



Is the role you're currently in considered a *nursing role*?

When a nurse is engaging in a non-clinical role, in self-employment, or in a new / non-traditional role, it is the responsibility of the registrant to contact NANB to ensure that the proposed practice will be recognized as nursing practice.

The registrant will complete an Assessment of Nursing Practice application and NANB will assess the proposed nursing practice and determine if it is nursing practice.

Recognition of nursing practice is required for:

- practice hour requirements for registration renewal and/or reinstatement,
- use of professional title (registered nurse [RN] and nurse practitioner [NP] are protected titles and can only be used when engaged in recognized nursing practice), and
- professional liability coverage (coverage only applies to recognized nursing practice)

It is not enough to say that because an RN or NP is employed in a particular position that the work being done is[...] nursing. Furthermore, the fact that nursing knowledge helps to inform or perform a particular practice or type of work does not mean that the practice is nursing practice (College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba, 2024).

As the registrant submitting the application for assessment of nursing practice, you must complete the application form and submit any supporting documents to nanbregistration@nanb.nb.ca. If any additional information is required, you will be notified of the additional items to submit. Applicants will be notified of the assessment results by email after approximately 4-6 weeks. The time to complete the assessment may take longer if additional information was requested.

NANB is responsible to protect the public by regulating members of the nursing profession. Regulation makes the profession of nursing, and nurses as individuals, accountable to the public for the delivery of safe, competent, and ethical nursing care. An assessment of nursing practice allows the determination of identifying a proposed practice as nursing practice. The factors considered during the assessment are evaluating the proposed practice in the context of the *Nurses Act*, NANB Rules, By-laws, and standards, and determination if the practice is grounded in the NB entry-level competencies or is a beyond entry-level competency. NANB would also consider whether the practice is best-practice and/or evidence-informed.