

Bill No. 51 of 1955

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRAINING OF  
PSYCHIATRIC NURSES

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NOTE

This Bill enacts a new Act to be known as "*The Psychiatric Nurses Training Act*". It makes provision for the training, qualifying and practice of psychiatric nurses.

An advisory committee, of which the Director of the Division of Mental Health is chairman, is established to perform such functions in respect of the training, qualifying and practice of psychiatric nurses as the Minister of Health may prescribe by regulations.

The Minister is also given power to make regulations with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council respecting the studies and examinations to be undertaken by student psychiatric nurses, the services they may render when they have qualified, and the granting of certificates to them.

A certificate granted to a qualified psychiatric nurse only entitles the holder to render nursing services within his own specialized field, and then only when working under the supervision of a medical practitioner or in an employment approved by the advisory committee. The certificate also entitles the holder to use the title "Psychiatric Nurse" or the abbreviations "Psych. N."

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

J. W. RYAN,  
*Acting Legislative Counsel.*

*(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)*

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An Act to provide for the Training of Psychiatric Nurses

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1955)

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Short title      **1.** This Act may be cited as "*The Psychiatric Nurses Training Act*".

### Interpretation

Interpre-  
tation  
"committee"      **2.** In this Act,  
                    (a) "committee" means the advisory committee con-  
                    stituted under the provisions of this Act;  
"Minister"        (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Health;  
"psychiatric  
nurse"            (c) "psychiatric nurse" means a person to whom a  
                    certificate has been issued in accordance with  
                    regulations made hereunder;  
"school"         (d) "school" means any institution approved by the  
                    committee for the training of persons to become  
                    psychiatric nurses.

### Advisory Committee

Advisory  
committee        **3.** There is hereby constituted an advisory committee  
                    consisting of the Director of the Division of Mental Health,  
                    who shall be chairman, the Medical Superintendent and the  
                    Superintendent of Nurses of the Provincial Mental Hospi-  
                    tal, the Provincial Mental Institute, and any other hospital  
                    operating a school, and a representative appointed by the  
                    Alberta Psychiatric Nurses' Association.

Committee  
meetings        **4.** (1) The committee shall meet at such times and at  
                    such places as may be fixed from time to time by the chair-  
                    man.

Quorum         (2) Three members of the committee constitute a quorum  
                    for the transaction of business.

Acting  
chairman        (3) In the absence of the chairman the committee may  
                    appoint a member to act as deputy chairman, and the  
                    member thus appointed may perform all the powers and  
                    functions of the chairman.

Duties of  
committee       **5.** The committee shall perform such duties and func-  
                    tions in respect of the training and qualifying of persons to

become psychiatric nurses and the practice of persons who have become psychiatric nurses as the Minister may prescribe by regulations made hereunder.

### Regulations

6. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may make regulations and orders in respect of Regulations

- (a) the duties and functions of the committee,
- (b) the qualifications to be required of those entering a school,
- (c) the courses of study to be adopted in schools,
- (d) the examinations to be taken by persons studying in schools and the conduct of such examinations,
- (e) the issuing of certificates to those who have taken the required courses of study and who have passed the examinations,
- (f) the services that a psychiatric nurse may give to patients,
- (g) the granting of certificates to persons practising as psychiatric nurses prior to the coming into force of this Act, and
- (h) any other matters pertaining to the training or qualifying of persons wishing to become psychiatric nurses, or to the practise of persons who have become psychiatric nurses.

### General

7. (1) Subject to the regulations made hereunder, a psychiatric nurse may render the services for which he has been trained only when he is working under the supervision of a medical practitioner or in an employment approved by the committee. Services of  
psychiatric  
nurse

(2) A certificate issued in accordance with the regulations made hereunder does not entitle the holder to act as a general duty nurse or, except as permitted by subsection (1), to perform any other services.

(3) A person who holds a certificate may use the title "Psychiatric Nurse" or the abbreviations "Psych. N."

8. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to. Coming  
into force

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