



COLLEGE OF REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES OF MANITOBA

TITLE: Temporary Registration in a Public Health Emergency

Date in Effect: November 20, 2020

Date approved: November 20, 2020

Policy Type: Registration

PURPOSE: To establish a Practising-Temporary (Pandemic Service) register and to set out the modified requirements for registration of former members of the College, and for persons who are authorized to practice as Registered Psychiatric Nurses in other Canadian jurisdictions, when a Public Health Emergency has been declared.

This policy is implemented when the Minister provides notice to the College pursuant to section 56 of *The Regulated Health Professions Act*.

POLICY: The College will establish a Practising- Temporary (Pandemic Service) register for the purpose of pandemic service provision. Practice will be restricted to providing registered psychiatric nursing services during the public health emergency and as part of Manitoba's pandemic response. Practice outside of the purpose of this registration (i.e., Manitoba's pandemic response) may result in cancellation and referral to the Investigation Committee.

To expedite this registration during the pandemic, eligible applicants must sign a Background Checks Declaration in lieu of providing the criminal records and adult and child abuse registry checks (collectively the "Background Checks") on application. Eligible applicants must fulfill any original requirements as specified and within the time frame established by the Registrar.

Application, reinstatement, and registration fees may be waived. Professional liability protection is required.

Those who apply to the Practising-Temporary (Pandemic Service) register will be considered for a four-month renewable registration.

CRITERIA To be eligible for the Practising- Temporary (Pandemic Service) register, former members must have been registered, in good standing, within the past 5 years and immediately before ceasing to be a member of the College. Applicants from other Canadian jurisdictions must be currently registered, in good standing, as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse in the jurisdiction in which they practice.

Applications for registration to the Registered Psychiatric Nurse-Temporary (Pandemic Service) register must meet the requirements for registration and continuing competence identified in the *Registered Psychiatric Nurse Regulation*.

APPLICATION OF POLICY

Eligibility for Practising- Temporary (Pandemic Service) registration is as follows:

a) Former Registrants of the College

- a) Must have held Practising registration in Manitoba in the past 5 years and was on a register (Practising or Non-Practising) immediately before the registration was cancelled.
- b) Membership with College was in good standing when the previous registration was cancelled (i.e., not suspended; the individual did not leave the register on a voluntary surrender; there were no outstanding conditions or requirements as a result of a proceeding with the Investigation Committee; there are no outstanding monies owed to the College).
- c) Must meet one of the following currency requirements:
 - i) Practice as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse for a minimum of 1400 hours in 5-year period immediately before the registration year for which registration is sought.
 - ii) Has completed an approved psychiatric nursing education program and the Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Canada Examination (RPNCE) in the past 4 years.
- d) Must not suffer from a physical, mental condition, disorder, or addiction to alcohol or drugs that makes it desirable in the public interest that he or she not practise psychiatric nursing.
- e) Must not possess a record of conviction under the *Criminal Code (Canada)*, the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Canada)*, the *Food and Drugs Act (Canada)* or any criminal or penal statute of a jurisdiction outside of Canada that makes it desirable in the public interest that he or she not practise psychiatric nursing.
- f) Must sign the Background Checks Declaration.

b) Registered Psychiatric Nurse from Another Canadian Jurisdiction

- a) Must be registered in good standing as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse and have a valid certificate of practice/practice permit.
- b) Must meet one of the following currency requirements:
 - i) Practice as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse for a minimum of 1400 hours in 5-year period immediately before the registration year for which registration is sought.
 - ii) Has completed an approved psychiatric nursing education program and the Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Canada Examination (RPNCE) in the past 4 years.
- c) Must not suffer from a physical, mental condition, disorder, or addiction to alcohol or drugs that makes it desirable in the public interest that he or she not practise psychiatric nursing.
- d) Must not possess a record of conviction under the *Criminal Code (Canada)*, the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Canada)*, the *Food and Drugs Act (Canada)* or any criminal or penal statute of a jurisdiction outside of Canada that makes it desirable in the public interest that he or she not practise psychiatric nursing.
- e) Must sign the Background Checks Declaration.

REFERENCE(S):

The Regulated Health Professions Act s.56

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Act

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Regulation