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New Policy X

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Signature

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Applies To: All previously registered RNANT/NU members who held an NP license who did not renew their practicing NP membership, and who cannot meet the hours of practice criteria for re-entry

Purpose: This policy outlines the process for re-entry as an NP when an individual does not have sufficient nurse practitioner hours of practice as determined by the RNANT/NU.

Policy:

Nurse Practitioner Re-entry Program with RNANT/NU

To qualify for the RNANT/NU NP Re-entry Program, the applicant must:

- Be a current active practicing member (RN or NP) with the RNANT/NU
- Have held a practicing NP registration in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut for 6 consecutive months.
- Be in good-standing.

Applicants who choose to complete the NP Re-entry Program must write to the NP Practice Committee requesting a review of their circumstances to determine if they meet the criteria to be considered for the re-entry program. The NP Practice Committee will assess each applicant on a case-by-case basis and develop an individualized learning program for the applicant. The development of the individualized learning program will consider the applicant's:

- Number of NP practice hours within the previous 4 years, and/or
- Length of time away from NP practice, and
- Portfolio (e.g., previous education, previous NP experience, current certifications)
- Reason for prolonged absence from active NP practice

The NP Re-entry Program may include but is not limited to the completion of clinical NP practice hours, courses in advanced health assessment and pharmacology and a continuing competence/professional development learning plan. Courses are to be taken at Canadian post-secondary institutions offering approved Nurse Practitioner programming.

Once the individualized learning program is developed by the NP Practice Committee for the applicant, and the recommendation is that the applicant complete a supervised practicum within the NT or NU, the applicant must apply for an NP temporary certificate. This will be required to



complete any clinical practice portion of the program. The temporary certificate may only be issued for the time required to complete the clinical practicum.

Upon successful completion of all components of the learning program set out for the applicant by the NP Practice Committee, the individual may apply for active registration with the RNANT/NU as a nurse practitioner and must do so within 12 months.

Conditions and Exceptions:

All costs related to the completion of the Nurse Practitioner Re-entry Program will be the responsibility of the applicant.

Authority and Accountability:

This policy is issued under the authority of the RNANT/NU Board of Directors and as governed by the Nursing Profession Act (2003), 23(3)(d) and 29(1-2); the Nunavut Nursing Act (1998); and the RNANT/NU Bylaws, Bylaw 4, s1(b) and Bylaw 2, s5(d)(ii). The Board of Directors has the authority to revise this Policy as required.

The Registrar, Nurse Practitioner Practice Committee, and Registration Committee are accountable to the Board of Directors, and ultimately to the membership, for the implementation of this policy and may delegate any related administrative tasks.

History:

N/A