

BCCNP

British Columbia
College of Nursing
Professionals



IMPORTANT

As of Sept. 4, 2018, the following nursing colleges amalgamated to become the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP):

- College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia (CLPNBC)
- College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC)
- College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of British Columbia (CRPNBC)

Although the information in the document you are about to access reflects our most current information about this topic, you'll notice the content refers to the previous nursing college that published this document prior to Sept. 4, 2018.

We appreciate your patience while we work towards updating all of our documents to reflect our new name and brand.

RPN Registration Requirement – Education

Summary of Requirement

To be eligible for practising RPN, non-practising RPN or provisional RPN registration with BCCNP, applicants must have either:

- a. Graduated from a psychiatric nursing education program; or
- b. Had their knowledge, skills and abilities assessed by the Registration Committee as being substantially equivalent to the Canadian RPN Entry-Level Competencies

Who does this Requirement apply to?

This requirement applies to anyone applying for practising RPN, non-practising RPN or provisional RPN registration.

How do I meet the Education Requirement?

You must provide proof of successful graduation from a psychiatric nursing education program that meets one of the following criteria:

1. The program is recognized by BCCNP. The recognized programs are:
 - a. The Psychiatric Nursing Diploma at Douglas College
 - b. The Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing at Douglas College
 - c. The Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing at Kwantlen Polytechnic College
 - d. The Regional Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing at Stenberg College
2. The program is recognized by one of the following Canadian psychiatric nursing regulators:
 - a. The College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta (CRPNA)
 - b. The College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba (CRPNM)
 - c. The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan (RPNAS)
3. The program or your combination of knowledge, skills and abilities has been assessed by BCCNP, CRPNA, CRPNM, or RPNAS and deemed substantially equivalent to recognized Canadian psychiatric nursing education programs.

If you do not meet any of the criteria above, you may apply to the BCCNP Registration Committee to have the combination of your knowledge, skills and abilities assessed to determine if they are substantially equivalent to the Canadian RPN Entry-Level Competencies.

Authority

The BCCNP Registration Committee has established this requirement under the following authority:

- *Health Professions Act* (British Columbia), Sections 16, 19 & 20
- BCCNP Bylaws (Part 5 – Registration)
 - Section 230 – General conditions and requirements
 - Section 248 – Practising RPN registration
 - Section 250 – Provisional RPN registration
 - Section 252 – Non-practising RPN registration