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The results of the NP Practice Analysis validation survey are now available

The Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNRR) is pleased to release the results of the NP Practice Analysis validation survey, which was facilitated by Meazure Learning and overseen by the Steering Committee of the Nurse Practitioner Regulation Framework Implementation Project Plan (NPR-FIPP).

Thanks to the NPs on the Practice Analysis Project Advisory Committee, who provided subject matter expertise for drafting the NP practice statements, and to NPs across Canada who completed the validation survey.

Completing this NP practice analysis is a key step in informing NP practice and developing the new national entry-level NP exam.

The survey, in English and French, was sent to all NPs registered to practice in Canada with several jurisdictional and national outreach efforts to encourage their participation. To validate the draft practice statements, NPs were asked to provide their perspective on what is generally expected of an NP at entry-to-practice by rating the importance and frequency of each draft practice statement.

More than 1,000 NPs completed the survey, representing a 12.5 percent response rate.

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Findings

The NPs on the advisory committee reviewed the survey findings, focusing their discussions on the draft practice statements that received lower survey importance and frequency ratings. Based on this review, they made some revisions to improve understanding.

The findings from this NP practice analysis reaffirm the foundational evidence for moving towards the national NP regulatory model—that entry-level NPs in Canada will be prepared to practice across clients' life spans and practice settings. Similar to the 2015 practice analysis findings, the recent findings showed no systematic or meaningful differences between the responses by NP category or streams of practice (Family/All Ages, Adult, and Pediatric).

Read the Practice Analysis Summary (in [English](#) and [French](#)) for more information about how the survey was conducted, how NPs informed and validated the practice statements, and a summary of the findings.

The comprehensive Practice Analysis report is also available in [English](#) and [French](#).

What's next?

Now that the practice analysis has been completed, Measure Learning is working with a national committee of NPs, using the practice analysis to develop the blueprint for the future national entry-level NP exam. The blueprint is expected to be completed and shared in early 2025.

Many NP education programs across the country revised their curriculum and began offering their revised programs this September (2024), educating student NPs across the lifespan and practice settings. These programs were developed based on the revised NP entry-level competencies. NP students in these programs will take the new national entry-level exam when they graduate in 2026.

Other education programs across the country are revising their NP education programs and will begin offering the new programs in 2025.

Thank you again to the NPs who participated in and informed this NP practice analysis. If you have any questions about the NPR-FIPP, [visit the project webpage](#) to review information or submit your questions.

Watch out for a future issue of the newsletter, which will provide more information about how nursing regulators will handle the registration of NP who are currently licensed with a specialty or category of practice.