Aboriginal Nursing in Canada
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There are 9,695 Aboriginal nurses in Canada. Aboriginal people make up 3.0% of the Registered Nursing workforce, but form 4.9% of the overall Canadian population.

74.5% of Aboriginal health professionals are Registered Nurses.

Aboriginal health professionals include physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, occupational therapists, optometrists, chiropractors, speech pathologists, dieticians, nutritionists, physiotherapists, audiologists and registered nurses, etc. There are 13,010 health professionals identifying as Aboriginal; of which 9,695 are nurses.

1.2% of all Canadian health professionals are Aboriginal health professionals.

7.3% of Aboriginal Registered Nurses are male (705 out of 9,695). 8.2% of all Canadian RNs are male (26,785 out of 327,780).

Aboriginal Registered Nurses are younger than the average Canadian nurse.

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