

### MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to the current *Registered Nurse Act* the Nurse Practitioner Committee shall consist of 6 members:

- Four registered nurses practising as nurse practitioners.
- Two nurse educators who teach in a nurse practitioner program approved by CRNNS and who have experience in program evaluation, with at least one from Dalhousie University.

The Council shall appoint the Chair of the Nurse Practitioner Committee.

**TERM OF OFFICE** Three (3) Years (eligible for reappointment for additional terms)

### QUORUM

- A quorum of the Committee consists of any 3 members of the Committee.
- All decisions require the vote of a majority of the Committee or the majority of the quorum.

### MANDATE

The Nurse Practitioner Committee is established by legislative authority to:

- Conduct competence assessments for nurse practitioners, or applicants for a nurse practitioner's licence, where
  - a nurse practitioner has changed practice settings or is working with a different client population; or
  - a competence assessment is otherwise required by the *Act* or *Regulations*,
- Request the nurse practitioner to take appropriate remedial action in the event the Nurse Practitioner Committee finds in the course of a competence assessment that a nurse practitioner may not be practising in accordance with the standards or the competencies established for nurse practitioners. In the absence of compliance with such remedial action the Nurse Practitioner Committee may refer the matter to the Executive Director (CEO).
- Recommend to Council a competence assessment program to determine, where required by regulations, that applicants have the necessary competencies to practice as nurse practitioners.
- Monitor and evaluate the competence assessment program approved by Council.
- Advise and make recommendations to the Council on policies for licensing of nurse practitioners.

### CRITERIA FOR CRNNS MEMBERSHIP

- Registration as a nurse practitioner with the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia.
- An active practising member of CRNNS in good standing as defined in the current CRNNS By-laws for both initial and continuing membership.
- Shall not be a member of Council or employee of CRNNS.
- Understanding of self-regulation.
- Willing to become familiar with the Nurse Practitioner Standards for Practice, the Code of Ethics for Nursing and the CRNNS governing legislation.
- Ability to objectively analyze evidence presented and make decisions based on evidence.
- Ability to undertake the time requirements.

**ADDITIONAL SKILL PREFERRED FOR CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE** Experience in conducting a meeting.