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Applies To: All Education Advisory Committee Members and Board of Directors.

Purpose: To provide guidance to the Education Advisory Committee and Board of Directors regarding the approval of nursing programs in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Policy:

The Northwest Territories Nursing Profession Act (2003) directs the RNANT/NU to establish an Education Advisory Committee (EAC). At least once every five years, the EAC will evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes to (i) standards for nursing education, (ii) nursing education programs, and (iii) the process for approval of nursing education programs. The Board of Directors may approve nursing education programs in the Northwest Territories (NT) and Nunavut (NU) as acceptable prerequisites for registration in the Association.

1. Committee Member Selection

The Association shall establish an Education Advisory Committee (EAC) composed of the following persons appointed by the RNANT/NU Board of Directors:

- a) no more than nine persons selected by the Board of Directors;
- b) one person who is a member of the public;
- c) one person recommended by the Minister; and
- d) one person recommended by the Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment.

The RNANT/NU Board of Directors shall make every effort to appoint committee members with experience in nursing education, nursing practice, and nursing administration, either individually or collectively, in order to best represent the scope of nursing.

2. Conflict of Interest

EAC members are required to self-disclose any potential or perceived conflicts of interest as a result of their involvement in the EAC Approval Process. In the situation where a committee member has direct involvement with a nursing program when completing the approval process, the committee member shall withdraw from the meeting when that program is discussed.

In the situation where there is potential or perceived conflict of interest identified by an external party, the RNANT/NU Board of Directors shall be advised. The Executive Committee will establish an impartial committee to examine the conflict and advise the parties involved as per the RNANT/NU Board policy B4: Conflict of Interest.



3. Approval Process

The Education Advisory Committee, Nursing Programs, Site Visitors, and Board of Directors will follow the guidelines in the *Approval Process for Nursing Education Programs Leading to Registration as a Registered Nurse (2016)*.

Conditions and Exceptions: None

Authority and Accountability:

This policy is issued under the authority of the RNANT/NU Board of Directors and as governed by the NT Nursing Profession Act (2003), s16, 17, and 18; the NU Nursing Act (1998); and RNANT/NU Bylaw 12. The Board of Directors has the authority to revise this Policy as required.

The Director of Regulatory Services and Policy and the Education Advisory Committee are accountable to the Board of Directors, and ultimately to the membership, for the implementation of this policy and may delegate any related administrative tasks.

History:

This policy replaces the former policies:

E1: Education Advisory Committee, issued in 1995

E2: Evaluation of Approval Process, issued in 1995

E3: Site Visits, issued in 1995

E4: Nursing Education Program Report, issued in 1995