

 <p>THE ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED NURSES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POLICY Nurse Practitioners</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nurse Practitioner Authority to Prescribe Controlled Drugs and Substances:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Educational Requirements</p>
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As of November 2012, Nurse Practitioners (NP) in Prince Edward Island have been authorized to prescribe controlled drugs and substances as outlined in the *New Classes of Practitioners Regulations* (Canada) under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada). Prescribing controlled drugs and substances is considered part of the scope of practice for all nurse practitioners in Prince Edward Island.

In February 2014, the Association of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island (ARNPEI) Council approved the Nurse Practitioner Authority to Prescribe Controlled Drugs and Substances Practice Guidelines and the following Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators Controlled Drugs and Substances Working Group theory educational course recommendations. NPs in practice were given ten months notice.

1. Athabasca University – Prescription and Management of Controlled Drugs and Substance
2. Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN) – Continuing Education for Nurse Practitioners Prescribing Narcotics and Controlled Substances
3. Saskatchewan Polytechnic – CDS Module for RN(NPs)

Educational Requirements for Licensure:

Nurse Practitioner Authority to Prescribe Controlled Drugs and Substances

1. Commencing for the 2016 licensure year, all applicants for NP Endorsement licensure must have successfully completed and submitted proof of successful completion:
 - a. An ARNPEI approved Controlled Drugs and Substances (CDS) theory course.
2. Notwithstanding Policy Statement #1a, if an applicant is currently licensed as a NP in another Canadian jurisdiction and previously completed an ARNPEI approved CDS theory course, they must provide ARNPEI:
 - a. Proof of successful course completion in the past two years
 - b. Proof of successful course completion more than two years ago and proof of prescribing controlled drugs and substances in their practice in the past two years.

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