

Competencies for Registered Psychiatric Nurses in Canada Entry-level registered psychiatric nurses in Canada have a specialized body of knowledge of mental health and mental health disorders. o They practise as a self-regulated profession and practise according to federal/provincial/ territorial legislation and regulation. o Psychiatric nursing education programs prepare entrylevel Registered Psychiatric Nurses to practise safely, competently and ethically in a variety of practice settings, in situations of health and illness, and with diverse populations of individuals, families, groups and community o They enter practice with competencies that are transferable across practice settings, even though their psychiatric nursing education program may not have exposed them to all practice environments or client types. o They practise autonomously, and continue to consolidate theoretical and experiential learning through collaboration, mentoring and support from the interprofessional team.