

## NNPBC Terms of Reference Highlights

As part of the Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC) governance structure, four 'Councils' will be established that represent the interests of each of the four nursing designations (Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Psychiatric Nurse and Nurse Practitioner).

These Councils are comprised of elected nurses, (including one Indigenous nurse), a student and up to two public representatives who have the primary responsibility of collaborating with nurses of their represented designations to establish recommendations and responses to common or emerging nursing/health issues in B.C. These Councils work collaboratively and reciprocally with the NNPBC Board to ensure that the 'voice' of the designation is heard in matters relating to social policy and that the unique perspectives of each of the designations is recognized as a critical component of the broader nursing profession.

This document provides a high-level overview of the Terms but is not meant to be an exhaustive review. Interested parties are encouraged to read the full documents. The Terms of Reference are linked in full here: [LPN Council TOR](#), [NP Council TOR](#), [RN Council TOR](#), [RPN Council TOR](#).

- Each Council will have a maximum of 15 elected Councillors (voted on by their designation).
- Each Council will strive to ensure that representation on the Councils is balanced from the various regions of B.C. and domains of practice.
- The composition of the Councils will also include:
  - An Indigenous Councillor
  - A Student Councillor
  - Up to two public representatives
- Each Council has a series of defined goals and responsibilities which focus on ensuring the voice of the designation is heard in matters related to nursing and health policy, that they collaborate and connect with members of their designations and that they work in conjunction with other Councils and the NNPBC Board to advance nursing through promotion and advocacy of their designation and related issues.
- Councillors serve a two-year term with a maximum three terms.
- Elections for the Councils will occur each spring.
- Two individuals from each council are appointed to sit at the NNPBC Board of Directors table.
- Councils will be responsible for managing their financial allocation from the NNPBC Board. Annual financial statements will be provided to the NNPBC Board and must detail how funding was used. Additional expense coverage provided by NNPBC not related to meetings must be pre-approved by the NNPBC Board.
- Councils will be supported and funded to meet up to six times per year in person with digital communications opportunities and linkages provided outside of the face-to-face meetings and for the purposes of sharing documents and information.
- Councillors are not paid for their work, but travel and other expenses will be paid in accordance with NNPBC travel/expense reimbursement policies.