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**Applies To:** Applicants who are required to take a nursing refresher program to meet competency requirements for registration as a registered nurse (RN) with RNANT/NU.

**Purpose:** This policy clarifies how an individual who does not have sufficient nursing hours of practice as determined by RNANT/NU may meet that requirement for continuing competency for RN registration.

**Policy:**

An individual who has not worked as an RN for a minimum of 1125 hours within the past 5 years must take a nursing refresher program to qualify for registration or reinstatement as an RN with RNANT/NU. The refresher program must be completed within the 12 months preceding the individual’s application for registration.

If the individual is planning to complete the clinical practice portion of the RN refresher program in the Northwest Territories or Nunavut, they must apply for a temporary certificate. The temporary certificate may only be issued for the time required to complete the clinical practicum.

Upon successful completion of the nursing refresher program the individual may apply for active registration with RNANT/NU as a registered nurse.

The type of application required for active registration will differ given the following conditions.

- i. If the nurse was not previously registered with RNANT/NU prior to completing the nursing refresher program, the nurse will be required to complete the Initial Application process.
- ii. If the nurse was registered with RNANT/NU prior to completing the nursing refresher program, the nurse will be required to complete the Reinstatement Application process.

**Conditions and Exceptions:**

The nursing refresher program must be an approved education program in the Canadian jurisdiction where it originates.

**Authority and Accountability:**

This policy is issued under the authority of RNANT/NU Board of Directors and as governed by the Nursing Profession Act (2003), 23(3)(d) and 29(1-2); Consolidation of the Nursing Act (1998); and RNANT/NU Bylaws, Bylaw 4, s1(b) and Bylaw 2, s5(d)(ii). The Board of Directors has the authority to revise this Policy as required.

The Registrar and the Registration Committee are accountable to the Board of Directors, and ultimately to the members, for the implementation of this policy and may delegate any related administrative tasks.



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**History:**

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