

Policy AA-35 CEO/Registrar Authority to Authorize Course of Instruction Approved in Other Canadian Jurisdictions

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Rationale:

To improve the College's capacity to quickly and effectively address the educational needs of applicants or registrants seeking reinstatement or prescribing authorities, the College Council has given the CEO/Registrar the authority to authorize courses of instruction offered by educational institutions in other Canadian jurisdictions for regulatory purposes in Manitoba, provided they meet certain specified criteria.

Purpose:

This policy outlines the criteria and process used by the College's CEO/Registrar to authorize courses of instruction offered by educational institutions in other Canadian jurisdictions for the regulatory purposes of:

- Reinstatement of a Registered Nurse (RN) or Nurse Practitioner (NP) certificate of practice following failure of the applicant to meet the currency of practice requirement for their designation;
- Obtaining the Registered Nurse (Authorized Prescriber) (RN(AP)) notation; and
- Authorizing a Nurse Practitioner to prescribe controlled drugs and substances.

Authority:

- Section 32(1)(a) of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* (RHPA) identifies that, to be eligible for registration, an applicant must be a graduate of an education program approved by the Council or has met competency requirements approved by the Council.
- Section 1.2 of the *College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba General Regulation* (General Regulation) defines "approved" as approved by Council unless approval is specified in the regulations as being given by the CEO/Registrar. Furthermore, it



defines “course of instruction” as an approved remedial, bridging, re-entry or preparatory educational course or program that includes a course or program designed specifically for a person for the purpose of establishing or maintaining registration or a notation under the Act.

- The College’s “Practice Direction: Registration Requirements” specifies the Council-directed criteria that a course of instruction must meet for it to be authorized by the CEO/ Registrar and so deemed approved by the Council.

Policy:

Course of Instruction Eligibility

The CEO/Registrar may authorize a course of instruction offered by an educational institution in another Canadian jurisdiction if the course:

- Has sufficient educational resources, a curriculum, and student evaluation that educates students to meet the requisite entry-level competencies upon course completion,
- Is currently approved by the registered nursing regulator in the Canadian jurisdiction it is offered in,
- The course of instruction will be used for the same purpose and to meet the same requirement for which it is approved in the other Canadian jurisdiction, and
- Any required clinical practicum must be completed in Manitoba.

If an applicant is applying to **reinstate their RN or NP certificate of practice**, the course of instruction must also be determined to be:

- Equivalent to that required under policy [AA-6 Currency of Practice](#); or
- Suitable to address the applicant’s educational needs as identified through a Competence Assessment.

If an NP registrant is applying for a **prescribing notation or authorization**, the course of instruction must also be determined to be:

- Equivalent to a required course established by policy [AA-22 Nurse Practitioner \(NP\) Prescribing Controlled Drugs and Substances](#).

Process:

Reinstatement of a Certificate of Practice

1. An applicant applies for reinstatement of an RN or NP certificate of practice.



2. If the applicant has insufficient practice hours to meet reinstatement requirements, the College determines whether successful completion of a course of instruction is required in accordance with policy AA-6 Currency of Practice.
3. The applicant may request approval of a course of instruction offered by an educational institution in another Canadian jurisdiction. The applicant may be required to obtain information from the educational institution they are requesting approval for, in order for the College to assess whether it is eligible to be authorized by the CEO/Registrar according to the criteria outlined in this policy.
4. The CEO/Registrar reviews the proposed course of instruction against the eligibility criteria outlined above.
5. The applicant will be notified whether the course of instruction has been authorized, or if they must enroll in an applicable Manitoba-provided course of instruction to satisfy registration requirements.

Prescribing Notation or Authority for RN(AP)s and NPs

1. A registrant may contact the College to request information regarding approved courses of instructions for obtaining a prescribing notation or prescribing authority on their certificate of practice.
2. If there is no approved or comparable course of instruction offered in Manitoba, the applicant may request approval for a course of instruction offered in another Canadian jurisdiction. The applicant may be required to obtain information from the educational institution they are requesting approval for, in order for the College to assess whether it is eligible to be authorized by the CEO/Registrar according to the criteria outlined in this policy.
3. The CEO/Registrar reviews the proposed course of instruction against the eligibility criteria outlined above.
4. The registrant will be notified if the course of instruction has been authorized to meet the educational requirement for the applicable prescribing notation or authority.