

14. Division IV of this regulation, comprising sections 23 to 31.1, is struck out.

15. Schedule I of this regulation is struck out.

16. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Nurses Act
(chapter I-8)

Professional Code
(chapter C-26)

Nurses

— Training and clinical experience required of nurses to assess mental disorders

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the training and clinical experience required of nurses to assess mental disorders, made by the Board of directors of the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec and appearing below, may be submitted to the Government which may approve it with or without amendment on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of this regulation is to determine the content of the university-level training and clinical experience in psychiatric nursing required of nurses for assessing mental disorders, except mental retardation, referred to in subparagraph 16 of the second paragraph of section 36 of the Nurses Act (chapter I-8).

The draft Regulation has no impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Chair of the Office des professions du Québec, 800 Place D'Youville, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3. The comments will be forwarded by

the Office to the Minister of Justice and may also be sent to the professional order that made the Regulation and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

JEAN PAUL DUTRISAC,
*Chairman of the
Office des professions du Québec*

Regulation respecting the training and clinical experience required of nurses to assess mental disorders

Nurses Act
(chapter I-8, s. 14, par. (g))

Professional Code
(chapter C-26, s. 94, par. (h))

1. This regulation determines the content of the university-level training and clinical experience in psychiatric nursing care required of nurses for assessing mental disorders, except mental retardation, referred to in subparagraph (16) of the second paragraph of section 36 of the *Nurses Act* (chapter I-8).

2. Before assessing mental disorders, except mental retardation, a nurse must:

(1) have successfully completed graduate-level university training in nursing science in the field of mental health and psychiatric care, the content of which is described in Schedule I;

(2) have clinical experience in psychiatric nursing care, the content of which is described in Schedule II;

(3) provide the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec with an attestation describing the training and clinical experience referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2).

3. A nurse who meets the conditions set in Schedule III satisfies the training and clinical experience requirements referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 2.

4. In the course of acquiring the training referred to in paragraph (1) of section 3, a nurse may assess mental disorders, except mental retardation, under the supervision of a professional authorized to assess mental disorders, insofar as the nurse is required to engage in this activity in order to acquire this training.

5. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

SCHEDULE I

CONTENT OF THE GRADUATE UNIVERSITY TRAINING IN NURSING SCIENCE IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHIATRIC CARE (section 2, par. (1))

A graduate university training program in nursing science in the field of mental health and psychiatric care of at least 1,035 hours, distributed as follows:

1° a theory component of at least 450 hours, including at least:

(a) 90 hours on research methods, the integration of evidence-based data into clinical practice and the use of psychometric tools, including at least 45 hours on the use of psychometric tools;

(b) 135 hours on the psychopathy of mental disorders and concomitant disorders, including personality and development theories and the study of a classification system for mental disorders and elements for assessing its scope and limitations;

(c) 45 hours on psychopharmacology and biological treatments;

(d) 45 hours on the nurse's specific professional role related to assessing mental disorders;

(e) 135 hours on communication skills and scientifically recognized models of intervention.

One hour of theory training corresponds to one hour of planned learning activities in a classroom setting;

2° a practical component of at least 540 hours of clinical training, including:

(a) 270 hours of clinical training on assessing mental disorders;

(b) 270 hours of clinical training on the integration of interview principles, principles relating to the assessment of a client's state of health and mental disorders and principles of intervention according to different scientifically recognized models adapted to clientele with mental health problems or mental disorders.

The clinical training is supervised by a professional authorized to assess mental disorders.

SCHEDULE II

CONTENT OF THE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING CARE (section 2, par. (2))

At least 840 hours of clinical experience in psychiatric nursing care, working with persons requiring nursing care in mental health and psychiatry.

SCHEDULE III

CONDITIONS TO MEET THE TRAINING AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS IN PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF SECTION 2 (section 3)

A nurse who, in the year following the coming into force of this regulation:

(1) holds a graduate degree from a Canadian university in health science, education or humanities in a field related to health or human relations or a bachelor's degree in nursing science from a Canadian university or a bachelor's degree by accumulated certificates from a Canadian university in a field related to health or human relations, including at least 30 credits in nursing science;

(2) for a nurse holding a graduate university degree, has practised at least 3,360 hours in nursing with persons with mental disorders as part of a practice in which she has participated in the process of assessing mental disorders over the past five years and, for a nurse holding a bachelor's degree, at least 10,080 hours over the past ten years;

(3) has successfully completed at least 225 hours of training allowing her to acquire the knowledge and skills in all the areas stipulated in subparagraphs (a) to (c) of paragraph (1) of Schedule I, which may have been acquired at a university institution or a private establishment from a trainer who is a professional authorized to assess mental disorders.

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