



If there were simple solutions, they would already have been found.

But the history of nursing is one of complex challenges, and it is not in our nature to be daunted by complexity.

Join us as we work toward a united policy voice for nursing in BC.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALL BC NURSES

First Annual Meeting of the RN Network of BC

May 19, 2010 • 6-8 PM

Vancouver General Hospital
Paetzold Auditorium, Pattison Pavillion

We are working to ensure that this meeting is accessible province-wide, via live webcast. For up-to-date information, please visit our website.

<http://www.nursing.ubc.ca/Scholarship/RNNetwork/>

Why was the RN Network of BC formed?

The network was formed to fill a vacuum in the policy voice of nursing in BC. Under the *Health Professions Act*, CRNBC requires a more intense focus on regulation, and “association” work that was previously carried out by RNABC on behalf of all RNs has been either severely constrained or extinguished within the new College structure.

What is the RN Network of BC?

The RN Network of BC is currently a coalition, finding ways to ensure that nursing’s unique perspective on matters of social and health policy is brought to decision-making tables; for example, the network has been alerting existing specialized nursing groups of opportunities to share their knowledge. In the future, we see the network’s role being distinct from – yet compatible with – the existing mandate and perspectives that unions and regulatory bodies represent. We will foster a strong provincial orientation, while engaging nurses nationally.

Who can join the RN Network of BC?

Membership in this transitional, no-fees, voluntary organization is open to all interested nurses, former nurses, and nursing organizations who have signaled their desire to work together to explore the creation of a permanent forum for the expression of a BC nursing perspective on matters of public policy, whether they be local, national, or global. More information about how you can join the RN Network of BC is posted on our website at www.nursing.ubc.ca/Scholarship/RNNetwork/.

Why should I attend the first annual meeting of the RN Network of BC?

At the inaugural meeting, the Interim Steering Committee will report on progress to date and outline what we’ve learned so far about the various options for going forward. We hope to have representation from CNA and CRNBC, so that all participants can better appreciate the complexity within which we are all working toward viable solutions. We hope this meeting will take us one step closer to the creation of a new and permanent organization that will inform public policy by enabling the expression of nursing perspectives.