

May 9, 2007

MEETING THE 8,000 COMMITMENT

Today's announcement of \$57.7 million in annualized funding will create 1,200 new and permanent Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) positions in long-term care homes. These new positions are in addition to the 5,453 nursing jobs funded between 2004 and 2006, and another 1,625 projected positions for 2007. That means since 2004, the government has created 8,278 new nursing positions.

SECTOR	New Positions Created Since 2004	Positions Projected for 2007/08
Hospitals: Nurses are serving patients in every area of hospital care from intake, to the ward, to the operating room	1,202	
Long-Term Care: Nurse are providing a range of health related services to Ontario's most fragile citizens	1,101	1,200 (1)
Home Care: Nurses are providing case management and in home healthcare services to thousands of Ontarians	485	1,370 (2)
New Graduate Initiative: This initiative assists graduates in gaining full time experience, helping to ease the transition into the workforce. It is an important retention initiative and will help to ensure nursing graduates remain working in	1522	

Ontario.		
<p>Telephone Health Advisory Service/Telehealth:</p> <p>Nurses are providing healthcare information 24 hours a day to Ontarians and after hours for people enrolled in Family Health Teams.</p>	10	
<p>Independent Health Facilities:</p> <p>Nurses are working in these facilities providing diagnostic services or ambulatory care to patients</p>	16	
<p>Diabetes:</p> <p>Nurses carry out essential diabetes education to meet the needs of thousands of Ontarians and diabetic patients.</p>	69	65 (3)
<p>Community Health Centres:</p> <p>Nurses provide frontline support as part of the inter-professional team that serves the clients of Ontario's 54 Community Health Centres.</p>	90	125 (4)
<p>Family Health Teams (FHTs):</p> <p>FHTs represent the changing face of family health care delivery in Ontario in which doctors, nurses and other health professionals serve their communities</p>	767	
<p>Cancer Care Ontario</p> <p>Nurses are part of the cancer care team in Ontario's cancer centres providing services to thousands of cancer patients a year.</p>	53	
Public Health:	78	

Nurses are providing a wide range of services ranging from public education and immunization.		
Infection Control: Nurses are working on health units to prevent the outbreak of infectious diseases.	39	
Smoke Free Ontario: Nurses are helping educate Ontarians on the dangers of smoking and assisting in the promotion of Ontario's smoke free initiatives	6	
Mental Health and Addictions: Nurses provide support by helping to transform the lives of people affected by addiction and mental illness.	15	40 (5)
Blood Services: Nurses are on the front line of Ontario's blood services programs and initiatives.		5
Hepatitis C clinics: These nurses who will provide support to approximately 1,500 patients a year in Ontario and ensure they follow their hepatitis C treatment plans.		20
Total	5,453	2,825
	Grand Total = 8,278 Nursing Positions	

- (1) The 1,200 positions are being created as part of the May 9, 2007 announcement on Registered Practical Nurses.
- (2) These positions will be created as part of the ongoing expansion of services in the home care sector since 2004.

- (3) These positions will be created as a result of recently announced expansion of diabetes education teams.
- (4) These positions will be created as part of the ongoing expansion of the Community Health Centre system through the creation of 22 centres and 17 satellite centres.
- (5) These positions will be created as part of previously announced investments in community mental health services including the creation of Assertive Community Treatment teams.

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