

Pembroke Regional Hospital Celebrates the Continued Success of the *Community Commitment Program for Nurses (CCPN)*

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The Pembroke Regional Hospital (PRH) is proud to announce the continued success of the *Community Commitment Program for Nurses (CCPN)*, a provincial initiative designed to strengthen the health care workforce in Ontario.

Under this program, every newly hired Registered Nurse (RN) who commits to two years of full time employment can apply for \$25,000 in grant funding so long as they meet the following criteria:

- Must not have been employed as a nurse in Ontario in the six months prior to being hired;
- Must hold a Certificate of Registration in good standing from the College of Nurses of Ontario;
- Must begin employment between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025;
- Must not be receiving funds simultaneously from the Ministry of Health for the Tuition Support Program for Nurses; and
- Must not have been hired through the Nursing Graduate Guarantee program.

Spearheaded by Ontario Health, the *CCPN* was designed to attract Registered Nurses (RNs) to work in the hospitals in greatest need across Ontario. Since its start in 2021, the program has been instrumental in attracting and retaining newly skilled nursing professionals across Ontario, and specifically, at PRH.

"We are grateful for this support as it allows us to foster a supportive environment, drawing in skilled professionals who contribute to our mission of delivering quality health services and enhancing our overall health care team," said Beth Brownlee, Vice-President of Clinical and Support Services, and Chief Nursing Executive.

At PRH, a total of 21 nurses have successfully enrolled in the program. These nurses have chosen to bring their expertise and compassion to our facility, ensuring that our patients continue to receive top-notch care. Their participation not only reflects their dedication to the nursing profession but also strengthens our hospital's ability to meet the health care needs of our population, Mrs. Brownlee said.

Registered Nurse Kiana Yeman said enrolment in the program not only helped her to alleviate the stress that comes with having student loans to pay, but it also brought her to a community and a workplace that she enjoys.

The *CCPN* continues to be a vital component in assisting with the nursing shortage and ensuring that patients receive the highest standard of care. Pembroke Regional Hospital remains committed to supporting this initiative and is enthusiastic about the positive impact it has made since its launch.

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Ontario Health is an agency of the Government of Ontario dedicated to ensuring that the province's healthcare system is integrated and efficient. By supporting initiatives like the Community Commitment Program for Nurses, Ontario Health aims to improve healthcare delivery and address workforce challenges across the province.

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