

Registration Transitional Class



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Introduction

As of January 1, 2005, the program requirement for entry to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) is an Ontario baccalaureate degree in nursing or equivalent. As of the same date, the requirement for registration as a Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) in Ontario is a diploma in practical nursing from an Ontario college of applied arts and technology or equivalent.

The Transitional Class is an option for nurses registered in another Canadian province or territory, but who do not meet the educational program requirement when applying for registration in that same category (RN or RPN) in Ontario.

Note: Applicants for CNO registration who were registered in the same category (RN or RPN) in another Canadian jurisdiction prior to January 1, 2005 are not required to meet the new program requirements for registration.

Transitional Class members:

Individuals interested in applying for the Transitional Class must:

- be registered with a Canadian nursing regulatory body; and
- provide evidence that they are making reasonable efforts (i.e., have applied for/are enrolled in an education program) to meet the program requirement of registration in their class of registration in Ontario. (Registration may be revoked if such evidence is not provided on at least an annual basis.)

Once registered in the Transitional Class, members:

- can practise nursing in Ontario while they complete education to meet the current Ontario program requirement of General Class registration;

- may hold the registration for a maximum of four years for RN Transitional Class and two years for RPN Transitional Class. (Registration will be revoked if the education requirement is not met within these time frames.);
- are required to participate in CNO's Quality Assurance Program;
- will receive the CNO journal *The Standard*; and
- are not eligible to run for CNO Council or statutory committees, or to vote in CNO elections.

Transitional Class registrants will automatically become members of the General Class upon completion of an education program that meets the current requirement.

Background information

Transitional Class registration was developed to accommodate the labour mobility provisions of the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT). Canadian regulatory bodies have an obligation to minimize barriers to the movement and registration of regulated professionals between provinces and territories.

For More Information

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