

## Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC)

# One Nursing Association for all Nurses Coming in 2018

The five nursing organizations that make up the BC Coalition of Nursing Associations have been working together since 2013:

- Association of Registered Nurses of BC
- Association of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of BC
- BC Nurse Practitioner Association
- Licensed Practical Nurses Association of BC
- Nursing Education Council of BC

This partnership has been beneficial to all five organizations, yet we recognize that bringing all members of the nursing community under one association would be transformative for nursing in the province.

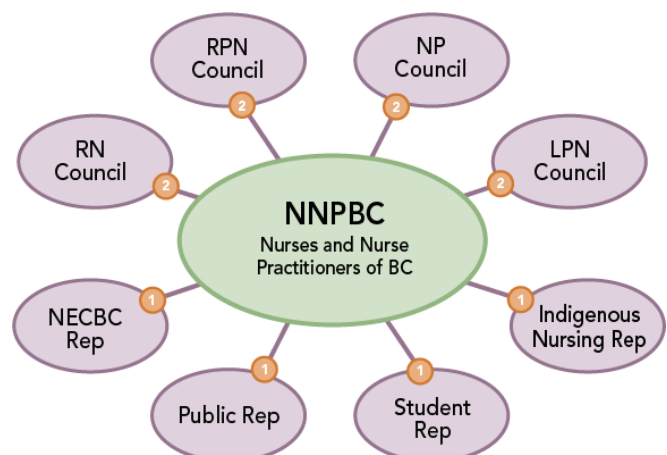
Joining together under one umbrella will allow us to:

- Be one strong, united voice to advance nursing in B.C.
- Develop programs, services and advocacy opportunities that all nurses can engage in collectively.
- Be a strong, equal supporter of all four nursing designations, retaining the important elements of individuality and autonomy, while strengthening the profession as a whole.
- Reduce overlap in administration, staffing, office and other costs.

Nursing organizations across Canada have been watching the progress of the Coalition and are well aware that amalgamation is in sight.

### Governance Structure

Our proposed governance structure ensures that each of the four designations retain oversight and direction for its own members. Please visit [www.nnpbc.com](http://www.nnpbc.com) for more information.



## Programs and Services

Existing programs and services that are delivered by the four organizations will continue under the new umbrella, but be inclusive to all. This includes:

- Regional Chapters
  - Policy & Advocacy Tables
  - Practice Supports
  - Legislature Day
  - Forums & Events
  - Nurse Practitioner Conference
  - Nursing Awards of Excellence
  - Monthly Updates
  - Perks Program
  - Advocacy Campaigns
  - Contests such as “Proud to Be”
  - Social media and blogging
  - Professional Development
  - Student Programming
  - Nursing Research Promotion
  - Continuing Education Funding
  - Policy Development
  - Webinars
  - Online Career Development
  - Practicum Opportunities
- ... [and more](#)

## Fees

In 2018, we anticipate membership fees will:

- Be the same for RNs.
- Be reduced for NPs, as they will only pay one fee through their registration.
- A fee structure has not been established for LPNs and RPNs.

Throughout 2018, we will be consulting and negotiating how membership fees should be determined going forward. Stay tuned to be part of this discussion.

## Relationship to the Canadian Nurses Association

We believe that a strong, national professional organization is important and should include nurses from all four nursing designations. To this end, we are exploring with CNA the inclusion of LPNs and RPNs in the CNA membership model. Stay tuned for more information from CNA in 2018 as they consult their Board and Members on options!

*BC is on the leading edge of change!*