



# Practical Nursing Student Membership

Join the WeRPN Community to  
Experience Our Membership Benefits

**We RPN**

Registered Practical Nurses  
Association of Ontario

As a Practical Nursing student, you have embarked on a life changing journey, a unique and honoured path, one that embraces and discovers health and health promotion, anatomy, disease process, caring, and healing. We know you are committed, dedicated, and passionate about your choice, and about providing quality care.

As your professional association, WeRPN can support you in your journey, from Practical Nursing student to Registered Practical Nurse. Read on to explore the benefits of WeRPN membership including savings and discounts, and education and career resources, all designed to support you while in school and when you transition into professional practice.

## We are Value.

Student members have **access to reduced rates** on WeRPN education programs, home and auto insurance, group benefit plans, financial, health and wellness services, and consumer products including Costco, Perkopolis (e.g. Bench, Dynamite, Garage, Forever 21), MBNA Mastercard, and GoodLife Fitness, to name a few.

## We are Educators.

WeRPN's **in-person workshops and online eLearning programs** expand your learning experience at your convenience. Topics include leadership, self-care, patient-centred care, role clarity, workplace violence prevention, conflict de-escalation, medical assistance in dying, and more.

As your professional association, WeRPN supports Practical Nursing students in their journey, and empowers you to be informed in your future career with access to a variety of **student resources**.

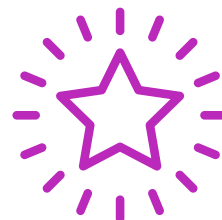
## We are Supportive.

WeRPN can help support your education through a variety of bursaries and awards.

The **Education Trust Fund** offers Practical Nursing students in their first or second year of study access to educational bursaries valued at \$1000.

The WeRPN-sponsored **Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO)** program awards provide assistance valued at \$1000 to a Practical Nursing student who demonstrates high academic standing and a patient-centred approach to care.

The **Nursing Education Initiative (NEI)** is an education grants program that supports nurses in continuing education to improve their nursing knowledge and skills. Nurses undertaking professional development courses and/or programs, may be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$1500 per funding year (April 1 to March 31).





## We are Professionals.

WeRPN offers a wide range of supports to help you successfully begin your nursing career.

**Access exclusive career development programs**, including our New Grad Workshop and Career Directions® — a customized program to help RPNs make career decisions and develop formal career plans. Our dedicated career supports include:

- Career coaching
- Mentorship program
- Resume writing and Interview preparation
- Job board
- Online tools and resources
- Continuing education
- Workshops
- Career profiles



## We are Mentors.

As a Practical Nursing student or New Grad embarking on a nursing career, you will be faced with new challenges, responsibilities, and enrichment opportunities. WeRPN's **Mentorship program** is a powerful way to help you realize your career goals. Experienced RPNs share their knowledge with a mentee like you, who has a desire to enhance your career and requires support to get started. The mentor can help you set realistic and strategic goals to chart your pathway to success.

## We are Leaders.

As a **WeRPN Student Ambassador**, you'll be recognized as a leader. You can add this role to your resumé as a formal leadership opportunity, and your contribution as an Ambassador demonstrates your initiative to engage with your professional association and the value you place on professional practice. You will gain relevant leadership experience, and through peer support, ultimately bring those skills to your patients and your organization.





## We are Advocates.

As the voice of Ontario's Registered Practical Nurses, WeRPN showcases the critical role that RPNs play in Ontario's health care system. Not only do we establish strong relationships with government and key decision makers to make sure the perspectives and concerns of RPNs are heard, WeRPN also partners with organizations like the Canadian Nurses Association to offer RPNs **specialty certifications such as Medical-Surgical and Gerontology Nursing.**

## We are Protected.

Even new graduates looking for employment need **Professional Liability Protection (PLP) Insurance.** PLP is mandated by the College of Nurses of Ontario, and we're proud to offer Ontario RPNs the most comprehensive coverage available. Our coverage includes access to your own legal counsel, and should you be accused of malpractice or negligence, our Legal Expense coverage provides financial assistance to pay the legal defense fees — something that is not typically offered by employers or other organizations. Rest assured, you're covered, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, no matter how many jobs you hold, if you're volunteering, or between jobs.

## Every Member Counts!

Each new membership gives us the opportunity to continue to grow the meaningful impact we have on behalf of all RPNs and Practical Nursing students. To experience WeRPN's unique portfolio of services and benefits, visit [\*\*werpn.com/join\*\*](http://werpn.com/join).

**Practical Nursing students receive a special member rate of \$20 for one year or \$30 for two years.\***

**New Grads receive 50% off our annual fee.** As a new RPN, you're eligible for WeRPN's New Graduate Membership rate.\*\*

\*Student membership expires June 30 each year.

\*\*Graduates: To maintain a continuous membership, you are eligible to purchase a WeRPN Student Membership until you obtain your College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) Registration number or up to six months after graduation, whichever comes first. New Graduate membership fee available one-time only to RPNs who have registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) within the past two years.