

Updates for Educators: September 2023

Education Program Review (EPR) team

We wanted to provide you with an update to our EPR team, welcoming some new* staff:

- Janice Penner, Director
- Harjit Dhesi, Education Consultant
- Samarjit Dhillon, Education Consultant *
- Martie Dobbs, Education Consultant
- Monica Kim, Administrative Assistant *
- Amy Olson, Education Advisor

You can contact us by using our department email epr@bccnm.ca.

New email address & web page

BCCNM's education program review department has recently updated its email address to epr@bccnm.ca. Any emails sent to the previous inbox (educationprogramreview@bccnm.ca) will be redirected to the new inbox.

We have also recently updated the [Education Program Review portion of BCCNM's website](#). Institutions will find more information about the recognition process, substantial changes, and the process for new education programs.

Requisite Skills and Abilities (RSAs) survey

The Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators (CCPNR) is seeking to update its [2013 RSA document](#) and is looking for input from practical nursing program educators. This document is used by education programs as part of their program policy development and by BCCNM departments, including EPR.

Please distribute this [survey](#) to your program educators. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The survey closes on **October 6, 2023**.

New Certified Practice course

The BCCNM board on Sep. 21, 2023, approved the *Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program: Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses Certified Practices* course, offered by the [British Columbia Centre on Substance Use \(BCCSU\)](#), as the required education program for certified practice OUD. For more details see the [BCCNM website](#).

BCCNM Standards and Guidance – new name

To better reflect the work done by the Practice Support and Regulatory Learning team, this program will now be known as [Standards and Guidance](#). Staff will continue to provide the same resources and services to support nurses and midwives to apply BCCNM standards of practice.

To request support such as standards consultations (formerly regulatory practice consultations), registrants can now use the [standards support intake form](#). The form ensures we have the information

we need to support registrants as quickly as possible. From Nov. 1, 2023, this will be the sole method to contact Standards and Guidance to request standards support.

BCCNM learning resources

As part of our digital learning and engagement strategy BCCNM is pleased to share our learning resources to support faculty in providing regulatory education to students. You can find our Cultural Safety and Humility videos, student learning videos, and additional resources [on our website](#).

We welcome your feedback on our resources. Please use the direct links embedded in our resources to provide feedback, and we also invite you to [connect with us](#) if you have additional feedback or questions.

Regulatory exam development

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is [currently recruiting qualified nurses](#) to serve on upcoming item review and item writing panels for the REx-PN and NCLEX-RN examinations. The qualifications for volunteer nurses interested in participating are outlined on [NCSBN's website](#). Please note that all volunteer opportunities are held at the NCSBN office in downtown Chicago, and travel expenses, including airfare, lodging and meals, are covered by NCSBN.

Revisions to Scope of Practice and Practice Standards		
Change	Description	Effective date
New and revised standards, limits, and conditions	The BCCNM board on Sep. 21, 2023, approved a series of new and amended standards, limits, and conditions to create a new designation of certified practice for opioid use disorder (OUD) for registered nurses (RNs) and registered psychiatric nurses (RPNs)	Nov. 1, 2023
Revised RM and NP prescribing standards	The BCCNM board on Sep. 21, 2023, approved minor revisions to the registered midwife (RM) and nurse practitioner (NP) standards related to prescribing medications to address gaps identified by engagement with key informants and audiences.	Oct. 23, 2023
Revised Medication practice standard	The BCCNM board on Sep. 21, 2023, approved revisions to the Medication practice standard for all nurses. This change will facilitate large-scale immunization efforts where organizational policies and processes are in place to ensure safe practices.	Oct. 23, 2023

Useful BCCNM links

- [BCCNM Education Program Review webpage](#)
- [Cultural Safety and Humility resources](#)
- [Entry Level Competencies](#)
- [Requisite skills and abilities](#)

- Learning resources: [LPN](#), [NP](#), [RM](#), [RN](#) and [RPN](#)
- Learning resources: [educators and students](#)
- [Newsletters](#)