

**Douglas College Bachelor's Degree in Psychiatric Nursing  
Excerpts from Self-Assessment Report (2018)  
Submitted to CRPNBC (for Program Recognition)**

**Vision for the Future**

The landscape of mental health care is constantly changing, and educational programs are charged with remaining current with the practice world.

- I. As we consider the ever-increasing complexity in mental health, with the awareness that baccalaureate preparation is now considered optimal as entry to practice, and with the declining enrolment into the BSPN degree completion pathway—a possible next step will be to phase out the BSPN Degree Completion pathway and develop a Post Degree Diploma (PDD) for RPNs that will offer advanced practice courses in mental health. The DOPN is well positioned to develop an advanced level PDD as we have over the years developed courses for the BSPN Degree Completion pathway that are amenable to being revised and delivered as advanced practice courses. Some examples of these courses are:

- PNUR 4574 Emergency Mental Health Nursing
- PNUR 4576 Trauma Informed Practices
- PNUR 3171 Family Health Promotion
- PNUR 4710 Therapeutic Modalities
- PNUR 3700 Professional Psychiatric Nursing Concepts
- PNUR 4573 Psychiatric Nursing of Children and Adolescents
- PNUR 4503 Comprehensive Geriatric Theory and Assessment
- PNUR 4585 Psychiatric Nursing in Addictions and Mental Health

For curriculum guidelines for these courses please click on the following link:

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/courses/PNUR>

- II. It is also critical to continue to advocate for the credibility of the BSPN degree as preparation for graduate studies so that the numbers of master's prepared RPNs will increase.



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Dear Dean Cawley:

**Re: PROGRAM REVIEW – BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING**

Thank you for Douglas College's participation in CRPNBC's review of the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing program (BSPN) at Douglas College, and for hosting the Evaluators at the site visits.

After reviewing the Evaluators' report, the Registration Committee has recommended, and the Board of Directors has approved, that the BSPN program be recognized by CRPNBC for five (5) years subject to the following conditions:

By June 28 each consecutive year between 2019– 2022 (inclusive), Douglas College must submit a report satisfactory to the Registration Committee setting out how it is meeting the following indicators:

- a. Standard I, indicator 1.3: *The program is consistent with societal and holistic health care trends and the program meets the current and emerging future health and mental health needs of society.*
- b. Standard II, indicator 2.9: *The curriculum is evaluated on an ongoing basis and revised to ensure it remains current and future-oriented to address the changing needs of society and to reflect stakeholder input.*
- c. Standard IV, indicator 4.2: *All psychiatric nursing courses are taught by Registered Psychiatric Nurses with current Practicing registration.*

The Registration Committee and the Board noted the positive findings contained within the Evaluators' report. However, it was noted that Standard IV, indicator 4.2 remains an area for improvement, having also been raised in the 2014 program review process. We look forward to this being addressed and seeing a higher ratio of Practicing RPNs in the faculty.

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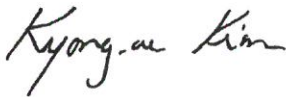
The Committee and Board also emphasized the need for education programs to evolve with the continually changing health care landscape. Through your annual reporting on Standard I, indicator 1.3 and Standard II, indicator 2.9, we look forward to hearing how the BSPN program is continually improving and remaining current.

You have the right to apply for a reconsideration of the decision for program recognition made by CRPNBC. The application must outline clearly and in detail the reasons why a reconsideration is justified. The application must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the program recognition decision. The recognition status of the program as approved by CRPNBC is maintained until the disposition of the reconsideration.

Finally, please consider this letter as official notice that your next program review will take place in the summer of 2023, so long as the conditions mentioned above have been successfully met. If the conditions are not met, this matter will be referred back to CRPNBC to determine a shorter time frame for the next review.

Congratulations on completing the program review. We value the contribution that Douglas College makes to psychiatric nursing.

Respectfully yours,



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