

**REPRIMAND  
KERAN MALCOLM  
HRM, NOVA SCOTIA  
CLPNNS REG # 7846**



On February 24, 2009, the Complaints Committee of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia (the College) issued a reprimand, with the consent of Ms.

Malcolm, for professional misconduct. On March 6, 2009, Ms. Malcolm consented to the reprimand.

The Complaints Committee set out the following reasons for the reprimand:

Information provided to the Complaints Committee confirmed a breach by Ms. Malcolm to the Standards of Practice (2005), specifically Standard 1, and the Code of Ethics, specifically Value 5: Integrity.

Standard 1: Regulation and Professional Accountability states that LPNs are accountable for their own practice and actions. LPNs are accountable:

- to their Standards and Code of Ethics established by the College
- to their clients, regulatory body and employers
- for adhering to agency policies and procedures

The Complaints Committee determined that Ms. Malcolm did not take accountability for her actions and acknowledge a breach of a professional client relationship even when provided with numerous opportunities to come forward prior to the Complaints Committee meeting.

Code of Ethics, Value 5: Integrity states that LPNs fulfill their responsibilities with honesty and integrity.

The Complaints Committee determined that Ms. Malcolm did not act in an honest manner when she failed to acknowledge a personal relationship with a former client until evidence was presented confirming the relationship. In that, Ms. Malcolm also did not recognize and accept that professional boundaries serve to preserve the integrity of a nurse-client relationship.

The Complaints Committee also confirmed that Ms. Malcolm did not utilize a self-directed approach to exercising discretionary judgment in maintaining professional boundaries as per the College's Position Statement surrounding the Therapeutic Nurse-Client Relationship.