

# Nurse Practitioner FAQ's

## What are the registration requirements for NPs in New Brunswick?

A nurse practitioner is defined in the *Nurses Act* (2002) as “a nurse whose name is endorsed in the register as a nurse practitioner” (p.3). Since the *Nurses Act* defines an NP as a ‘nurse’, NPs are required to meet the registration requirements of a ‘nurse’, in addition to meeting the registration requirements of an NP (ie. 1125 hours of practice over 5 years as an RN or as an NP; meet requirements for CCP; be in good standing with the registrar).

To qualify for registration as an NP, you must be an RN in the NANB register who additionally meets one of the following requirements within the last two years:

- Practised at least 600 hours as an NP in an approved nurse practitioner practice;
- Graduated from a nurse practitioner education program; or
- Completed an approved nurse practitioner refresher program.

NPs also must provide to the NANB Registrar, annually, the employer’s name and a statement from the employer verifying that the NP, in the course of employment, has reasonable access to a physician for the purpose of consultation and referral or transfer of any client to a physician for care.