

Interdisciplinary Nurse Practitioner Practice Review Committee

Terms of Reference

MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to the current *Registered Nurse Act* the Interdisciplinary NP Practice Review Committee shall consist of 12 members:

- three community-based nurse practitioners appointed by Council
- three acute-care based nurse practitioners appointed by Council
- two nurse practitioners engaged in the education of nurse practitioners
- one representative appointed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia, with power to designate an alternate physician representative
- one representative appointed by the College of Pharmacists of Nova Scotia, with power to designate an alternate pharmacists representative;
- one representative from employers of nurse practitioners, appointed by Council
- one public representative appointed by Council.

Council shall appoint the Chair of the Interdisciplinary Nurse Practitioner Practice Review Committee.

TERM OF OFFICE

Three (3) years, eligible for reappointment for additional terms.

QUORUM

Pursuant to the current *Registered Nurse Act*, a quorum of the Interdisciplinary NP Practice Review Committee shall consist of 8 members in the following configuration:

- two community-based nurse practitioners
- two acute-care based nurse practitioners
- one nurse practitioners engaged in the education of nurse practitioners
- one representative from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia
- one representative from the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
- either the employer or public representative.

All decisions require the vote of a majority of the Committee or the majority of the quorum.

MANDATE

The Interdisciplinary Nurse Practitioner Practice Review Committee (IDPRC) is established by the current *Registered Nurse Act* to determine and ensure compliance of the practice of nurse practitioners (NPs) with the *Act, Regulations and Standards of Practice for Nurse Practitioners*.

The IDPRC will report to Council on the:

- a. processes, relevant policies, procedures and tools required for the mandatory review of NPs practice (NP Review Program).
- b. implementation of the NP Review Program.
- c. evaluation strategy to determine the effectiveness of the NP Review Program.
- d. regular evaluation of the NP Review Program, including recommended changes.

CRITERIA FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER MEMBERSHIP

1. Licensed as a nurse practitioner in Nova Scotia.
2. Currently practicing as a nurse practitioner.
3. A member of CRNNS in good standing as defined in the College By-Laws for both initial and continuing membership.
4. Understanding of self-regulation.
5. Knowledgeable about CRNNS governing legislation.
6. Ability to objectively analyze evidence presented and make decisions based on evidence.
7. Flexible and open to new ideas.
8. Ability to undertake the time requirements (approximately 6-10 days per year).
9. Experience with interdisciplinary practice.

CRITERIA FOR NON-NURSE PRACTITIONER MEMBERSHIP

1. Knowledgeable of the nurse practitioner role.
2. Understanding of self-regulation.
3. Ability to objectively analyze evidence presented and make decisions based on evidence.
4. Flexible and open to new ideas.
5. Ability to undertake the time requirements (approximately 6-10 days per year).

ADDITIONAL SKILL PREFERRED FOR CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE

Experience in conducting meetings.

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