



COLLEGE AND ASSOCIATION OF NURSES
of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut

Nurse Practitioner FAQs

Can NPs prescribe Buprenorphine?

NPs can prescribe this Schedule drug if they have the competence to do so. There is no legislative barrier preventing NP's from prescribing buprenorphine in the NT/NU.

As with any drug CANNN, requires NPs to adhere to the legislation, regulatory standards and employer policies when prescribing.

Although CANNN is not requesting to see proof of course completion, an NP should complete (and have proof of completion) of an evidence-informed learning module on buprenorphine, before prescribing it. The following two educational opportunities are available

<https://www.suboxonetrainingprogram.ca>

[https://www.camh.ca/en/education/continuing-education-programs-and-courses/
continuing-](https://www.camh.ca/en/education/continuing-education-programs-and-courses/continuing-)

[education-directory/buprenorphine-naloxone-treatment-for-opioid-use-disorder](https://www.camh.ca/en/education/continuing-education-programs-and-courses/continuing-education-directory/buprenorphine-naloxone-treatment-for-opioid-use-disorder)