

# Mandatory Education for Membership and Initial Licensure

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of professional regulation is to protect the public from harm posed by professionals. This policy aims to inform individuals about the mandatory education requirements for Medications Administration, Health Assessment, and Intravenous (IV) Initiation/Therapy.

## 2. Scope

Entry to practice expectations in Saskatchewan require licensed practical nurses to possess skills, knowledge, and abilities related to Medications Administration, Health Assessment, and Intravenous (IV) Initiation/Therapy in all practice settings.

SALPN legislation and bylaws indicate that mandatory education upgrades are necessary for initial licensure if any of the above requirements were not part of the applicant's basic nursing program. As of November 5, 2021, all Saskatchewan LPNs and Non-Practicing members must have Medications Administration, Health Assessment, and IV Initiation/Therapy to be eligible for licensure in Saskatchewan.

## 3. Authority

*The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000*  
SALPN Regulatory Bylaws

## 4. Policy

For licensure as an LPN in Saskatchewan, any new applicant must provide proof of completion of a recognized educational program in Medications Administration, Health Assessment, and IV Initiation/Therapy. An applicant may have completed the above-mentioned education during their basic nursing program or post basic program.

## 5. Procedure

### **Licensure Application**

New LPN applicants should apply online. Applicants registered or licensed as a nurse in another jurisdiction should arrange to have a Verification of Registration (VOR) sent to the SALPN. The VOR is forwarded to the SALPN directly from the other jurisdiction.

### **Assessment**

The SALPN Registrar, or designate, will assess each new LPN application, paying particular attention to information related to the mandatory education requirements\*, and determine whether the applicant meets the minimum entry requirements related to the required education.

During the application review, the Registrar will consider:

- School of Nursing attended and year of graduation
- Whether the applicant is applying from a jurisdiction with similar mandatory education requirements for licensure.

\*Note: Mandatory education for Medications Administration, Health Assessment, and IV Initiation/Therapy are only some of many requirements an applicant must meet for licensure.

### **Determination**

- a) If the assessment establishes that the applicant has completed the required education, the SALPN will recognize their nursing education program, and the applicant is informed.
- b) If the assessment establishes the applicant did not complete some, or all, of the required education, their nursing program remains unrecognized, and licensure will not be issued. The Registrar will inform the applicant of the decision and provide direction for completing the required education for licensure. Once the applicant completes the required education and submits proof of completion, the Registrar will re-assess their application. If the education meets the minimum standard, the SALPN will recognize it.

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*Policy: The SALPN is mandated through the Licensed Practical Nurses Act 2000 to regulate the profession of Practical Nursing according to its Bylaws, Standards of Practice, and Policies in a manner that protects the public from risk and reduces harm to those a profession serves.*