

SALPN AWARDS

The SALPN is committed to excellence in the regulation of Licensed Practical Nurses in Saskatchewan. One of the strategic themes of the SALPN is to improve public protection with a distinct focus on regulatory practices. A regulatory mandate does not include work that can be perceived as advocating for the LPN profession. This involves an assessment of all functions of the SALPN for appropriateness within a regulatory mandate.

Recently, the SALPN Council engaged in a discussion regarding the current awards program. It was determined that the SALPN managing and funding an awards program may be seen as promoting the professional interests of its members and harmful to the integrity of the LPN profession. The cost of regulating the profession is increasing exponentially due to the number of and complexity of complaints. Costs associated with hosting the conference and awards banquet are substantial. The event cost exceeds the event revenues. Therefore, a motion was made to discontinue the current awards program and banquet.

It is recognized the LPN profession is integral to the delivery of safe nursing care in Saskatchewan. This decision is not intended to discredit the continued contributions LPNs make to Saskatchewan health care. SALPN's contribution to the delivery of quality healthcare in Saskatchewan is to protect the public through regulation of the Licensed Practical Nurse profession in Saskatchewan.

