You want to work as Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) in B.C.

You have completed formal psychiatric or mental health nursing education?

Your most current RPN employer will have to fill out a form in the application package and mail the form directly to CRPNBC. You will receive mail notification of your registration status with CRPNBC.

You have been employed as a RPN in BC in the last 12 months?

You have completed a formal psychiatric or mental health nursing education?

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You are eligible to write the RPNC? 

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You passed the RPNC?

Apply for full registration with the CRPNBC. You will receive a registration form in the mail or email along with your RPNC exam results. You have 1 year from the notification of your exam results to apply for registration with the CRPNBC. The annual registration fee is $340. For the most recent fee schedule see https://www.crpnbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/2013-Proposed-Fee-schedule.pdf. Between 1 week and 2 weeks of receipt of your registration form, you will receive mail notification of your registration status with CRPNBC. You will need to renew your registration once a year. As an RPN, you will be required to have Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance to practice. If you are a RPN in non-independent practice, Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance is non-transferable. If you are a RPN in independent practice, you will need to purchase Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance. For options for where insurance can be purchased, see https://www.crpnbc.ca/practice-support/insurance/.

You will need to register and complete a RPN training program that is recognized by the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of B.C. (CRPNBC). Please see the following list for CRPNBC recognized RPN programs: https://www.crpnbc.ca/education/psychiatric-nursing-education-programs/

You have completed a formal psychiatric or mental health nursing education?

Complete an English fluency test through the International English Language Training System (IELTS) - Academic version, or the Canadian English Language Benchmarks Assessment for Nurses (CELBN). See the following link for the required scores from these tests: https://www.crpnbc.ca/education/international-applicants/.

You have completed a formal psychiatric or mental health nursing education?

As an option provided to you by CRPNBC you will receive an Interim Registration application form with your notification of your eligibility to register for the RCPN. You will have to verify your most current RPN employment.

Verification of registration from each regulatory body where you are currently registered or have been previously registered as a health professional. The regulatory body must directly verify registration with the CRPNBC by filling out a form in the application package.

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CRPNBC requires the Basic Assessment from the International Qualifications Assessment Services (IQAS). The application for an IQAS assessment may be completed online at https://www cáo.ca/labour-and-immigration/overview-of-immigration/international-qualifications-assessment-service/apply.asp. Please be advised that the IQAS Assessment Process can take 10 to more weeks. The fee for the Basic Assessment is $500 plus tax. IQAS must send the original copy of the assessment directly to CRPNBC by mail.

An original copy of a criminal record check from your country of origin received 6 months prior to your arrival in Canada.

A copy of your diploma or certificate.

2 photocopies of government issued identification including your birth certificate and another document that includes a photograph (e.g. a passport).

If your name has changed for any reason since your birth (including marriage), you must provide a photocopy document of this change, for example a marriage certificate.

A current resume.

Language declaration form.

You are eligible to write the RPNC?

You will be required to include an original copy of a criminal record check from CRPNBC that will inform you of options to bridge any gaps you may have in your eligibility.

As an option you can apply for Interim Registration with CRPNBC. This is a temporary registration that allows you to practice by working as a RPN, with limitations, while you wait to write your RPNC. The Interim Registration is only active in BC. You will receive an Interim Registration application form with your notification of your eligibility to register for the RPNC. The fee for Interim registration is $35 per month plus tax. For more information on Interim registration, see the FAQ on Interim Registration found at https://www.crpnbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/2013-07-29-Interim-FAQ.pdf.

As part of your Interim Registration application, you will be required to include an original copy of a criminal record check from Canada completed in the last 6 months. The fee for a Canadian criminal record check is $20. You will receive a Canadian Criminal Record Request with your notification of your eligibility to register for the RPNC.

Write the RPNC. Exam results are mailed to candidates approximately 4 weeks following the examination.

You passed the RPNC?

Re-write the exam up to 2 times for a total of 3 attempts. If you fail the exam twice, Interim Registration will be prohibited.

You can now practice as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse in B.C.

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If you did not obtain Interim Registration, as part of your Full Registration, you will be required to include an original copy of a criminal record check from Canada completed in the last 6 months. The fee for a Canadian criminal record check is $20. You will receive a Canadian Criminal Record Request with your notification of your eligibility to register for the RPNC.

You will have to verify your most current RPN employment. Your most current RPN employer will have to fill out a form in the application package and mail the form directly to CRPNBC.

You will need to renew your registration once a year. Complete and submit Form A found at: https://www.crpnbc.ca/education/international-applicants/.

Verification of your basic psychiatric nursing education and transcript/report card. Your educational institution or school of nursing will have to fill out a form in the application package and return the form directly to CRPNBC.

You will receive a results letter from CRPNBC confirming receipt of application, exam dates, location, and other exam information.

You will have to verify your most current RPN employment. Your most current RPN employer will have to fill out a form in the application package and mail the form directly to CRPNBC.

You have completed a formal psychiatric or mental health nursing education?

If you are a RPN in independent practice you will be required to include an original copy of a criminal record check from CRPNBC that will inform you of options to bridge any gaps you may have in your eligibility.

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