

WHAT IS AN NP?

In Alberta, Nurse Practitioners are Master's or PhD prepared health professionals who provide essential healthcare services such as primary care, outpatient clinic-based care, or hospital care. NPs are completely autonomous health professionals that do not require supervision of their practice. They bring a wealth of knowledge to provide high-quality care in a variety of settings.

WHAT CAN AN NP DO?

- Diagnose and treat illnesses
- Prescribe medications
- Perform physical exams
- Driver's Medicals, WCB
- Order and interpret tests
- Provide health/wellness counseling
- Refer to specialists

Nurse Practitioners are critical to improving healthcare access, especially in underserved areas. Their advanced education and holistic approach enable them to provide high-quality, patient-centered care. NPs work in collaboration with other healthcare providers to ensure comprehensive treatment plans.

NPs fill vital roles in a variety of settings.

WHERE CAN NPS WORK?

- Clinics
- Hospitals
- Universities
- Community Health Centers
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- Private Practices
- Canadian Forces Bases
- Remote locations / with Indigenous Nations

SPECIALTY AREAS

- Primary Care, Long Term care
- Acute Care, Critical Care
- Multiple specialties such as medicine, surgery, or oncology

BENEFITS OF NPS

- Improved patient outcomes
- Increased access to healthcare
- Enhanced chronic disease management
- Reduced wait times
- Cost-effective care delivery

QUICK FACTS

- NPs have graduate-level education
- Can work independently or in teams
- Licensed by the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA)
- Provide primary and specialty care
- Focus on holistic, patient-centered care
- NPs can provide care to all ages across the lifespan



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