing, and prescribing.

In addition, the College reserves the right to request additional supporting information or evidence at any time.

### **Registration process:**

All steps in the process below must be completed in order to obtain NP registration with the College. NP registration is only available to those who have first obtained RN registration. However, applicants may begin certain steps of the NP registration process while their RN registration is still in progress.

- 1) Apply to the College for NP registration
  - The applicant must submit an NP application and additional requirements. Additional requirements are related to NP eligibility and include, but are not limited to: verifications of registration, verifications of practice hours, evidence of autonomous and independent practice, and official transcripts. These documents may be submitted while the applicant applies for their RN registration.
- 2) The College will assess the complete application to verify that all eligibility criteria and requirements are met.
  - Applicants must provide evidence of having passed one of the College-approved exams for NPs within the approved timelines as outlined in [policy AA-12](#).
  - If applicants have not passed one of the College-approved exams for NPs as outlined under [policy AA-12](#), they will need to pass the College's currently designated NP entry to practice exam.
- 3) Approved for NP registration, or NP registration with conditions (if required)
  - Applicants will be granted NP registration once all requirements have been met.
  - Applicants will have a condition placed upon their NP certificate of practice prohibiting the prescribing of controlled drugs or substances until they successfully meet the requirements in [policy AA-22 Registered Nurse \(Nurse Practitioner\) Prescribing Controlled Drugs and Substances](#).
  - The College reserves the right to set a condition for an initial period of supervised practice, if necessary.
    - o If the College requires supervised practice, these hours must be completed within one year of the date of NP registration and accrued with a designated employer as identified in College policy [AA-31 Designated Employers for Supervised Practice and Transitional Practice Experience](#).
    - o The employer will be required to provide verification of practice hours and confirm satisfactory practice to the College.