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Preliminary Approval for a Practical Nursing Education Program Université Sainte-Anne (Halifax Campus)

The Board of Directors of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia is pleased to announce that Université Sainte-Anne has received *preliminary approval* to offer a practical nursing education program beginning September 2016.

There are six Standards for Nursing Education Programs. Organizations seeking to establish new practical nursing education programs, must successfully demonstrate compliance with all six standards. *Preliminary approval* (phase one) is granted when there is evidence the institution will meet the first three of the six program standards. Preliminary approval is required before a program can admit students. *Conditional approval* (phase two) is granted following a successful site visit 6-12 months before the first graduating class. *Final approval* (phase three) is granted based on an assessment of the candidates performance on the national licensure exam and the institutions response to recommendations made by the program review team.

Preliminary approval was granted to the Université Sainte-Anne because they submitted a strong letter of intent and successfully demonstrated completion of the phase one requirements of the Practical Nursing Program Approval Process in their application. As part of the preliminary approval, the University is required to meet recommendations and suggestions made by the program review team by June 30, 2016.