

THE BASIC CANADIAN STANDARD

- A. 1. The minimum acceptable requirement for psychiatric nursing program length shall be **20 months**.
- The 20 month period shall not include time not spent in a classroom or clinical setting, such as vacation time.
2. The minimum acceptable requirement for clinical experience in a controlled setting shall be **1000 hours**.
- Controlled setting- “where the learning experience is designed to attain identified learning objectives.”
3. The minimum acceptable requirement for theoretical instruction shall be 1000 hours.
- a) Theoretical content must include a minimum of **500 hours** of psychiatric nursing of which not less than 36 hours shall be in mental retardation.
- b) Theoretical content must include a minimum of **225 hours** basic nursing.
- B. 1. Where an applicant does not meet the criteria specified in A, an educational program shall be required. The program shall be sufficient to enable the applicant, on successful completion, to meet the specified (necessary) criteria.