

College and Association of Nurses of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut



Category: BOARD

POLICY NAME	Position Statements		POLICY NO.	B10	
EFFECTIVE DATE	December 11, 2024	DATE OF LAST REVISION	September, 2022	VERSION NO.	3
APPLIES TO Apply group names to define applicable areas of staff. CANNN Board of Directors, Committees and staff members					

VERSION HISTORY				
VERSION	APPROVED BY	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	AUTHOR
3	Board of Directors	TBD, 2024	New format, update in committee compositions	Executive Director, Megan Wood
2	Board of Directors	September, 2022	Revision	Executive Director
1	Board of Directors	September, 2019	Creation	Executive Director

PURPOSE

Describe to what and to whom this policy applies.

This policy applies to the development and approval of position statements by the College and Association of Nurses of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut (CANNN), its Board of Directors, Committees and staff members.

POLICY

A position statement communicates, clearly and concisely, the position taken by CANNN on a specific issue or trend. The communication is directed to the public, the membership and interested organizations, in the interests of the public and the nursing profession.

A position statement may be prepared at the request of the Board of Directors, or as identified by the Executive Director and Staff of CANNN as a need for the public and nursing professions.

The topic of the position statement must be within the mandate of CANNN.

The interest of public well-being supersedes the interest of the nursing profession, though a position statement may be of mutual benefit to both the public good and to the nursing profession.

PROCEDURES

- The Board of Directors, in consultation with the Executive Director, assesses the need for a position statement based on a request or a current trend.
- An assessment is made of the time and areas of expertise required to prepare a position statement.
- The request to develop a position statement is brought to the appropriate party as determined by the Executive Director, and may include:
 - Committees
 - Staff
 - Public
 - Other resource engagement
- The appropriate party develops a draft position statement.
- The position statement is presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval.
- Position statements are posted on the CANNN website.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Define any acronyms, jargon, or terms that might have multiple meanings.

TERM	DEFINITION
Position Statement	A clear, concise statement to articulate a position on a specific issue affecting the nursing profession and the public. As a legislated regulatory body, the interest of public well-being supersedes the interests of the nursing profession.

CONDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

Describe exceptions here.

N/A

AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

List the job titles and business offices directly responsible for the policy.

ROLE	RESPONSIBILITY
CANNN Board of Directors	Governed by NWT Nursing Profession Act(2023)S.22.(2)(9), NU Nursing Profession Act(2023)S.18.(1)(2), Bylaw 9. Has the authority to revise this policy as required. Accountable to the members, and ultimately the public, for the implementation of this policy and may delegate any related administrative tasks.
Executive Director	The Executive Director is accountable to the Board of Directors, the members, and ultimately the public for the implementation of this policy.