

## **Ontario Tuition Support Program for Nurses**

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care have a program that supports Rural Hospitals that fit a specific set of criteria. Haliburton Highlands Health Services is one of the organizations that qualifies.

### **Graduating RN's and RPN's can apply within a year of graduation, they must:**

- Be a recent graduate of a Canadian College or University
- Be registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario (temporary registration does not apply)
- Be a full-time or permanent part-time employee of our hospital within a year of graduation
- A graduate of a high school within a 100 kms of Haliburton or Minden or live within 100 kms of either town, while working as our employee
- Able to supply proof of tuition fees
- Commit to signing of a Return-of-Service Approval Process
- Start their return-of-service within three months of securing employment in a eligible community (which we are at HHHS)
- Hold a Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status

### **What is Involved in the Return-of-Service**

When a candidate signs the ROS, they are required to work 1500 hours as a minimum for each year of tuition they are reimbursed. If the employee's status is part-time, then each year of tuition reimbursement after a minimum 1500 hours of work over 24 months. In either case or status, if the new employee reaches 1500 hours of service prior to the end of the 12 or 24 months, they must still complete the full 12 or 24 months of service, to receive the tuition reimbursement.

The link to the full program details, application etc. is noted below.

<https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/northernhealth/nursestuition.aspx>