(a) must assess the risk to the public of granting or renewing recognition to the education program, and

(b) having regard to that risk assessment, may

(i) grant or renew recognition for the education program for a specified period of time that is shorter than the corresponding maximum period of recognition under subsection (11), having regard to any relevant factors described in applicable education program review committee policies or procedures under section 6-8, subject to any terms or conditions that the committee considers necessary or appropriate to protect the public, or

(ii) deny recognition or renewal or recognition for the education program.

(13.1) For greater certainty, recognition granted or renewed under this section for an education program offered by a specific educational institution

(a) is specific to the particular education program recognized,

(b) is not transferable or assignable to a different educational institution without the approval of the education program review committee, and

(c) does not imply, and must not be construed as implying, recognition for any other education program offered by the same educational institution or otherwise that has not been separately recognized by the education program review committee.

(14) An educational institution that offers an education program granted recognition under this section

(a) must comply with any terms or conditions imposed by the education program review committee, and

(b) must notify the college in writing and provide any relevant information requested by the registrar before implementing any substantial change to the education program involving one or more of the following:

(i) how the curriculum addresses the entry-level competencies and eligibility standards required by the college for the applicable class of licensees;

(ii) how the curriculum addresses applicable ethics standards and practice standards;

(iii) campus location, including relocation of a campus, establishing a new campus or satellite campus;

(iv) a change to the name of the educational institution;

(v) an increase in the number of students beyond 10 percent of what the committee has currently recognized;

(vi) discontinuation of a program or closing of a campus;

(vii) any other significant change that may impact the educational institution’s ability to prepare students to meet the entry-level

PART 7 - CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Definitions

7-1 In this Part, the following definitions apply:

"certified licensee" means an eligible licensee holding current certification under this Part in a certification program established under section 7-2;

"certified licensee currency requirement" means, in respect of a certification program established under section 7-2, any requirement described in section 11-18 for certified licensees to demonstrate currency in their performance of restricted activities authorized by that certification program;

"certified practice competencies" means, in respect of a certification program established under section 7-2, the knowledge, skills, abilities and judgment necessary

(a) to competently perform the applicable restricted activities that a certified licensee who is certified in that program is authorized to perform under section 23, 53 or 70 of the NMR in the applicable practice settings in which they may perform those activities, and

(b) to apply any applicable decision support tools for the purposes of paragraph (a);

"course provider" means an educational institution or other agency satisfying any applicable criteria specified in education program review committee policies or procedures under section 7-6 that offers or proposes to offer a certified practice course;

"eligible licensee" means

(a) in respect of the certification programs for RN licensees established under section 7-2(1), a practising RN licensee or multijurisdictional RN licensee,

(b) in respect of the certification program for RPN licensees established under section 7-2(2), a practising RPN licensee or multijurisdictional RPN licensee, and

(c) in respect of the certification programs for midwife licensees established under section 7-2(3), a practising midwife licensee.

Certification programs established

7-2 (1) The following certification programs for RN licensees are established for the purpose of section 7 of the RHPR:

(a) Remote Practice Certification Program;

(b) Reproductive Health (Sexually Transmitted Infections) Certification Program;

(c) Reproductive Health (Contraceptive Management) Certification Program;

(d) RN First Call Certification Program;

(e) Opioid Use Disorder Certification Program (RN).

(6) The education program review committee must determine the period of recognition granted to a certified practice course under subsection (5) in the exercise of its discretion, having regard to any relevant factors described in applicable education program review committee policies or procedures under section 7-6, provided that the period of recognition granted to a new certified practice course or to an established certified practice course whose recognition is renewed must not exceed three years.

(7) At the request of a course provider applying for renewal of recognition of an established certified practice course, the education program review committee or the registrar may extend the existing recognition of the certified practice course on a provisional basis for a period of up to one year, subject to any terms or conditions that the committee considers necessary or appropriate to protect the public, if the committee is satisfied that, as a result of extenuating circumstances, it is in the public interest to grant that extension to give the course provider additional time to provide information confirming that the certified practice course will satisfy the requirements of subsection (5)(a), (b) and (c).

(8) If a course provider does not provide sufficient information to satisfy the education program review committee that a certified practice course will satisfy the requirements of subsection (5)(a), (b) and (c), the committee

(a) must assess the risk to the public of granting or renewing recognition to the certified practice course, and

(b) having regard to that risk assessment, may

(i) grant or renew recognition for the certified practice course for a specified period of time that is shorter than the maximum period of recognition under subsection (6), having regard to any relevant factors described in applicable education program review committee policies or procedures under section 7-6, subject to any terms or conditions that the committee considers necessary or appropriate to protect the public, or

(ii) deny recognition or renewal of recognition for the certified practice course.

(8.1) For greater certainty, recognition granted or renewed under this section for a certified practice course offered by a specific course provider

(a) is specific to the particular course recognized,

(b) is not transferable or assignable to a different course provider without the approval of the education program review committee, and

(c) does not imply, and must not be construed as implying, recognition for any other certified practice course offered by the same course provider or otherwise that has not been separately recognized by the education program review committee.

(9) A course provider that offers a certified practice course granted recognition under this section

Withdrawal of certified practice course recognition

7-5 (1) At any time, if the education program review committee determines that the continued recognition of a course provider's certified practice course granted recognition under section 7-4 poses a risk to the public, because of

(a) the course provider's failure to comply with terms or conditions previously imposed by the committee,

(b) any substantial change to the certified practice course, or

(c) any other deficiencies identified by the committee,

the committee may issue a warning of withdrawal of certified practice course recognition, notifying the course provider that recognition of the certified practice course may be withdrawn if terms and conditions specified in the warning are not met within the time specified in the warning.

(2) Before the education program review committee decides whether to withdraw recognition of a certified practice course identified in a warning issued under subsection (1), the course provider must be given a reasonable opportunity to provide information or submissions in response to any concerns identified in the warning for the committee's consideration, and to demonstrate satisfactory resolution of any deficiencies identified in the warning.

(3) After considering any information or submissions provided by the course provider under subsection (2), the education program review committee may decide

(a) to continue the existing recognition of the certified practice course without modification,

(b) to modify any existing terms or conditions imposed on the certified practice course, or add additional terms or conditions that the committee considers necessary or appropriate,

(c) to reduce the existing period of recognition for the certified practice course, with or without any changes to terms or conditions under paragraph (b), or

(d) to withdraw recognition of the certified practice course on an effective date specified by the committee.

(4) If the education program review committee makes a decision under subsection (3)(a), (b) or (c), the committee must also decide whether to remove, continue or modify any pending warning issued under subsection (1).

Certified practice course recognition policies

7-6 The education program review committee may establish additional policies and procedures respecting the recognition and withdrawal of recognition of certified practice courses under sections 7-4 and 7-5, including but not limited to policies or procedures

(0.1) specifying criteria for an educational institution or other agency to be eligible to apply for recognition of a certified practice course,

(a) specifying additional prerequisites or eligibility requirements for a course provider to apply for recognition of a new certified practice course or type of certified practice course,

(b) modifying or varying the education program review process for new or established certified practice courses for specified course providers or a category of course providers,

(c) authorizing the registrar or a deputy registrar to modify or vary aspects of the education program review process for new or established certified practice courses for a particular course provider in specified circumstances, or

(d) specifying factors relevant to determining the period of recognition granted to certified practice courses.

Delegation of authority of education program review committee

7-7 Subject to any terms of reference set for the education program review committee under section 3-1(3) and any applicable education program review committee policies or procedures under section 7-6, the education program review committee may delegate the exercise of any of its powers or the performance of any of its duties under sections 7-4 and 7-5 to

(a) the registrar or a deputy registrar, or

(b) another officer, employee or agent of the college designated by the registrar or a deputy registrar for that purpose under section 4-1(3).

Transition of certified practice courses recognized under former Act

7-8 (1) Every certified practice course recognized by the board as a "BCCNM-approved certified practice course" within the meaning of Schedule H of the former bylaws immediately before the HPOA effective date is deemed to be recognized by the education program review committee under section 7-4 for the purpose of the corresponding certification program established for RN licensees or RPN licensees under section 7-2(1) or (2), for a period of time and subject to any terms or conditions specified by the registrar under subsection (3).

(2) Every specialized practice course recognized by the board immediately before the HPOA effective date, in accordance with the *Certified and Specialized Practices Course Review Policies* previously established by the board under the former Act, for the purpose of a midwife specialized practice certification that corresponds to a certification program established for midwife licensees under section 7-2(3) is deemed to be recognized by the education program review committee as a certified practice course under section 7-4 for the purpose of the corresponding certification program, for a period of time and subject to any terms or conditions specified by the registrar under subsection (3).

(3) For each certified practice course deemed to be recognized by the education program review committee under subsection (1) or (2), the registrar must specify

(a) the certified practice course's period of recognition, corresponding to the course recognition length approved by the board before the HPOA effective date in accordance with the *Certified and Specialized Practices Course*