

The development of national entry-level competencies increases consistency among the jurisdictions in Canada that regulate Registered Psychiatric Nurses. This consistency supports the psychiatric nursing regulatory authorities in meeting the mobility obligations identified in Canada's Agreement on Internal Trade. National entry-level competencies can also support the future regulation of the profession in Canada.

The entry-level competencies are also a guide for curriculum development and a way to assess international psychiatric nursing education programs. The entry-level competencies increase public and employer awareness of the practice expectations of entry-level RPNs. Increased awareness provides role clarity and assists with the appropriate utilization of the psychiatric nursing workforce.