GET INVOLVED

Being part of a self-regulated profession means that RNs and NPs govern nursing and are the ‘self’ in self-regulation. ARNNL encourages its members to contribute their knowledge and expertise. RNs, NPs, nursing students and members of the public serve ARNNL in many capacities, such as:

• Elected or appointed members of ARNNL Council;
• Members of ARNNL committees and working groups;
• Participants of ARNNL’s Workplace Representative program;
• Participants of ARNNL’s Nursing Student Representative program;
• Participants in advocacy campaigns, focus groups and surveys.

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WHO WE ARE

The Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL) is the regulatory body and professional organization for all registered nurses (RNs) and nurse practitioners (NPs) in the province. ARNNL is granted the responsibility to regulate the nursing profession through the Registered Nurses Act (2008). ARNNL Council – governed by volunteer RNs elected by RNs, and public representatives appointed by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador – establishes goals and policies for the Association within our mandate, which include:

• Advancing and promoting the ethical and professional standards of the nursing profession;
• Promoting proficiency and competency in the nursing profession; and
• Encouraging members to participate in activities promoting the health and well-being of the public.

WHAT WE DO

• Set and maintain standards for nursing practice that support RNs and NPs to provide safe, competent, compassionate and ethical nursing care
• Set education standards and approve RN and NP education programs
• Set competencies required for entry-to-practice
• Identify and prepare for emerging nursing roles to meet the needs of the health care system
• Provide practice consultation to RNs and NPs
• Investigate allegations of conduct deserving of sanction, and intervene when an RN’s or NP’s practice or conduct is deemed unacceptable
• Offer continuing professional education
• Work with other professionals in identifying health issues and advocating for the public’s health

ADVOCATING FOR A HEALTHIER FUTURE

Through advocacy, RNs and NPs make a meaningful difference in promoting evidence-based decisions that best serve the health of individuals, families and communities. ARNNL’s support has helped advance and shape public policy in areas such as breastfeeding, cosmetic use of pesticides, tobacco cessation, child passenger safety and healthy aging. ARNNL’s participation strives to influence policy and practices that have the greatest impact on health.

RNs AND NPs IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

The titles “registered nurse” and “nurse practitioner” are protected in Newfoundland and Labrador. For individuals to identify as RNs or NPs, they must be licensed with ARNNL. Initially, this requires an individual to graduate from an ARNNL-approved education program and pass national exams. On an annual basis, RNs and NPs are required to renew their licenses to practice with ARNNL and declare that they have completed the requirements of ARNNL’s Continuing Competence Program. The public can verify the licensure of all RNs and NPs through Member Search at www.arnnl.ca.

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