



The Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia (RNFBC) helps address some of the financial costs associated with education faced by nurses and nursing students through the provision of bursaries. In doing so, we help alleviate some of the pressures on these nurses and the health care system.

RNFBC's mandate is to:

1. **Promote** the advancement of nursing practice and education;
2. **Provide** financial assistance to and promote the education of individuals whether members of the nursing profession or otherwise to improve the practice of nursing; and
3. **Provide** financial assistance for and promote research activities.

In 2022, the RNFBC received over 1600 applications from LPN, RPN and RN pre-licensure students and graduates. Due to generous donors RNFBC was able to award \$276,000 in bursaries to support 274 nurses. [See more about our bursaries.](#)

Our key fundraising priorities for 2023 and 2024 are in the areas of supporting advancing nurses' education in the following two areas:

1. Complex seniors care
2. Supporting Indigenous students in their pre-licensure education program and post graduate education

We seek an experienced Indigenous nurse to join the Board of Directors of the Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia (RNFBC) to add informed perspectives representative of their Indigenous worldviews and experience as a nurse. Our Board seeks to develop funding to support student nurses and would benefit from Indigenous specific insights and guidance as we do this work.

We are looking for:

- An Indigenous nurse who is a committed individual with a strong passion for advancing nursing practice and research through the financial support of nurses' education.
- Our bursary program supports all levels of nursing education, from the LPN to the Masters and Nurse Practitioner levels. Ideally the candidate works in a community setting and/or through a health authority, or teaches in a nursing program
- We seek individuals who are team players and are able and willing to meet the challenge of problem solving with balanced and sound judgement, integrity, respect and high ethical standards.
- A positive attitude and willingness to contribute are also important attributes.

- Specifically, we are currently looking for an Indigenous nurse with experience and skills to contribute to our Board work, including:
  - Leadership skills
  - Good communication and strategic planning skills
  - Volunteer experience with a charitable organization or group, regulatory body, or a professional association
  - Fundraising experience would be valuable

Our Board is a working and volunteer board. Average monthly time commitment is 6-8 hours/month. Members are expected to:

- Attend virtual monthly board meetings (prep + 2 hour meeting) in the role of a Director
- Also serve on Board task committees (at least 3-4 hours per month)
- Provide guidance focused on the Foundation's mission, programs, policies, operations, strategic plan and growth in financial support for bursaries from donors.
- Actively support the sustainability and growth of the Foundation through charitable giving and fundraising activities.

To accomplish our Board work, the Board has specific Committees of which the members are comprised of Board Directors and some RNFBC members:

1. Audit and Finance Committee
2. Bursary Committee
3. Fundraising Committee
4. Ad Hoc Task Committees, as needed, such as:
  - a. Development of Bursaries for Indigenous nursing applicants
  - b. Communications and marketing
  - c. Policy and procedure development

Visit us for [more information](#) about RNFBC.

If you are interested in joining the RNFBC Board or one of our committees to contribute to the work of RNFBC please contact Pat Semeniuk at [semeniukpat15@gmail.com](mailto:semeniukpat15@gmail.com) before March 31, 2023. However, if you require an extension of that deadline, please do not hesitate to ask.