

ENHANCE YOUR LEADERSHIP GET REAL... GET INVOLVED...

~ *Get to Know the Benefits of Joining Your Professional Association* ~

PN Students — Join Now — At Our Lowest Memberships Fees Ever!



As practical nursing students, you have embarked on a life-changing journey... a unique and honoured path which both embraces and discovers health and health promotion, anatomy, disease process, caring, and healing.

We know you are committed, dedicated, and passionate about this choice and about providing quality care for all patients. But you don't have to take this journey alone. We are the RPNAO, your professional association, and it is our role to support and walk with you on this path.

What is RPNAO?

The Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (RPNAO) is the only professional organization in this province that represents and advocates for registered practical nurses and for practical nursing students.

As a student practical nurse, you can enjoy a number of exciting benefits by joining RPNAO and actively being a part of representing your profession.

How Does RPNAO Represent Me?

With and because of member support, RPNAO can increase public awareness of the status and role of the RPN on the health care team. RPNAO also actively represents RPNs on the public stage, communicating your needs and beliefs to the provincial government, affiliated organizations, community

colleges, other health care professionals, and the general public.

As an advocate for the practical nurse in Ontario, the Association dedicates itself to maintaining the highest standards and ideals for all RPNs, continually striving to further the knowledge and scope of practice of its members.

Will My Voice Make a Difference?

It certainly will. As a member of RPNAO, each student is encouraged to become informed and speak out on many issues and concerns surrounding the profession, and advocate for the role of the practical nurse. Your involvement helps ensure your own professional efficiency and the future of RPNs as valued professionals within the health care system.

Here's how you can gain insight:

- **Our Annual Conference:** Held in a different area of the province each spring, the RPNAO Annual Conference brings together nurses and PN students so they can interact and learn. Attendees get to know the Association's activities in the past year and can be a part of deciding on what new goals are set for the coming year.
- **Our Interactive Website:** Visit www.rpnao.org and click on "Discussion Forums" to get linked to a helpful, supportive community that is just for practical nursing students!

What Information Does RPNAO Provide?

At RPNAO, we are always striving to provide you with information resources that help expand your professional knowledge, scope of practice, and understanding of the health care system. That is why you can access new information both through

RPNAO
Student Membership
Application Form

our website, www.rpnao.org, and through many of the RPNAO's printed materials.

Additionally, after joining the RPNAO, you will automatically receive our quarterly magazine: the *Registered Practical Nursing Journal*, which provides you with updates on legislative issues, professional development opportunities, and association activities. But, this publication not only informs, it wants to be informed — editorial contributions and article suggestions from PN students are both encouraged and fostered!

As a member, you are able to gain access to a variety of professional development opportunities at discounted rates. In addition, a number of educational brochures are also available. Finally, the RPNAO staff can direct you to other valuable sources of information in order to help answer any other questions you may have. Please give us a call, or visit us online at: www.rpnao.org.

Can RPNAO Offer Help With My Tuition?

Actually, we can. The RPNAO Education Trust Fund offers a bursary program for the RPNAO's Student Members. Four bursaries of \$750 each are awarded to Ontario's practical nursing students each year. Both first and second year students are welcome to apply. The deadline for applications is August 31st of each year.

The following must accompany each application:

1. Applicant's essay; minimum of 750 words on one of the following topics:
 - a. Advocacy for RPNAO
 - b. Legislation
 - c. Scope of Practice
 - d. Leadership
2. A letter from the nursing faculty stating professionalism and performance of the student.

Applicants will be notified by October 30th of each year regarding the Trust Fund's decision.

For more information on the bursary program, please visit our website at: www.rpnao.org.

What Other Benefits Are Available?

- Your membership fees are tax deductible
- You get membership in both your provincial and national associations (RPNAO and PN Canada)
- Upon graduation, personal insurance packages are available at discounted group rates for your automobile and home coverage
- A strong, professional voice at Queen's Park
- Reduced rates for attending RPNAO conferences and workshops

What Does it Cost to Join?

PN students are offered RPNAO membership at the special rate of **\$20.00 per membership year**.

To become a member, complete the application form at the bottom of this page. Cheques or money orders should be made payable to the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (RPNAO).

For more Student Resources, please visit our website at: www.rpnao.org/sni/sr.asp

How Can I Contact the RPNAO?

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RPNAO STUDENT APPLICATION

Student Membership \$20.00 (Includes GST)

First Name:		Last Name:	
Address:		City:	
Prov:	Postal Code:	eMail:	
Telephone () -	Gender: <input type="radio"/> Female / <input type="radio"/> Male	Date of Birth: MM / DD / YYYY	
Training Centre:		Date of Graduation: MM / YYYY	
Method of Payment: (Please mark one) <input type="radio"/> Cheque/Money Order <input type="radio"/> Visa <input type="radio"/> Mastercard <input type="radio"/> Telebanking/Internet Banking			
Credit card No.:		Expiry Date: MM / YY	Signature:
OFFICE USE ONLY - Date Rec'd:		Sum Encl:	Deposit #:

Please Note: Make cheque payable to RPNAO. NSF Items are subject to a \$25 admin fee. Any monies in excess will not be refunded.