



National Nursing Week 2023

A Message from Karen Sims, NP Council President and NNPBC Board Member

Happy National Nursing Week!

This year we celebrate National Nursing Week with the theme, 'Our Nurses, Our Future.' This theme highlights the many varied and important ways that nursing professionals are critical to the functioning of our health care system, and how nursing expertise, leadership and innovation can lead into the future.

As an NP, I know very well that nurse practitioners are key advocates for system transformation. Each day and in innumerable ways NPs bring their skills, knowledge, and passion for care to the health system. As NP Council President, I feel fortunate that I get to witness and hear about so much of this work and see how BC NPs are consistently and meaningfully influencing health and social policy as well as positively impacting health care delivery in their communities.

NPs work across all settings including in acute, primary, residential, and specialty care; research and development; leadership; education; policy and advocacy; ensuring that the depth and breadth of NP scope and expertise is applied at all levels of health care.

Since our inception in BC in 2005, NPs continue to demonstrate excellence. This year as we acknowledge National Nursing Week, it's truly inspiring to reflect on how far we have come but also to envision how much further we can go with our profession in the future.

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Council, we wish you a happy National Nursing Week!

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