

# Registration

## Nurse Practitioners

### Introduction

Nurses registered in the Extended Class are Nurse Practitioners (NPs). NPs are Registered Nurses (RNs) with additional education and experience. They demonstrate the competencies to autonomously diagnose, order and interpret diagnostic tests, prescribe pharmaceuticals and perform procedures within their legislated scope of practice.

The College currently registers three NP specialty certificates in the Extended Class: NP-Adult, NP-Paediatrics, NP-Primary Health Care (PHC).

### Nurse Practitioner Titles

Nurses in the Extended Class must use either the RN(EC) or Nurse Practitioner (NP) title.

They may also use one of the following titles based on the specialty certificate they hold:

- NP-Adult
- NP-Paediatrics
- NP-Primary Health Care

Only nurses registered in the Extended Class can use the NP title.

### Nurse Practitioner Registration

Requirements for registration in the Extended Class include:

- graduation from an approved Nurse Practitioner university education program for the specified specialty certificate;
- recent evidence of safe practice, including evidence of advanced knowledge and decision-making skills in health assessment, diagnosis and therapeutic management; and
- successful completion of an approved exam for the specified specialty certificate.

For a complete overview of the NP registration requirements, see the *Registering in the Extended Class for Nurses in Ontario* guide at [www.cno.org/pubs](http://www.cno.org/pubs).

The College's practice standards outline the expectations for nurses that contribute to public protection. They inform nurses of their accountabilities and the public of what to expect of nurses. The standards apply to all nurses regardless of their role, job description or area of practice.

Nurse Practitioners are accountable for practising in accordance with all standards. Specific accountabilities associated with the NP role are outlined in the *Nurse Practitioners* practice document.

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