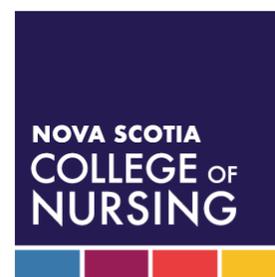


N.S. Nursing Regulator Continues to Offer More Ways for Retired Nurses, Others to Help during the Pandemic



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(Halifax, N.S.): As COVID-19 vaccinations begin across the province, the Nova Scotia College of Nursing (NSCN) continues to support the public and health system needs by offering even more ways for individuals previously licensed in Nova Scotia to return temporarily to practice and help during the pandemic.

Starting this week, qualified individuals previously licensed in Nova Scotia who have practiced *in the last six to 10 years* may be eligible for an emergency conditional licence with restrictions to work temporarily in a COVID-19 vaccination and/or assessment clinic, contact tracing, client-follow up or a support role. This licence is free of charge.

“This conditional licence is specifically designed to support the COVID-19 vaccination efforts, as well as other pandemic needs, by enabling additional qualified individuals to enter the workforce and support the public’s access to vaccinations and other pandemic-related services,” shares Sue Smith, CEO and Registrar of NSCN.

Individuals granted an emergency conditional licence with restrictions must be competent to assess clients, administer the vaccines, and identify and manage adverse reactions. They are able to provide basic care to clients in a COVID clinic but cannot manage the care of clients beyond the vaccination and may not float to settings to care for ill clients.

“Vaccines are top of mind for Nova Scotians and the expansion of our rapid re-licensing process to enable more nurses to provide COVID-related care in specified, localized settings speaks to our organization’s commitment to the public,” shares Douglas Bungay, NSCN Deputy Registrar and Senior Director of Legislative Services. “We encourage individuals previously licensed in Nova Scotia who have practiced in the last ten years and want to support the pandemic efforts to visit our website for more information and to apply.”

This licence is in addition to the unrestricted emergency conditional licence available that enables qualified individuals previously licensed in Nova Scotia to work temporarily in any setting if they have practiced *in the last five years*. Between March and June 2020, NSCN granted nearly 200 formerly licensed nurses with an unrestricted emergency conditional licence free-of-charge to re-enter the workforce and help during the early wave of the pandemic.

For more information, visit the [website](#).

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