



ONA Position Statement

ENTRY TO PRACTICE

The Ontario Nurses' Association is a trade union representing registered and nurses in the Temporary Class in matters relating to their socio-economic welfare. ONA is on record since its inception in 1973 as supporting advanced education for nurses.

Since 2005, a regulatory change shifted towards baccalaureate education requirement for RNs in Ontario. Currently, both diploma-prepared and baccalaureate-prepared RNs practise in a variety of settings.

It is imperative that previous and current experience of diploma-prepared RNs are acknowledged and recognized. ONA believes that the educational requirements for initial registration of baccalaureate-prepared RNs shall not affect the renewal of registration of diploma-prepared nurses. Credit should be attributed to an RN's accumulated knowledge and experience, including both formal and informal education.

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