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Registration Policy

Policy Description: Nursing Refresher Program

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**Signature**

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**New Policy** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applies To:** Applicants who are required to take a nursing refresher program to meet competency requirements for registration as a registered nurse (RN) with the RNANT/NU.

**Purpose:** This policy clarifies how an individual who does not have sufficient nursing hours of practice as determined by the RNANT/NU may meet that requirement for continuing competency for RN registration.

### **Policy:**

An individual who has not worked in nursing practice as an RN for a minimum of 1125 hours within the past 5 years must take a nursing refresher program to qualify for registration or reinstatement as an RN with the RNANT/NU. The refresher program must be completed within the 12 months preceding the individual's application for registration.

Once enrolled in the nursing refresher program, the individual must apply for a temporary certificate to complete the clinical practice portion of the program in the Northwest Territories or Nunavut. The temporary certificate may only be issued for the time required to complete the clinical practicum.

Upon successful completion of the nursing refresher program the individual may apply for active registration with the RNANT/NU as a registered nurse.

### **Conditions and Exceptions:**

The nursing refresher program must be approved in the Canadian jurisdiction where it originates.

### **Authority and Accountability:**

This policy is issued under the authority of the RNANT/NU Board of Directors and as governed by the Nursing Profession Act (2003), 23(3)(d) and 29(1-2); the Nunavut Nursing Act (1998); and the RNANT/NU Bylaws, Bylaw 4, s1(b) and Bylaw 2, s5(d)(ii). The Board of Directors has the authority to revise this Policy as required.

The Registrar and the Registration Committee are accountable to the Board of Directors, and ultimately to the membership, for the implementation of this policy and may delegate any related administrative tasks.

### **History:**

Revisions: January 2004; March 2016