

# IV INITIATION

The Ministry of Health has passed the Regulatory Bylaws that were approved by the membership at the 2016 Annual General Meeting. To maintain licensure, Licensed Practical Nurses practicing in Saskatchewan must complete an IV initiation course by December 1st, 2018.

IV initiation was incorporated into the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Practical Nursing basic program in 2006. Therefore, LPNs graduating in Saskatchewan from 2008 onwards will have completed the necessary education. Saskatchewan Polytechnic Continuing Education Department offers the required course titled "NRSG 254 IV Therapy/Blood and Blood Products". The next intakes for NURS 254 are:

- October 23rd, 2017-December 15th, 2017
- January 8th, 2018-March 2nd, 2018
- March 5th, 2018-April 27th, 2018
- April 30th, 2018-June 22nd, 2018

For information on this course, please contact Saskatchewan Polytechnic Continuing Education Department 1-866-467-4278 or click on the following link:

<http://saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/part-time-studies/a-z-listing.aspx>

The SALPN will accept IV initiation/therapy courses that are deemed equivalent to the Saskatchewan Polytechnic course.

If you are uncertain if you have this competency, please logon to your member profile, click on 'view your profile', then view additional skills under 'current registration'. If you have taken this education and this is not listed on your member profile, please submit your certificate of completion to [practice@salpn.com](mailto:practice@salpn.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SALPN Practice Consultant, Helen Bourget @ 306-525-8077.