

Registered Practical Nursing

What is Practical Nursing?

Practical nurses are health care professionals and are prepared to practice in a variety of settings and contexts from a health promotion and caring perspective. Function safely, effectively and efficiently within a partnership and as a member of the health care team. Meet the educational and practice requirements of the College of Nurses Standards of Practice in Ontario.

What does a Practical Nurse do?

The role of the practical nurse is to care for stable individuals, families and groups. Practical Nurses in Ontario are considered autonomous practitioners.

Care for individuals, families and groups from diverse backgrounds, characteristics, and health and healing needs.

Assist clients to achieve goals of health promotion and habilitation, prevention of injury and disease, maintenance and restoration of health and or palliation

Where do Practical Nurses work?

RPNs provide care in a variety of settings including: hospitals, ambulatory clinics, doctor's offices, rehabilitation centers, community nursing agencies, mental health facilities, homes for the aged, retirement homes, and nursing homes,

Education & Preparation

RPNs graduate in Ontario from a two year Ontario College diploma program. And are eligible to write the national examination to practice as an RPN.. After passing the national exam graduates receive the title of Registered Practical Nurse (RPN).

Licensure

RPN's are regulated by the College of Nurses of Ontario through the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 and the Nursing Act 1991 as amended.

Professional Associations

Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario

Practical Nurses Canada

<http://www.pncanada.ca>

Practical Nurses Federation of Ontario