

We are very pleased to announce that the Canadian Nurses Association (C.N.A.) now recognizes Infection Prevention and Control as a nursing specialty practice, meeting 10 stringent criteria related to:

- Healthcare system need and demand
- Specialized function
- Specialty association
- National representation
- Standards of practice
- Specialty core competencies
- Core knowledge
- Education
- Advancement of nursing specialty
- Certification

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