



College of
Registered Nurses
of Manitoba

Expedited Registration for US Educated Nurse Practitioners Handbook

Who is this for?

This handbook is for **nurse practitioners (NP) educated and currently registered in the United States (US)** who want to apply for **NP registration in Manitoba** using the **expedited registration pathway**.

This pathway exists because some US NP education and practice is comparable to Canadian standards and allows eligible applicants to move through the registration process more efficiently.

Background

On November 18, 2025, the College formalized an expedited pathway for US-educated NPs. This allows eligible NP applicants from the United States to be licensed in Manitoba sooner. The purpose of this document is to help NP applicants understand the registration process and its requirements.

Expedited pathway requirements

To register as a nurse practitioner in Manitoba through this pathway, you must:

1. Obtain RN registration in Manitoba and satisfy any/all conditions on your RN license in Manitoba before an NP certificate of practice can be issued
 - Any RN registration requirements must be fully met before an NP certificate of practice can be issued.
2. Meet specific education, certification, and practice experience requirements.
3. Submit the required documentation.
4. Meet examination and practice requirements set by the College in [Policy AA-12](#).

Education and practice experience requirements

To be considered under the expedited pathway, applicants must have graduated from a master's level NP program, or an equivalent advanced practice program, completed in the US. The program must have been specifically designed to prepare graduates for NP practice and must include entry-level competencies comparable to those required in Manitoba.

Upon completion of this education, applicants must have obtained registration as a nurse practitioner or an equivalent advanced practice nurse in a US state and must currently hold active, in-good-standing registration as such.

The role must include an expanded scope of practice, such as advanced health assessment, diagnosis, and prescribing authority. Programs or roles that do not meet these requirements may not be considered comparable under the expedited registration pathway.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have practised as a nurse practitioner for the minimum number of hours required under the [College's currency of practice requirements](#). Practice hours must have been completed in the United States and must clearly reflect autonomous and independent nurse practitioner practice within an expanded scope.

Submitting your application

You must submit:

- A completed **NP application**.
- **All required supporting documents**, which may include:
 - Verification of registration
 - Verification of NP practice hours
 - Documented evidence of NP practice that included expanded scope and which was performed autonomously
 - Official academic transcripts
 - Examination results

Examination Requirements

All applicants must have successfully completed one of the College-approved nurse practitioner entry-to-practice examinations within the timelines outlined by the College in [Policy AA-12](#). Applicants who have not passed an approved examination will be required to

pass the College's currently designated NP entry-to-practice exam before registration can be granted.

Outcome if all requirements met

Approved With Conditions

Conditions may include:

Restriction on Prescribing Controlled Drugs

You may not prescribe controlled drugs or substances until requirements in [Policy AA-22](#) are met.

Supervised Practice (if required)

The College may require an initial period of supervised practice.

If required:

- The supervised hours must be completed within one year as identified in [Policy AA-33](#).
- Hours must be completed with a College-approved designated employer, as specified in [Policy AA-31](#).
- The employer will be required to provide verification of practice hours and confirm satisfactory practice to the College.

Questions

Contact the registration pathway coordinator at:

Email: pathfinder@crnm.mb.ca

Telephone: 204-774-3477 – Select option '9' for the Registration Pathway Coordinator

Toll-free 1-800-665-2027 (Manitoba only)