

A Tribute to Health-Care Professionals

2026



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TO OUR LOCAL HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS

We salute the dedication of health-care workers who serve our communities. Your contributions are invaluable and we want to acknowledge them in a big way!



Nursing: a career filled with opportunity and reward!

Nurses are the backbone of our health-care system. According to the Canadian Institute for Health Information, they account for almost half of the country's medical workforce, with more than 410,000 registered nurses nationwide. Every year, National Nursing Week celebrates these professionals for their dedication and commitment to the health of all Canadians.

Are you interested in a rewarding career that offers endless opportunity for professional growth? Here's why you should consider nursing!

WHAT DO NURSES DO?

Nurses work in a variety of areas, including direct and preventative care, research, education and administration. They administer treatment to patients in large hospitals as well as in small neighbourhood clinics. They educate families in northern, rural, urban and ethnic communities on healthy child rearing practices. They participate in the



administration of hospitals to ensure optimal care for all patients. They review cases, test hypotheses and make recommendations for more positive health outcomes. Ultimately, nurses are leaders in the healthcare field, paving the way for countless lifetimes of good health.

WHERE DO NURSES WORK?

Between community health clinics, schools, rehabilitation centres, doctors' offices and public hospitals, registered nurses provide their valuable knowledge and support in a variety of practice settings. Without them, Canada's ERs, ORs and ICUs would struggle to provide life-saving care. But beyond helping patients achieve a full recovery, nurses bring relief from injury and illness by adding a human touch to the health-care experience.

Whether you enjoy working with children, manipulating high-tech equipment or developing your management skills, a bright future awaits when you choose a career in nursing!



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Health care workers put patients' interests before their own

Every day when we access the health care system we witness the professionalism of thousands of health care workers at work. The essence of their professionalism is that they put the interests of patients and the public before their own.

We take it for granted at our peril. Professionalism is ingrained during medical training, role-modeled by the senior clinicians who teach, and reinforced by powerful aphorisms inherited from legendary practitioners going back to Hippocrates. One was the eminent Boston physician Francis W. Peabody who, in 1927, famously wrote: "One of the essential qualities of the clinician is interest in humanity, for the secret of the care of the patient is in caring for the patient."

Professionalism also instills a commitment to peers who join together on the frontlines of medicine. In this way, health professionals resemble soldiers who sacrifice for their comrades in the trenches. And like the military, they accept collective responsibility for

their behavior.

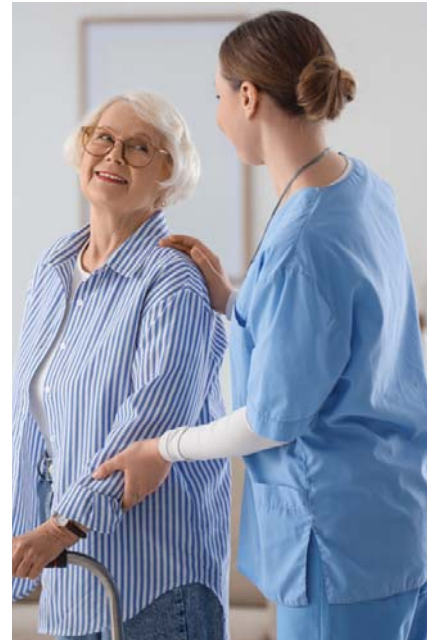
A core tenet of professionalism is a commitment to professional self-governance. A well-functioning profession supervises itself, setting standards of practice that are based on science and evidence and ethical conduct. That is why society entrusts health care professionals with designing their own licensing exams, training curricula, and disciplinary proceedings. Responsibility to and for peers is another force driving clinicians into the fray.

A third essential dimension of professionalism is commitment to maintaining competence in a specialized area of expertise, in this case, the science that underlies clinical practice. It is not by chance that professional societies publish their own peer-reviewed scientific journals, or that publication in those journals conveys prestige and standing among colleagues. It should come as no surprise, then, that professionals bridle when lay leaders broadcast assertions that fly in the face of existing evidence.

We should recognize that in times of crisis, professionalism reinforces the sense of duty, the courage, and even the heroism of millions of clinicians who feel its pull. We would certainly be worse off without it.

Protecting health care workers is a sign that society values and respects them for the professionalism they show every day.

Canadians deeply admire health care workers, and that admiration has justifiably grown over the years. But the public should realize that the professionalism that undergirds the behaviors they so admire is potentially fragile during tough times, and needs to be supported.



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Health care providers: Our communities need them

Health care workers are trained to manage intensity in their everyday work while supporting patients who are experiencing serious illness and high-stress situations.

However, when a pandemic hit, it highlighted unprecedented challenges and pressures for health care workers—from traumatic experiences related to the virus and its uncertainty, to challenges with patient care, to worries about keeping oneself and one's family safe, to managing increased workload and isolation from limited social contact due to virus exposure.

Despite all that, health care workers fought to remain strong and resilient for their patients, families, friends and communities, and they continue to do so day in and day out.

Every community relies on its health care providers to a great degree. Without a strong base of health care professionals providing regular care, a community can not be viable. Not only do health care providers provide critical services that are detrimental to the health and well-being to a community, but they improve the quality of life for those living in those communities.

To all the health care workers out there who work tirelessly to keep us healthy, and so often put others' needs before their own: we see you and we appreciate you. Thanks for all that you do!



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Thanks to all the health care professionals in our province!

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Caregivers in seniors' residences: Guardian angels of the elderly



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SHARING A VAST SKILL SET
The men and women who work as orderlies possess a remarkable collection of traits and skills including empathy, kindness and patience. The job requires them to be efficient, meticulous and organized in an often stressful work environment.

These everyday superheroes play a key role in the health-care system. Long after the pandemic, their courage and dedication will be remembered.

Many thanks to the orderlies across the country.

It's important to highlight the exceptional contributions of orderlies who work in retirement homes and long-term care facilities. Here's how they're helping to protect society's most vulnerable people.



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Registered Nurses delivering safe, trusted care in Saskatchewan

BY THE COLLEGE OF REGISTERED NURSES OF SASKATCHEWAN
 Safe, trusted health care does not happen by chance. It depends on skilled nurses and a strong system that sets clear expectations for safe practice.

National Nursing Week, May 11 to 17, is a time to recognize the important role nurses play in the health of people across Saskatchewan. This year's theme, The Power of Nurses to Transform Health, reflects what many people already see every day: nurses make a real difference in our communities. They improve access to care, support better health outcomes, and help strengthen the health system.

At the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan (CRNS), we regulate the nursing profession in the public interest. Our role is to help ensure Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners provide safe, competent, and ethical care. We do this by setting entry requirements, approving nursing education programs, and establishing standards for practice and a code of conduct.

The CRNS provides guidance and sets expectations for ongoing learning. Nurses keep their knowledge and skills current to meet practice standards through self-directed learning. This is a key part of protecting the public and supporting safe care.

Across Saskatchewan, nurses are a trusted part of the community. They are often the first person people turn to for help and are a steady source of support. In hospitals, clinics, and other care settings, nurses help people get the care they need.

Nursing is more than direct care. Nurses work in many roles across the health system, including leadership, education, research, and policy. They work in hospitals, communities, classrooms, boardrooms, and other settings that support how care is delivered. Each role plays a part in safe, high-quality care.

Nurses bring knowledge, compassion, critical thinking, and accountability to everything they do. Whether providing care directly or working behind the scenes, they share a common purpose of protecting the public and improving health outcomes.

Health care continues to evolve, and nurses continue to adapt. They bring sound judgment and work closely with other professionals to support patients and communities, with CRNS guiding their practice along the way.

During National Nursing Week, we recognize and thank all nurses, in all roles, for the expertise, dedication, and leadership they bring every day. Their contributions are essential to the health of our communities and to a health system people can trust.



Nurses Transform Health.

Nurses are leaders, innovators and advocates.

They don't just deliver care—they transform it.

Thank you to Saskatchewan nurses for the critical role you play in ensuring the public receives the highest standard of care.

Happy National Nursing Week!

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We look forward to continuing to work alongside you in the future.

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Nursing one of the most trusted professions in Canada

Nurses champion and promote the health of Canadians coast to coast. As health-care specialists, they are ideally positioned to be the best role models, educators and advocates of healthy living, safety and wellness in Canada. Trust, therefore, plays an important role in the relationship between nurses and the communities they serve; and according to statistics, these caring professionals are doing a stellar job!

Nursing is one of the most trusted professions in Canada with most Canadians rating nurses' honesty and ethical standards as very high. What better way to thank them for their trusted service than by paying them homage this National Nurses Week? Celebrated annually in May, this weeklong observance honors nurses for their dedication to advancing the quality of care in Canada.

Whether they are at the bedside of an ailing patient, in the ER or in the boardroom, nurses play a vital role in the health-care system. Some of their responsibilities include:

- Physical exams and preliminary diagnoses
- Health promotion, counseling and education
- Prevention of illness and injury
- Direct and supervised care of wounds and other personalized interventions
- Research toward improved practices and patient outcomes

This National Nurses Week, join the country in thanking these caregivers (all 3.6 million of them) for the role they play in meeting the health-care needs of Canadians in hospitals, nursing homes, community health centers, schools and even correctional facilities.



Honouring Saskatchewan Nurses

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to recognize National Nursing Week, May 11 to 17, 2026. Nurses play a vital role in providing high quality health care and saving lives in communities throughout our province.

This year's theme - The Power of Nurses to Transform Health - highlights the meaningful difference nurses make every day by putting patients first and helping deliver the right care, at the right time across Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Patients First Health Care Plan recognizes the role of nurses as part of patient-focused solutions. They strengthen health teams, improve access to care, and help deliver better outcomes.

Much progress has been made to grow and strengthen our nursing workforce through the Health Human Resources Action Plan, with over 2,800 nursing graduates hired since 2023. We continue supporting and growing the nursing workforce through investments in hiring, training and career development, including new career laddering opportunities to help build a strong, sustainable workforce.

Thank you to nurses across Saskatchewan for your care, compassion and dedication to the health and well-being of people in our province.

Learn more about Saskatchewan's Health Human Resources Action Plan and health care opportunities at saskatchewan.ca/hhr



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Recognizing Our Health Care Professionals

During *National Nursing Week (May 11-17)*, we extend our sincere thanks to Saskatchewan nurses and health care providers for their tireless dedication to the health and well-being of people across our province.



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Honouring Canada's nurses

National Nursing Week takes place this year from May 11 to 17. This annual event celebrates the invaluable contributions these essential workers make to the Canadian health-care system. Nurses provide care and support to patients and their families and are advocates for those in their charge. For these reasons, their efforts deserve to be recognized.

NURSING AT A GLANCE

Nursing requires a diverse skillset that includes personal attributes such as respect, empathy, tolerance and integrity. The job also demands a great deal of autonomy and continuous training. Among other things, nurses do the following:

- Evaluate the physical and mental condition of their patients

- Develop a nursing treatment plan and ensure it's carried out
 - Follow-up with patients who have complex health problems
 - Administer and adjust prescription medications
 - Provide palliative care
- Members of the profession also collaborate with other health-care professionals to ensure quality services are provided.

In light of events over the last few years, nurses merit respect and recognition more than ever. This week, take a moment to thank the nurses you know for their care and contributions.

National Nursing Week is always held during the second week of May in honour of Florence Nightingale, whose birthday was May 12.





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How should we thank our health care providers?

There are different ways you can thank the person or persons who regularly tend to your health and the health of your family. That could be a medical doctor, dentist, chiropractor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or a combination of these clinicians!

OB/GYNs traditionally have a brag wall of baby, toddler and teen photos that show how the babies they delivered are growing and changing. This gives the doctors who were there for a person's first breath a chance to see the results of their handiwork. Maybe swing by and share a picture—or bring the actual child or teen into the office and really surprise them!

Emergency physicians and other critical care providers also appreciate when patients and their families come back to show them how well they are doing after having survived a trauma or serious illness. If an in-person thank you is not fea-



sible, a current photo and a note of thanks can also go a long way to boosting the doctor's spirits and encouraging them to continue their life-saving work.

And feel free to get specific! For provid-

ers who've seen you through something important like a knee replacement, cancer treatment, and broken bones—try a picture of you enjoying an activity that would have been impossible if it weren't

for their medical intervention. Maybe a picture of you on a Hip Replacement Hike or doing a Cancer Survivor's Cha Cha. Show and tell the doctor how their skilled medical treatment has changed your life for the better.

And there's something in it for you, too. There's also a practical and somewhat selfish reason to thank your caregiver! You want them to know you as a person as well as a patient. Our physical wellness is intertwined with our social and mental status, so we want our doctors to understand it all. By thanking them for their care, you stand out and become even more memorable to them. You are even more of an individual and less of a patient.

So this year take a moment to send your health care provider a note of thanks and maybe a picture that highlights how your life is better because of their dedication to your health.

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The 5 ethical principles of nursing in Canada

In Canada, National Nursing Week takes place from May 11 to 17. The week-long celebration draws attention to the courage and commitment nurses display daily on the front lines of the Canadian healthcare system. Nurses are guided by core principles outlined in the Code of Ethics for Licensed Practical Nurses in Canada. Here's a look at what they entail.

1. Responsibility to the public. Licensed practical nurses, as self-regulating professionals, must commit to providing safe, effective, compassionate and ethical care to members of the public.
2. Responsibility to clients. Nurses must provide safe and competent care for their patients.
3. Responsibility to the profession. Licensed practical nurses must commit to their profession and foster the respect and trust of their healthcare colleagues and communities.
4. Responsibility to colleagues. Nurses must develop and maintain positive, collaborative relationships with nursing colleagues and other health professionals.



5. Responsibility to oneself. Licensed practical nurses must take care of themselves, recognizing and functioning within their personal and professional competence and value systems.

This year, the theme of National Nursing Week is *Nurses. Our Future.* The theme speaks to the many roles played by nurses in a patient's healthcare journey. Take the time to write a thank-you note to a nurse who has made a difference in your life or the life of someone you love.

4 interesting facts about the nursing profession in Canada

The nursing profession in Canada is a diverse field offering unique opportunities and challenges. Here are four fascinating facts about nursing in Canada:

1. Nurses help people in many ways. Canadian nurses possess a broad scope of practice, including specialties such as mental health nursing, pediatric nursing and community health nursing. They play a crucial role in addressing the holistic healthcare needs of individuals across their lifetimes.
2. Nurses work globally. Canadian nurses are actively involved in international humanitarian efforts, volunteering their skills and expertise to provide healthcare assistance in crises and underserved communities worldwide. Canadian nurses help global health initiatives by responding to natural disasters or participating in medical missions.
3. Nurses work with Indigenous communities. Nurses in Canada are vital in advocating for Indigenous health rights and addressing healthcare disparities in Indigenous communities. Many nurses work collaboratively with Indigenous leaders and healthcare providers to promote culturally sensitive care and improve access to essential health services for Indigenous peoples.

4. Nurses never stop learning. Nursing in Canada emphasizes lifelong learning and professional development. Nurses often pursue further education and certifications

to enhance their skills and stay up to date on advancements in healthcare. Many continuing education programs and professional development opportunities are available to support nurses in career advancement.

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