

NNPBC Membership UPDATE – Sign Up for Membership Now!



Nurses from Every Designation - Sign Up to Belong to NNPBC!

NNPBC welcomes B.C. nurses from every single designation to belong to NNPBC. Instead of having four different nursing associations, we are now one strong, united nursing voice and vision. We believe in collaboration, equality and unity. We are excited that the strength of our five years working together has resulted in a vision for a professional nursing association that is inclusive and current. Visit www.nnpbc.com/membership to sign up today at no cost for our transition year – 2019.

Who needs to sign up?

Every single nurse in the province:

- LPNs
- NPs
- RNs
- RPNs
- All nursing students in any recognized BC nursing program
- Retired nurses of any designation who wish to stay involved with the profession

Am I not automatically a member?

Not unless you were a member of BCNPA or ARPNBC. Otherwise, you're not a member. RNs, who are members of ARNBC, and LPNs need to sign up as well!

In the new year we will further define what this membership transition will look like. Stay tuned!

Canadian Nurses Association (CNA)

At its November Board meeting, we were thrilled to have the CNA Board of Directors approve NNPBC as the B.C. jurisdictional representative to CNA. It was a fantastic welcome to an organization we are proud to be part of, and we are so excited that all of our members will also be members of CNA, and by extension, the International Council of Nurses (ICN). Yes, that means all B.C. LPNs and RPNs who wish to take advantage of national and international opportunities, will finally have that chance through your NNPBC membership. There is no option for B.C. nurses to be individual members of CNA – ***another great reason to sign up for NNPBC*** and benefit from the connections and opportunities our national and international association provides.

Meet the NNPBC Board and Councillors!

We now have a full board, with the addition of a student, public and education representative in November. [Click here](#) to review the current list of NNPBC Board Members and how to contact them. [Click here](#) to learn about the councils that represent your designation.

Job Opportunities

As we expand our work and begin to focus on developing programs and services for all nurses, we look forward to adding to our team of dedicated staff. If you or someone you know is passionate about nursing, ready to work with a small but flexible team, and excited about advancing nursing in B.C. check out this opportunity at

www.nnpbc.com/pdfs/opportunities/NNPBC-posting-Nursing-Advisor-Program-Lead.pdf. We have two new staff members starting work with us in January and we look forward to profiling their backgrounds and regional responsibilities in our next Update.

Nurse Practitioners Update

Have you heard that the B.C. government is creating 200 new Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and 200 new Family Physician positions over the next three years as part of their plan to reform and improve primary health care service provision in B.C.? If not, you're going to want to read all about it by visiting www.nnpbc.com/portals/np/np-primary-care-recruitment to find out how this might positively impact your own practice.

Recently we hosted a series of webinars to explain some of the intricacies and answer your questions. The topics were:

- NP Independent practice versus NP as an agency employee (by CNPS)
- Insights into the new MOH primary care contracts for B.C. NPs

These webinars will be repeated in January so if you missed them this month you can participate in the new year. Check the [NP Portal](#) for dates and times.

LPN Update

LPNs - join NNPBC now if you haven't already and immerse your self in a whole new world of professional advocacy and collegiality within the nursing profession. We will be hitting the road in the new year to talk with as many LPNs as possible about the opportunities for LPNs within NNPBC and CNA, and to hear from you about the types of things you want to see in an association. We've also been invited to work with the Ministry of Health, Health Authorities, BC College of Nursing Professionals and other stakeholders to actively work in support of strengthening and clarifying the LPN Scope of Practice. Members will have the opportunity to provide feedback and insights into these important discussions – you won't want to miss out!

As 2018 comes to an end... we recognize the leadership of nurses in B.C.

It's been an action- packed year for the Association and its partners as we have worked to bring NNPBC into reality. The guidance and wisdom of the BC Coalition of Nursing Associations (BCCNA) has led the way to developing the future of one strong, united nursing association in B.C. Much more needs to be done to chart the next phase of this journey and the partnership between ARNBC and NNPBC will be a critical one in 2019 -; our transition year to voluntary membership. Much more will be defined in early 2019 regarding this transition as we design new relationships with CNA, BCCNP and the Ministry. But for now..

Wishing you all the very best of the holiday season! We're looking forward to an amazing year ahead!

(This message is sent on behalf of ARNBC and NNPBC)