

	GRADUATE NURSE REGISTRATION POLICY
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Background

Graduates of a nursing education program approved by Council that lead to either a Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner designation, may apply for registration as a Graduate Nurse. Completion of the nursing education must have occurred within three years prior to the date of the application.

Purpose

To describe the registration process for registration in the general graduate class as a graduate nurse and in the extended graduate class as a graduate nurse practitioner.

Policy

1.0 Graduate Nurse

1.1 Applicants must complete an application form and pay the associated fees as described in the [Bylaws](#). The following documents must be provided as part of the application:

- proof of legal name (birth certificate, marriage certificate),
- copy of a government issued identification with a photo (drivers license, passport),
- a completed *Confirmation of Program Completion for Graduates of a Canadian Nursing Education Program* form (for graduates from a university outside PEI), and
- an original copy of a criminal record check that includes a vulnerable sector check (dated within the last 30 days).

1.2 If the applicant is a graduate of the University of Prince Edward Island, the College of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island will receive confirmation of completion of the nursing program directly.

- 1.3 Applicants must register with Pearson Vue to take the NCLEX-RN before a graduate nurse registration will be issued.
- 1.4 A graduate nurse registration will expire on the date indicated on the certificate, or on the date of notification of having “not passed” the NCLEX-RN for a third writing, whichever is earlier. A continuing GN registration is dependent on the graduate reapplying to Pearson Vue for another exam writing a minimum of every 6 months until successful.
- 1.5 A second graduate nurse registration may be issued if a renewal is completed by October 1st for the upcoming year. The renewal is conditional on the graduate reapplying to Pearson Vue for another exam writing a minimum of every 6 months until successful.
- 1.6 No additional graduate nurse registrations will be issued following receipt of the third NCLEX-RN “not passed” results.
- 1.7 It is the responsibility of the graduate to notify their employer if they fail the NCLEX-RN a third time and no longer have a valid graduate nurse registration. CRNPEI will also follow up with the employer of the graduate nurse.
- 1.8 A graduate nurse registration is required before commencement of an employee employer relationship, including orientation.
- 1.9 A graduate nurse, once registered, may use the designations of GN or G.N.
- 1.10 A graduate nurse may practice to the full scope of a registered nurse as long as they are under the supervision of a registered nurse. Please see the [Supervision Policy](#).
- 2.0 Graduate Nurse Practitioner (GNP)
 - 2.1 Applicants must complete an application form, pay associated fees as described in the [Bylaws](#), and provide proof of completion of a Controlled Drugs and Substances Course.
 - 2.2 If the applicant is a graduate of the University of Prince Edward Island, the College of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island will receive confirmation of completion of the nurse practitioner program directly.
 - 2.3 If the applicant is a graduate from a university outside of PEI but is registered as a registered nurse in PEI, the applicant must also provide proof of completion of

- a nurse practitioner program sent directly from the institution where the program was completed.
- 2.4 If the applicant is a graduate from outside PEI and not registered as a registered nurse in PEI, the applicant must provide proof of completion of a nurse practitioner program sent directly from the institution where the program was completed and meet the requirements to register as a registered nurse in PEI.
 - 2.5 A GNP registration will expire on the date indicated on the certificate, or on the date of having “failed” the CNPE three times, whichever is earlier.
 - 2.6 A second and third GNP registration may be issued by renewal, conditional on the graduate applying and completing each available CNPE writing.
 - 2.7 No additional GNP registrations will be issued following receipt of the third unsuccessful CNPE result.
 - 2.8 It is the responsibility of the GNP to notify their employer if they fail the CNPE for the third time and no longer have a valid GNP registration. CRNPEI will also follow up with the employer of the GNP.
 - 2.9 A GNP registration is required before commencement of an employee employer relationship, including orientation as a graduate nurse practitioner.
 - 2.10 A graduate nurse practitioner, once registered, may use the designation of GNP or G.N.P.
 - 2.11 A graduate nurse practitioner may practice to the full scope of a nurse practitioner as long as they are under the supervision of a nurse practitioner and have reasonable access to a medical practitioner for consultation, referral, and transfer.