



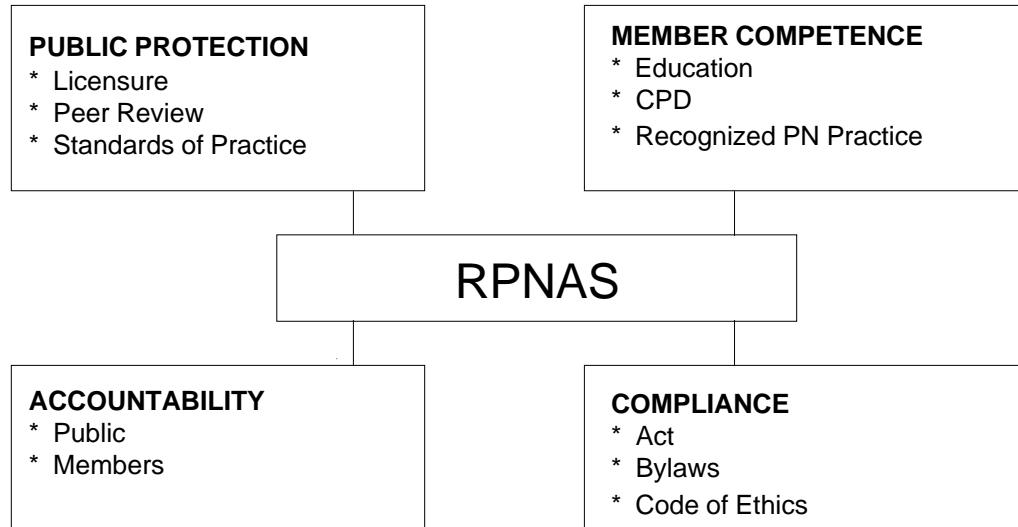
**REGISTERED
PSYCHIATRIC
NURSES
ASSOCIATION OF
SASKATCHEWAN**

The mission of the RPNAS guides us in achieving our mandate, while a commitment to our shared values and philosophy help us cope with change.

Mission

The mission of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan is to assure that its membership continue to provide therapeutically safe, competent and ethical psychiatric nursing care; and to guide the growth and development of the psychiatric nursing profession.

Values



Philosophy

THE RPNAS

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan is the professional association with regulatory authority for the registration and licensing of psychiatric nurses in Saskatchewan. Inclusive in this mandate are the following notions: setting and maintaining standards of practice for registered psychiatric nurses, ensuring disciplinary and peer review mechanisms, evaluating education programs and generally promoting the development and recognition of the profession.

With input from the public and membership, the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan speaks on behalf of the public and registered psychiatric nurses to influence the decision making process in health care planning and policy development at various levels.

In all its activities, the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan seeks to stimulate and guide the continuing development of the psychiatric nursing profession and enhance public awareness of the specialized contribution of RPNs in health care and other related fields.

PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

Psychiatric nursing as a distinct field provides service to individuals whose primary care needs relate to mental and developmental health. The core knowledge and skills of psychiatric nursing are developed from the nursing, psycho-social, biological and physical-sciences. The basis of psychiatric nursing is a caring, therapeutic relationship. Caring includes empathy, acknowledgment of the uniqueness of the individual, a non-judgmental attitude, respect for the rights, beliefs and values of others; and a willingness to share, learn and to grow. Psychiatric nursing focuses on the influence of psycho-social forces on health while committed to the promotion, restoration and maintenance of optimal health.