

# BULLETIN

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### Pharmacology/Medication Administration Requirement For 2006 Registration New Deadline: January 1, 2007

On September 8, the CLPNBC's Board of Directors reviewed the 2006 registration requirements for all LPNs in B.C., particularly the completion of five units of pharmacology/medication administration:

1. Basic Pharmacology
2. Gero-pharmacology
3. Administration of intramuscular and subcutaneous injections and narcotics
4. Supporting intravenous therapy
5. Taking and transcribing medication orders

In reviewing these requirements, the Board considered the many factors that might have an impact on an LPN's ability to complete the requirements before the January 2006 deadline, as well as the number of registrants currently in the process of meeting the requirements.

The Board determined that it is in the best interests of the public and the LPN profession to grant an extension of one year to allow all registrants ample opportunity to meet the deadline. The Board unanimously approved the decision to extend the deadline for completing the pharmacology/medication administration requirements to January 1, 2007.

A **Limited License** will be granted to all LPNs who are currently in the process of upgrading or who have not yet begun the process of upgrading to meet the pharmacology requirements. For the purposes of this requirement, **the Limited License will be valid for 2006 only** or until the College receives evidence of completion of these requirements.

The Board emphasized that **under no circumstances** will further extensions be granted beyond December 31, 2006.

#### Need help?

1. Contact the CLPNBC at 604-660-5750 or toll-free 1-888-440-6900 and ask to speak to a Practice Consultant to discuss your individual requirements.
2. Review the Bulletins issued by the College on April 30 and May 5 regarding the Pharmacology/Medication Administration Requirement.
3. Self-Assessment: If you haven't completed the units, work through the new Pharmacology and Medication Self-Assessment Process, a 68-page workbook available free of charge on the CLPNBC website (go to [www.clpnbc.org](http://www.clpnbc.org), then click on the link under the "What's New" section).
4. Funding: Information on the LPN Upgrading Fund 2005/2006 is available on the Ministry of Health Services website ([www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca](http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca)). There is a maximum of \$1,000 per LPN available. (Note: This is not an annual amount.) No reimbursement is available for the cost of courses completed prior to April 1, 2005. LPNs must be working in an LPN role to qualify. Questions? Call the Ministry toll-free at 1-800-465-4911.