



## RPNs

Association of Registered Psychiatric  
Nurses of British Columbia

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for further information on the Association of  
Registered Psychiatric Nurses of British Columbia.*

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*Advocating for and promoting the profession of  
psychiatric nursing as providers of holistic care  
with specialized focus in mental health.*

On December 16, 2014, the Association of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of BC was formally incorporated as a Society, by the Registrar of Companies, Province of British Columbia.

## where we started



*Riverview Hospital – Crease Clinic*

### BEGINNINGS of the ARPNBC

In 1999, RPN regulation is moved into the Health Professions' Act thereby abolishing the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Association of BC and creating the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of BC.

In September 2014, a meeting of like-minded RPNs meets to discuss the benefits of reforming a RPN Association. A core working group is established.

In December 2014, the Association of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of BC (ARPNBC) is incorporated as a society.

In May 2015, ARPNBC becomes a part of the BC Coalition of Nursing Associations which establishes a collaborative working relationship with RNs, LPNs, NPs and Nurse Educators.

## who we are

### ROLE of the ASSOCIATION

- To liaise with government at local, provincial & federal levels regarding issues pertaining to RPNs; including advocating for the profession and our client base.
- To collaborate with other nursing associations regarding policy work and position papers regarding factors that impact the psychiatric nursing profession.
- To review and analyze regional issues and offer professional & collegial support.
- To collaborate with other healthcare stakeholders including other Psychiatric Nursing Associations to increase awareness of the profession and champion best practices in provision of mental health care services



## where we are going...



The **White Crocus** is a symbol of encouragement – a core value of the psychiatric nursing profession

We hope that you will seek membership with the ARPNBC to help set the path of solidifying the voice of RPNs in British Columbia.

You can email your interest to [arpnbc@gmail.com](mailto:arpnbc@gmail.com).

You can check out our website which includes information on how to become a member at [www.arpnbc.org](http://www.arpnbc.org).