



Nursing Week 2021

A message from Sherri Kensall, NNPBC Board Chair, RN Council President

On behalf of NNPBC's Board of Directors, Happy Nursing Week to BC's fantastic nurses.

Nursing Week is a very special tradition. It gives us a chance to recognize all of the hard work that nurses do, and to celebrate what we have achieved. This past year has been full of hurdles, but I have seen BC's nurses rise to the challenge and truly lead the way through this difficult time. That is why this year's Nursing Week theme is "We Answer the Call," developed by the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) to acknowledge the many roles that nurses take on during the course of a patient's health care journey. Please join CNA to be connected to the national nursing community.

I want to personally thank each nurse who has taken on a new or expanded role during this pandemic or simply did the work that was needed – you are invaluable, and truly did 'answer the call!'

Working with patients and clients throughout this province, we have all heard so many stories about how COVID-19 has affected their lives. One thing that each story has in common is how a nurse played a role in that person's life. For me, these stories are important, and I appreciate hearing how we collectively add such value to our communities. After all, that is the reason why so many of us entered this profession – to make a difference.

Despite these times, I hope you are able to take a moment to celebrate. Although it may look a little different, there are still many ways that we can observe Nursing Week, whether through a virtual potluck with your friends and colleagues, an exchange of notes or small gifts, or even by creating a 'thank you' board in your workspace where you can post pictures, and patients and clients can write their thanks. This is a special tradition, so let's be sure to enjoy it and remember that it is our week to reflect on the good we do as nurses.

Happy Nursing Week!

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