

# CRPNA Fee Increase for 2010 – 2012

## First increase since 2005

The Health Professions Act gives CRPNA the responsibility for carrying out psychiatric nursing regulation to protect the public interest. The administration and processes required to support College governance, psychiatric nursing regulation, professional practice requirements, member liability insurance and corporate services in Alberta are achieved through member fees.

At its March 21, 2009 and June 06, 2009 meetings the Provincial Council reviewed this difficult issue by way of a thorough examination and thoughtful deliberations in coming to the difficult but necessary decision to increase annual registration fees through incremental increases over the next three years.

### Why are Annual Registration Fees Increasing?

While registration fees have not increased since May 2005 costs have continued to rise in areas such as:

**Regulatory Services** which includes registration and renewal services, conduct, continuing competence and psychiatric nursing program approval.

**Corporate Services** which includes further development and maintenance of the registration database and website, printing and office supplies, building and equipment expenses, education fund administration and staff costs.

**Building Lease Costs** which required a renewal of the lease this year, which resulted in a very competitive market rate, but has doubled the previous lease rate as of eight years ago.

**Governance** which includes provincial council requirements, governance committees, legislative requirements and RPNC involvement.

**Policy and Practice** which includes development of policies, guidelines, standards and position statements and practice consultation services.

**Communications** which includes the LINK publication, the website, the annual general meeting and education day, government relations and advertising.

As a self-regulating Health Profession in Alberta the CRPNA is required to ensure that it has the fiscal and human resources needed to meet its Provincially Legislated requirements for regulating the Profession. A member fee increase is required to ensure the CRPNA is well positioned to address all required regulatory functions under the Health Professions Act.

## 2010 – 2012 Registration Fees for Alberta Registered Psychiatric Nurse Members

Practice Year	Annual Fee
2009 (current)	\$375
2010	\$425
2011	\$475
2012	\$525

## How do CRPNA fees compare to other jurisdictions and Professions?

Comparison of Annual Registration Fees Paid by RPNs and Other Professions in Alberta

Profession	Registration Fee
Physical Therapists	\$550
Dietitians	\$551
Occupational Therapists	\$550
Dental Hygienists	\$601
Pharmacists	\$743
Psychologists	\$500
Registered Nurses	2009 - \$430 2010 - \$472 2011 - \$504
<b>Registered Psychiatric Nurses – AB</b>	<b>\$375</b>

Comparison of Current Fees Paid by Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs) in Canadian Jurisdictions

Profession	Registration Fee
<b>RPN - AB</b>	<b>\$375</b>
RPN - SK	\$535
RPN - BC	\$357
RPN - MB	\$457