



REGISTERED NURSES ASSOCIATION
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND NUNAVUT

Nurse Practitioner FAQ

Can NP's prescribe Buprenorphine?

NPs can prescribe this Schedule I drug if they have the competence to do so. There is no legislative barrier preventing NP's from prescribing buprenorphine in the NT/NU.

As with any drug RNANTNU requires NP's to adhere to the legislation, regulatory standards and employer policies when prescribing.

Although RNANT/NU is not requesting to see proof of course completion, an NP should complete (and have proof of completion) of an evidence-informed learning module on buprenorphine, before prescribing it. The following two educational opportunities are available

<https://www.suboxonetrainingprogram.ca>

<https://www.camh.ca/en/education/continuing-education-programs-and-courses/continuing-education-directory/buprenorphine-naloxone-treatment-for-opioid-use-disorder>