

## **Resources and Supports**

The move from one's home country to a new career in a Canadian community is a long and difficult journey with many challenges. We provide assessment services, educational programs and workplace support for nurses educated outside of Canada. We also offer help with preparing for the national licensing exam.

We do not provide assistance with immigration, employment, housing or finances as we are not experts in these areas. The organizations described below address these areas through services such as settlement advice, financial supports and job opportunities.

## **Nursing Registration**

In addition to starting your immigration application, it is important that you begin the application for nursing registration in the province in which you wish to live and work. As both of these processes can take some time, we advise to begin as early as possible. The following website has lots of useful information about the nursing regulatory bodies and the registration process in the Maritime Provinces.

<http://www.nursingatlanticcanada.com/>

## **Immigration**

The following websites provide immigration information for nurses wishing to live and work in the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The process of immigration can be lengthy, sometimes taking up to 2 years to receive permanent residency.

### **Canada:**

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/>

<http://www.canadavisa.com/>

<http://www.livingin-canada.com/>

### **Nova Scotia:**

<http://novascotiainmigration.ca/>

<http://www.immigratetoruralnovascotia.ca/>

<http://www.greaterhalifax.com/en/home/livinginhalifax/immigrating.aspx>

<http://www.relocatetonovascotia.com/how-to-emigrate/>

### **New Brunswick:**

<http://www.gnb.ca/immigration/>

Prince Edward Island:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/immigration/>

<http://www.opportunitiespei.ca/immigrating>

## **Financial Support**

To be eligible for financial support one must have permanent residency status.

Internationally educated nurses may be eligible for financial support through bursaries or loan programs. For example, in Nova Scotia, the Immigration and Integration Settlement Services (ISIS) organization can help IENs to apply for affordable loans through the Royal Bank of Canada to help support them with assessment and bridging fees. For more information please visit their website and make an appointment with an employment counselor.

<http://www.isisns.ca/employment/>

Internationally Educated Nurses from anywhere in Canada are eligible to apply for a scholarship entitled, *The Royal Bank of Canada Diversity Fund*. This scholarship can help to pay for bridging courses.

<http://www.cnf-fiic.ca/Scholarships/InternationallyEducatedNurses/tabid/111/language/en-US/Default.html>

## **Community Integration**

The Maritime Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward are beautiful provinces with picturesque rural villages and bustling urban centres. For newcomers, successful community integration depends on how well a community meets each families needs. Immigrant settlement agencies can help by providing information about housing, banking, schools, taxes and much, much more!

Nova Scotia

<http://www.isisns.ca/>

<http://www.novascotiastart.ca/>

<http://www.immigratetoruralnovascotia.ca/default.asp?mn=1.19.194.245>

New Brunswick

<http://www.nb-mc.ca/>

<http://www.magma-amgm.org/>

Prince Edward Island

<http://www.peianc.com/>

### **Finding a Job**

If one has successfully met all of the requirements of the nursing regulatory body he or she is eligible for a temporary license to practice as a Registered Nurse, and once they pass the Canadian Registered Nurses Examination they are able to become fully licensed. Sometimes it takes some time to meet the education requirements; some may need to work while completing bridging courses. Often internationally educated nurses work as a continuing care assistant or personal care worker during this time period. The following websites may help in finding employment in the Maritime Provinces.

<http://nshealthcareers.ca/>

<http://www.careerbeacon.com/>