

Benefits of a single nursing regulator

How B.C.'s nurses—LPNs, NPs, RNs and RPNs—will benefit

The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of B.C. (CLPNBC), the College of Registered Nurses of B.C. (CRNBC) and College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of B.C. (CRPNBC) are working with government to co-create a new nursing body that will replace our existing colleges.

Currently, having three colleges means nurses in B.C. may be subject to different regulatory requirements, including quality assurance, registration and standards of practice. A new college will be able to make the regulatory process simpler by setting consistent standards for nurses across the province while respecting the differences between nursing disciplines.

The creation of a single nursing regulator also strengthens our three colleges' commitment to accessibility, and ensures that nursing regulation in British Columbia is collaborative and cohesive, and supports nurses to deliver the best care possible.

Additional benefits of a single nursing regulator:

- More effective use of registration fees, helping to manage costs and future fee increases.
- A single point of contact for nurses, members of the public, government and nursing employers, making it easier for them to share their concerns and collaborate, and ensuring consistent answers to questions from stakeholders.
- A single college, regulating all four disciplines, better reflects the integrated working relationships already present in the workplace
- Consistent and timely standards that provide clarity for nurses working in teams to deliver care
- Information and new/updated standards being shared with all four disciplines at the same time, in the same way
- Ability to collaborate more successfully with other regulators/regulated health professionals
- More opportunities to work towards/ incorporate best practices in regulation
- Increased influence as a single regulator, speaking with a unified voice and better able to effect change

Questions?

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