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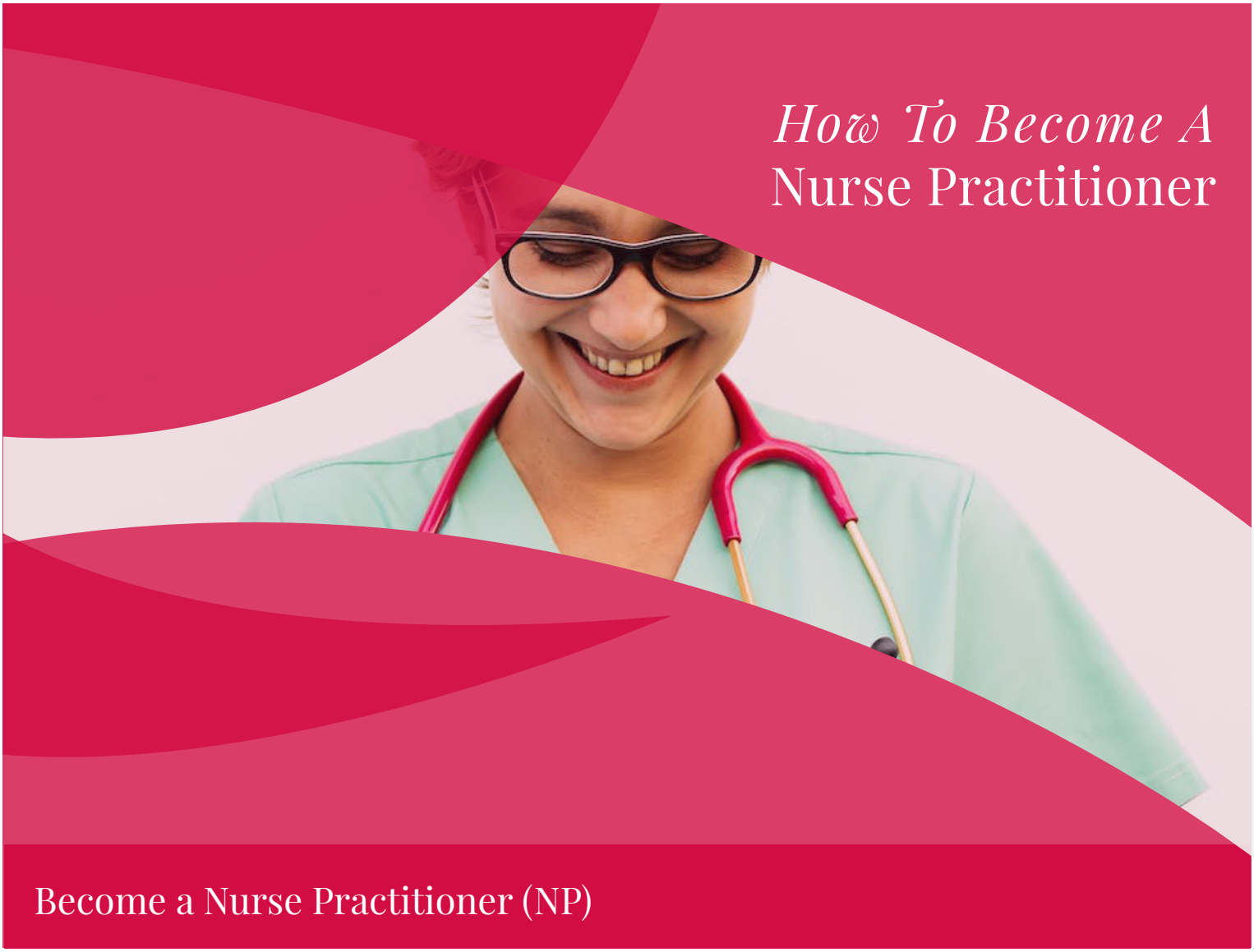

How To Become A Nurse Practitioner

Become a Nurse Practitioner (NP)

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NPAO is the only organization exclusively dedicated to advancing the NP profession.

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What is a Nurse Practitioner?

A Nurse Practitioner (NP) is a registered nurse (RN) in the Extended Class [RN(ECs)] with advanced university education, regulated by the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO).

Nurse Practitioners have the authority to autonomously and safely perform additional controlled acts such as formulating and communicating a diagnosis, prescribing medications, and ordering treatments and diagnostic tests. NPs work in partnership with physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals (social workers, midwives, mental health professionals, and pharmacists) to provide personalized, quality healthcare to patients. NPs provide a full range of healthcare services to individuals, families, and communities in a variety of settings including hospitals and community-based clinics in cities and smaller towns.

To register as a Nurse Practitioner (NP) in Ontario, nurses must graduate from a CNO-approved university NP program that grants a Certificate in one of the following Specialties: Adult, Pediatric, and Primary Health Care.

As a Member Of Your Health Care Team NPs Can:

- Diagnose Conditions
- Perform Comprehensive Assessments
- Order Tests
- Prescribe Medications
- Provide Specialist Referrals
- Develop Treatment Plans
- Provide for Most of Your Health Care Needs

Nurse Practitioners Work In:

- Hospitals
- Nurse Practitioners Led Clinics
- Community Health Centres
- Family Health Teams
- Long Term Care
- Correction Facilities
- Mental Health & Addiction Centres
- Virtual Care
- Walk-in Clinics

NP Areas of Speciality

NP-Primary
NP-Adult
NP-Paediatrics

Questions? Contact us at info@npao.org

Pre-Requisites For Nurse Practitioner Programs

Minimum Eligibility Requirements for the Ontario Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Program

Current Ontario Certificate of Competence (RN)

Completed undergraduate nursing program (BScN) or equivalent nursing degree (e.g. BN, etc.) with a minimum B average

X 2 years

Equivalent of two years of direct nursing (RN) experience in the last five years (> 3,640 hours) completed by the February 1st application deadline.

Preference will be given to Ontario residents.

For the Nurse Practitioner Graduate Diploma program only – must also have a completed Master's degree in Nursing.

Nurse Practitioner (NP) Programs

The primary health care Nurse Practitioner programs (PHCNP) were established by the Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN) and are offered by 9 universities.

The following Nurse Practitioner nursing programs have been reviewed and approved; these programs meet all mandatory requirements. Graduates from these programs are eligible to register with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO).

Please contact the schools directly if you have any questions about their NP programs.

Nurse Practitioner Programs:

Click a Nurse Practitioner program below to learn more.

Lakehead University

Lakehead University Primary Health Nurse Care Practitioner (Masters)

Laurentian University

Laurentian University Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Masters) (English/French)

McMaster University

McMaster University Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Masters)

McMaster University Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Graduate Diploma (Post Masters)

Queen's University

Queen's University Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Masters)

Queen's University Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Diploma (Post Masters)

Toronto Metropolitan University

Toronto Metropolitan University MN/Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Masters)

Toronto Metropolitan University Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate (Post Masters)

University of Ottawa

University of Ottawa Master of Science Nursing/ Diploma Primary Healthcare for Nurse Practitioner (English/French)

University of Ottawa Diploma Primary Health Care for Nurse Practitioner (Post Masters)

University of Windsor

University of Windsor Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Masters)

University of Windsor Graduate Diploma and Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Post Masters)

Western University

Western University Master of Nursing/Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner

Western University Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate (Post Masters)

York University

York University Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Masters)

Primary Health Care Specialty Programs

- University of Toronto Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner – Global Health (Masters)
- University of Toronto Post-Masters Nurse Practitioner Diploma – Global Health (Post Masters)

Adult Specialty Programs

- University of Toronto Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner – Adult (Masters)
- University of Toronto Post-Masters Nurse Practitioner Diploma – Adult (Post Masters)

Paediatrics' Specialty Programs

- University of Toronto Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner – Paediatrics (Masters)
- University of Toronto Post-Masters Nurse Practitioner Diploma – Paediatrics (Post Masters)

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