

LPNABC

Forming a Association



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Licensed Practical Nurses Association of BC



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The Profession's Association

Why did LPNABC form?

Training of practical nurses was initiated by the Vancouver School Board in 1948

Practical Nursing was to be only a temporary replacement for RN shortage

Vancouver Vocational Institute was completed 1949 which became the first school to officially offer PN Program.



In 1951 the *Practical Nurses Act* was passed in the BC legislature but did not come into formal effect until 13 years later.

This Act was to control the training, examination licensing and regulation of the PN profession in the province of BC.



During this time period, a number of astute Practical Nurses dedicated to their profession.

They decided that an association was needed to advocate and represent the practical nurse in professional issues

Accomplishment of LPNABC

- **LPNABC Executive advocated for over 13 years for formal recognition of PN education, licensure and Standards of Practice**
- **In 1965 LPNABC was notified by Honorable Eric Martin, Minister of Health that our efforts were successful, Council of Practical Nurses was established as the licensing body for PNs.**

1991: The Council of LPNs in B.C. was created as a regulatory body of the Ministry of Health.

1996: The Council of LPNs in B.C. was designated under the Health Professions Act [RSBC 1996] c. 183

Name was changed to the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC (CLPNBC).

The Health Professions Act (HPA) does not include provisions for a professional body to advocate for the profession.

Since there is no provision under the HPA to advocate for the profession.

The formation of LPNABC was further recognised as a need for advocacy of the profession .

How we formed LPNABC

- **Application in 1951 & Incorporated under the Societies Act in 1965**
- **The formation of a Board of Directors**
- **Held the first Annual General Meeting in the kitchen of VVI in 1951**

MISSION STATEMENT

Advocate as a unified voice for
the profession of Licensed
Practical Nurses in B.C.

Our Value Statement:

**Respect, Care & Professional
Excellence**

Mandate of LPNABC

- To be a voice for LPNs with professional issues
- Continuing Education is a major focus

Purpose

- We promote the professional status of Licensed Practical Nurses
- We increase public awareness of Licensed Practical Nurses

LPNABC Structure:

The Five Executive Board elected annually during the required AGM.

Members of the Executive Board are practicing LPNs and work on behalf of LPNs for their professional advancement.

Membership of LPNABC

- There are over 13,000 LPNs registered in BC
- Membership is voluntary

- We collaborate with and support other health professionals

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- We encourage members to participate in local, provincial and national activities of this Association and its affiliates

- We advocate for members of LPNABC

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