

REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

INFORMATION SHEET

PSYCHIATRIC NURSING RE-ENTRY PROGRAM STUDENTS

As you complete your academic studies you should become familiar with some of the legal obligations you will be required to meet as a psychiatric nurse. Through the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Act and bylaws, the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan is empowered to set the requirements for membership and licensure of psychiatric nurses. These requirements are met in a number of ways, registration examinations, initial registration requirements, temporary and active practising licence.

In order to prepare for the financial implications of these processes, the RPNAS has prepared the following list of requirements.

1) **REGISTRATION EXAMINATION**

Writers must pre-register and pay the required fee within 21 days of the examination date to be eligible.

Cost (per sitting)..... \$175.00

2) **GRADUATE PSYCHIATRIC NURSE MEMBERSHIP AND TEMPORARY LICENCE**

In the province of Saskatchewan use of the title Anurse@ is protected by legislation. The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Act protects the title Apsychiatric nurse@, ARegistered Psychiatric Nurse@, the abbreviation APN@ or ARPN@ or any word, title or designation, abbreviated or otherwise, to imply that the person is a practising member of the RPNAS.

No person other than a graduate psychiatric nurse shall use the title AGraduate Psychiatric Nurse@, the abbreviation AGPN@ or any word, title or designation, abbreviated or otherwise, to imply that the person is a graduate psychiatric nurse.

Our legislation allows for a graduate psychiatric nurse category and the granting of temporary licence for those psychiatric nurses who have written or are waiting to write the registration examination for psychiatric nurses; or psychiatric nurses completing a re-entry program.

If you plan to work immediately after graduation as a graduate psychiatric nurse in Saskatchewan, you will be required to obtain a temporary licence. This licence is limited to a four month period, with the option for a second four month period , if required.

Cost of a Temporary Licence..... **\$112.00**
(licence fee of \$105.00) + (malpractice insurance fee of \$7.00)

3) **ACTIVE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE AS A REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSE**

Graduate psychiatric nurses on successfully passing the registration examination are eligible for active practising membership with the RPNAS. If you plan to work as a psychiatric nurse in Saskatchewan the same protection of title outlined in #2 applies.

Once eligible for licensure, your initial registration with the association must be active practising. If you wish to practise with the full privileges as a registered psychiatric nurse, with practising membership and licensure, you must apply for that status. Your temporary licence provides you with the graduate status only, limiting your

practise and requiring supervision from an RPN or an RN with active status.

Members holding a temporary licence:

(If you have paid for a temporary licence the initial registration fee and malpractice insurance fee have been paid.)

- A. Members holding a temporary licence and who apply for active licence **within two months** after obtaining temporary status receive a transfer of 50% of the licence fee towards the cost of an active licence (50% of \$105.00 = \$52.50). Based on 2003 Fees.

2003 Pro-rated (July 1 to December 31) **Active Licence.....\$136.50** (\$189.00 minus \$52.50)

2004 Fees **Active Licence.....\$227.50** (\$330 minus \$52.50)

- B. Members holding a temporary licence and who apply for active licence **after two months.**

2003 Pro-rated (July 1 to December 31) **Active Licence.....\$189.00**

2004 Fees **Active Licence.....\$330.00**

If you have not had a temporary licence your costs will be different.

- C. Members with no previous temporary licence:

2003 Pro-rated (July 1 to December 31) **Active Licence.....\$196.00**
(licence fee \$189.00) + (malpractice insurance fee of \$7.00)

2004 Fees **Active Licence.....\$337.00**
(licence fee \$330) + (malpractice insurance fee of \$7.00)

4) **RE-ENTRY PROGRAM STUDENTS**

If you are or have been a registered member of the Association you will not be required to write the registration examination on successful completion of the re-entry program, unless you have not held an active licence for a period of ten years or more, or pay the initial registration fee. You will be required to pay fees for temporary or active licence as applicable and described in sections 2) and 3) above.

Please contact Central Office with specific questions regarding registration with the Association:

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