

Primary Care Upskilling Programs for Registered Nurses

Four post-secondary institutions are offering opportunities for registered nurses (RN) to strengthen primary care competencies, work to full scope of practice, and enhance access to team-based care across Ontario.

The Ministry of Health is investing up to \$4.53 million in the Primary Care Upskilling Program over three years. It's part of Ontario's Primary Care Action Plan that aims to connect every person in Ontario to primary care by 2029.

Student tuition is funded by the Ministry of Health, meaning there is no cost to eligible learners. Conditions apply.

Available Opportunities

1,400+

Primary care upskilling seats

1,000+

RN prescribing seats

Total seats available over three years, starting March 2026

Program Components



10-12 week post-graduate course



Flexible online and hybrid learning



For RNs working in or looking to enter primary care



Curriculum based on National Competencies



Pathway to RN Prescribing program

Collaborating Institutions



- Virtual asynchronous delivery
- Available in French as of Fall 2026
- Case-based learning focused on communities of greatest need and chronic disease management
- Conestoga College RN Prescribing program opportunity upon completion

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- Asynchronous, self-paced content and synchronous Community of Practice sessions
- Partnership with Indigenous-led educational organizations
- Focused on Northern, rural and remote communities
- Georgian College or Confederation College RN Prescribing program opportunity upon completion

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- Virtual asynchronous delivery with weekly 1-hour Zoom sessions
- Interprofessional approach in partnership with Queen's University
- Focus on Indigenous, rural and remote care
- University of Windsor RN Prescribing program opportunity upon completion

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- Flexible online delivery with optional live sessions
- Focus on communities of greatest need, including rural communities, in Southwestern Ontario
- University of Windsor RN Prescribing program opportunity upon completion

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