

Our experienced, skilled and dedicated faculty strives to provide quality education and support.

Becoming an LPN in Nova Scotia

To practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Nova Scotia, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Graduate from an approved practical nursing program or nursing equivalent (credential verification for IENs from World Education Services) wes.org
- Provide evidence of recent safe nursing practice
- Provide evidence of written and spoken fluency in English
- Successfully pass the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Exam (CPNRE), or USA NCLEX graduates
- Provide a Criminal Record Check
- Provide a Vulnerable Sector Verification as required
- Show evidence of good character and fitness to practice

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Pathway to Success for Internationally Educated Nurses



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Nursing in Nova Scotia

Employing more internationally educated nurses (IENs) in Nova Scotia offers many benefits.

In addition to filling much needed nursing positions, well-educated and experienced IENs help make our healthcare system more culturally diverse. As our population ages, IENs will play an important role in sustaining Canada's healthcare system.

About Us

As the regulatory body for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) in Nova Scotia, the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia (CPLNNS) sets, monitors, and enforces standards for education, practice, and professional conduct for LPNs. The Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) provides practical nursing education in Nova Scotia and is approved by CLPNNS to deliver the practical nurse diploma program.

Visit www.cplnns.ca for more info.

Your Pathway to Success

As the demand for licensed practical nurses increases in Nova Scotia, internationally educated nurses are encouraged to complete the Pathway for Success training program.

The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia wants the path to licensure for IENs to be smooth and straightforward. That's why we've partnered with the Nova Scotia Community College to deliver this unique training program.

Pathway for Success is a program made up of three unique courses. Each course is designed to help IENs enhance their nursing education by focusing on the knowledge, skills, and abilities that are expected of licensed practical nurses in Canada.

COURSE 1

Review of Practical Nursing Concepts and Competencies

During this self-paced course, participants review practical nursing concepts and competencies including: pathophysiology, pharmacology, health assessment, and maternal child health nursing concepts.

Course length: 60 hours over 12 weeks

Delivery: Online

COURSE 2

Introduction to the LPN Scope of Practice in Nova Scotia

This four-day course helps IENs to better understand the roles and responsibilities of LPNs in Canada. With a focus on critical thinking, the course material is presented through discussion, case studies, practice tests, and simulated questions.

Course length: 24 hours over 4 days

Delivery: In-person

COURSE 3

CPNRE Preparation

This six-hour course will help IENs as they prepare to write the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Exam (cpnre.ca).

Course length: 6 hours

Delivery: In-person