

EMERGENCY REGISTRATION & LICENSURE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SALPN continues to accept Emergency Registration & Licensure applications, at no cost. Potential candidates include current Non-Practicing Members or individuals who were formerly registered (commonly referred to as inactive) who still meet the requirements.

[Apply for Emergency Licensure Here](#)

Since our last email, the SALPN has developed an online form for employers where they can post temporary LPN positions that are available due to COVID-19. These postings can be viewed on the SALPN website and are primarily for those who are registered in the emergency category of licensure or for current practicing members without LPN employment. If interested, please directly connect with the employer(s).

[LPN Positions Available due to COVID-19 Here](#)

SALPN Council Update

The Council met via teleconference on April 25th, 2020. The following items were discussed, and decisions/approvals were made or issued.

The Council adopted into the minutes of the April 25th teleconference decisions that were made since the last formal meeting of the Council. The decisions adopted into the minutes were as follows:

1. Approval of the SALPN Fee Bylaws effective January 1, 2020.
2. Approval of the purchase of laptops for the Counselling & Investigation Committee.
3. Approval of the December 2019 Council Meeting minutes.
4. Cancellation of the SALPN annual conference and postponement of the AGM.

Policy Approval

1. Emergency Registration and Licensure (2.16.01): The new policy outlines the process of issuing emergency registration and licensure in a manner that upholds SALPN's public protection mandate and is based on the authority granted to the SALPN in the regulatory bylaw amendments approved on April 3rd, 2020. The regulatory bylaw amendments authorize the SALPN Registrar to issue emergency licensure under any terms, conditions, and restrictions. The policy describes circumstances why the Registrar might issue terms, conditions, and restrictions end examples of what might be included.

2. Working Without A Valid Practicing License (2.1.03): The updated policy outlines the process SALPN follows when it is alleged that a member has engaged in LPN practice without licensure and prescribes a schedule of fines if a practitioner is found to have engaged in LPN practice without licensure. Practicing licensure ensures the practitioner is authorized to engage in LPN practice, authorizes the use of the LPN title, and provides error and omission liability coverage.

Reporting

The Council reviewed and accepted year-end reporting prepared by the Executive Director related to the following :

- Registration and Licensure
- Professional Practice Standards and Ethics
- Complaints, Investigation, and Discipline
- Administration, Operations, and Governance
- 2019 Financial Audit
- Strategic Progress

The Council looks forward to sharing how we fulfilled SALPN's public protection mandate in the 2019 Annual Report to the Minister of Health.

The Council is scheduling a meeting in the near future to discuss rescheduling and available formats of the Annual General Meeting.



LOOKING FOR CEP ACTIVITIES?

The SALPN acknowledges some employer education for 2020 is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. CEP resources, including formal activities are available on the [salpn.com](#) website. Please select the opportunities that are right for you.

30+ Free Webinars

We have recently added 30+ webinars and resources from KCI+3M Healthcare to the Learning Resources in the CEP section of the website. These free webinars will support your CEP learning in the field of wound care.

[30+ free webinars](#)

Don't forget that completed CEP activities can be added to the My CEP section of your SALPN Member Portal. Adding the activities as you complete them will assist you at renewal time!



2020 LICENSURE AUDIT

The 2020 Licensure Audit is postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are able to complete your Practice Hours Audit or CEP Audit at this time, please do so through your [member portal](#). We understand the Criminal Record Check Audit will continue to be delayed due to social distancing precautions.

Please watch your inbox for notice of the new audit deadline coming soon.



REMINDER: FOOT CARE NURSES

As per the SALPN's new (2019) regulatory bylaw, all LPNs offering private nursing or foot care services must register their business with us. This requirement includes LPNs who provide private nursing services/foot care or who own a business that provides these services. The practice guideline on Independent Practice contains the details of what is required.

Regarding the re-opening of your nursing business, the information we have to date is that LPN provided private foot care is not included in Phase 1 of the Saskatchewan Re-Opening Plan.

When the time comes that you can resume your services, you will need to ensure that you can meet the additional PPE and other infection control measures required.

We will continue to provide you with updated information via email as it becomes available.

In the meantime, please review the documents on Independent Practice. Although the deadline for registering your business has been extended, you may still register your business during the pandemic period by completing the form.



[Register Your Independent Practice](#)

If you have questions about your Independent Practice/private business, please contact Kari Pruden, LPN, Professional Practice Standards and Ethics Consultant, SALPN at kpruden@salpn.com.

For up-to-date information on the COVID-19 Virus, visit the Saskatchewan Government website link below.

[Information on COVID-19](#)

For best assistance to all practice questions related to COVID-19, please contact the following SALPN Staff members:

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