

2021-2022 Highlights

Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR)

Promoting Excellence in Registered Nursing Regulation

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What is CCRNR?

The Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR) serves as a national collaborative for regulators of registered nurses for interprovincial/territorial, national, and global regulatory matters. CCRNR promotes the advancement of excellence in the regulation of registered nurses in the public interest.

What does CCRNR do?

- We create and maintain a forum for the exchange of information on regulatory best practices, policies, and legislation.
- We monitor trends and issues in regulation in provinces/territories, across Canada, and internationally.
- We advise on and promote promising regulatory practices and harmonized approaches to nursing regulation.
- We engage in projects of shared interest to members.
- We establish liaisons and partnerships that best position CCRNR and its members to address registered nursing regulatory matters.
- We promote an understanding of the purpose of nursing regulation and members' commitment to public safety and excellence in regulation.

CCRNR's priorities focus on supporting Canada's 12 registered nurse regulators' collaboration on approaches in key regulatory areas such as registration, policy and practice, nursing education program approval, professional conduct, and quality assurance/competence.

A Message of thanks from CCRNR President Cynthia Johansen



"On behalf of the CCRNR Board of Directors, I'd like to thank everyone for their dedication and perseverance during the unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic. As we begin to return to working and living like we did in pre-pandemic times, we look forward to moving forward, to meeting in person and taking full advantage of all that is offered us as we support excellence in nursing regulation across Canada."



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CCRNR OFFICERS

President:

Cynthia Johansen

Vice-President:

Lynn Power

ADMINISTRATION

Executive Coordinator:

Beth Ann Kenny

The work of CCRNR is supported by the expertise of skilled, knowledgeable staff from regulatory bodies across Canada.

PRIORITIES

CCRNR priorities' strategic direction: a **unified approach to nursing regulation**

Nurse Practitioner Regulatory Framework Implementation Plan Project (NPR-FIPP)

NPR-FIPP launched in 2019 to coordinate a standardized approach to the regulation of NPs in Canadian jurisdictions. This year, a key focus by the Steering Committee's Education Subcommittee, with co-chairs Michelle Carpenter (CRNNL) and Donna Cooke (CRNS), was the work on entry-level competencies (ELCs). Upon completion of those efforts, CCRNR will be working with Measure Learning (formerly Yardstick Assessment Strategies) on an NP practice analysis and the development of the new NP exam through the Exams Committee, Chaired by Joy Peacock (CRNA).

Sincere appreciation is extended to Katherine Stansfield (CRNM), who served as Project Lead, and to Bobbie Carefoote, who was Project Coordinator; both retired from their positions at the end of August 2022. Lynn Power (CRNNL) has replaced Katherine in the Project Lead role and Jill Kovacs has assumed the role of Project Manager. CCRNR is also pleased to announce that Eugenia Afolabi has been hired as the Project's Communications Consultant.

For information about the NPR-FIPP, please go to CCRNR's website (ccnr.ca/npr-fipp.html) to learn more about this project, to pose project-related questions, or to join the NPR-FIPP subscription service.

Multi-Jurisdictional Registration

CCRNR took a leading role in addressing the benefits and potential roll-out of multi-jurisdictional registration for nurses in Canada. CCRNR was able to engage Richard Steinecke who offered his expertise regarding this complex issue. Work continues within jurisdictions and with the other national groups of nurse regulators.

Canadian Nurse Regulators Collaborative (CNRC)

The members of the three national groups of nurse regulators—CCRNR, the Canadian Council for Practical Registered Nurses (CCPNR) and the Registered Psychiatric Nurse Regulators of Canada (RPNRC), form the CNRC. CNRC meets regularly to facilitate collaboration, provide a forum for knowledge and information exchange, and to support collaboration on initiatives related to nursing regulation.

In addition to regular meetings with the Principal Nursing Advisors Task Force (PNATF) and its Co-Chairs with CNRC's Coordinating Committee, Canada's new Chief Nursing Officer, Leigh Campbell, was also welcomed to her new role in September.

CNRC has identified action items as part of a priority plan, focusing on three distinct issues: CNRC's terms of reference, multi-jurisdictional registration, and Nursys Canada. Additionally, CNRC's Language Proficiency Project continues which is due for completion in 2023.

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Nursys Canada/Unique Identifier

The development of Nursys Canada has been a multi-year project of BCCNM and CNO with the support of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). The benefits of a Canadian system for sharing registration information seamlessly between regulators are numerous, including the provision of a unique identifier that can be beneficial in HHR planning. Project updates and opportunities for consultation continue to be communicated to CCRNR’s members and to the members of CNRC. CCRNR thanks BCCNM and CNO for their important work on, and resources devoted to, this project.

ONGOING AND NEW INITIATIVES

Collaborations, Consultations, and Meetings

Over the last year, CCRNR met with Health Canada, both individually and as a participant in a number of consultations related to nursing and health human resources and Indigenous health and safety. CCRNR also continues its collaboration and interaction with the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS), the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN), the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) and the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA), the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and the International Council of Nurses (ICN), and other stakeholders in nursing and health profession regulation.

Supporting CCRNR Networks and Working Groups (WGs)

CCRNR has many networks and WGs, focusing on key initiatives and sharing information both at policy and operational levels. Thanks are extended to all volunteers, including Registration Network Chair Sara Telfer (BCCNM) and NP Exam Administration WG Co-Chairs Cheryl Hamilton (CRNS) and Jillian Mosher (CRNMPEI).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS — TRANSITIONS



Anne Coghlan

- ◆ CNO: **Anne Coghlan**, founding member of CCRNR and Past President, retired on March 31, 2022; **Carol Timmings** served as CNO’s Board member from April 1, 2022-September 7, 2022, when **Silvie Crawford** assumed the role of CNO’s Executive Director & CEO
- ◆ CRNMPEI: **Sheila Marchant-Short** left her role at CRNPEI (which became CRNMPEI as of September 17, 2022) and **Melissa Panton** assumed the role of Executive Director as of May 14, 2022
- ◆ NSCN: **Caroline Wolfe Stewart** served as NSCN’s representative during **Sue Smith’s** brief absence from her role at NSCN
- ◆ CRNM: **Katherine Stansfield** retired on August 31, 2022; **Deb Elias** assumed the role of CRNM’s Executive Director as of September 1, 2022

For the second year, CCRNR’s Board held no “in person” meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR)

Members: All 12 of Canada's provincial/territorial registered nurse regulators are members of CCRNR:

College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador

CCRNR Board Member: Lynn Power, Executive Director

British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives

CCRNR Board Member: Cynthia Johansen, CEO

College of Registered Nurses of Alberta

CCRNR Board Member: Joy Peacock, CEO

College of Nurses of Ontario

CCRNR Board Member: Silvie Crawford, Executive Director and CEO

College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba

CCRNR Board Member: Deb Elias, CEO/Registrar

College of Registered Nurses and Midwives of Prince Edward Island (inclusion of Midwives as of September 17, 2022)

CCRNR Board Member: Melissa Panton, CEO and Registrar

Nova Scotia College of Nursing

CCRNR Board Member: Sue Smith, CEO and Registrar

Nurses Association of New Brunswick

CCRNR Board Member: Laurie Janes, Executive Director

Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec

CCRNR Board Member: Chantal Lemay

Registered Nurses Association of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut

CCRNR Board Member: Denise Bowen, Executive Director

College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan

CCRNR Board Member: Cindy Smith, Executive Director

Yukon Registered Nurses Association

CCRNR Board Member: Jerome Marburg, CEO

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