



FEDERAL ELECTION 2025:



Canada's health care system needs skilled nurses now more than ever. To address this need, we must invest in high-quality nursing education.

To our next federal government...

As Canada faces an increasingly complex health care landscape, the need for skilled and highly educated nurses has never been greater. Meeting the current health care needs starts with investing in quality nursing education.

In the context of the 2025 federal election, it's crucial that we prioritize the future of nursing education to ensure that we have a workforce equipped to meet the challenges ahead. Quality education provides nurses with the expertise, leadership, and adaptability needed to meet the current health human resource challenges and deliver exceptional care to Canadians. By supporting nursing education now, we are laying the groundwork for a healthier, stronger Canada tomorrow. This election, let's ensure that the future of our health care system begins with the right investment in education. It starts here, with a commitment to shaping the next generation of health care leaders.

"Nursing education is a matter of public importance, transcending political divides. It remains a critical issue for health care institutions and the Canadian population that nurses have access to quality education, including evidence-informed retention and transition plans. At some point, we will all depend on the health care system. Political leaders must ensure that when that time comes, Canadians receive not only timely care but also the high-quality care they are entitled to. This begins with a commitment to providing nurses with the education, training, and transition support they need to deliver exceptional care. By prioritizing nursing education now, we're securing a stronger, more resilient health care system for the future," said Suzanne Harrison, CASN President

Canadians deserve quality care – and it all starts with quality nursing education

By investing in quality nursing education we...



Restore access to primary care

Ensure future nurses are prepared to care for Canadians in the community, at home, and in long-term care, including rural and remote areas.



Promote healthy communities

Have health professionals with expertise in health promotion who are able to improve population well-being and mitigate population-level health challenges, from pandemics to planetary health.



Address health equity

Equip future nurses to recognize and address structural and systemic barriers in health care, and actively challenge racism and discrimination at all levels.



Tip the scales on the health human resources crisis

Ensure new graduates are prepared to deliver complex care in a health care system challenged by staff shortages and that enough master's-prepared and PhD-prepared nurses are supplied to address the nurse educator shortage.

CASN recommends advancing the following nursing education priorities to give Canadians the care they deserve:



The momentum for change cannot slow, and the conversation must not shift. It is our collective responsibility, across health care education and practice, to foster decolonization and Indigenization, as well as to dismantle racism and all forms of discrimination, ensuring a health care system that is truly inclusive and serves all Canadians equitably.



Fund and support innovative nursing education models that increase access for students in rural, remote, and Northern communities. Local training opportunities help build a workforce that stays and serves where care is most needed.



Financially supporting quality, accredited nursing education in both official languages ensures nurses have the capacity to care for Canadians in all settings.



Nurse Practitioners bring advanced education and expertise, allowing them to provide primary and specialized care across various settings. Investing in NP education and workforce integration is a proven solution to improving access to care and alleviating strain on the health care system.



New graduates, internationally educated nurses, and those transitioning to new practice areas require mentorship and support to build confidence, reduce stress, and increase retention to stabilize and strengthen the nursing workforce. Funding transition and integration programs ensures all nurses can flourish in the Canadian health care workforce.



Make permanent the Chief Nursing Officer of Canada position to bring together nursing organizations from across the country to continue to work together to advance priorities of the nursing profession in the interest of healthier Canadians.

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- [Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions \(CFNU\) - 2025 Federal Election Platform](#)
- [Canadian Nurses Association \(CNA\) - 2025 Federal Election Platform](#)
- [Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario - 2025 Federal Election Platform](#)