### Palliative Care Nurses Interest Group

**PCNIG** 



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### **Mission:**

To promote nursing in palliative care and be a part of the Ontario voice of nurses working in palliative care.

#### **Vision:**

A mandate that supports RNAO and its members with knowledgeable and connected board members who work in collaboration with the interest group members to advance and enhance palliative care in Ontario.

"Palliative care is everyone's business."





Speaking out for nursing. Speaking out for health.

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#### Values:

- Advocacy
- Equity
- Capacity-building
- Collaboration
- Transparency
- Inclusion
- Mentorship

# Membership Fees:

\$40 for RNAO members FREE for baccalaureate/NP nursing students

# Membership Benefits:

- Educational webinar offerings
- Connection with palliative care professionals from across Ontario
- and Canada
- Opportunities to attend provincial, national, and international webinars, professional and personal development opportunities, conferences on palliative care
- Opportunities to influence policy and political action concerning palliative care in Ontario
- Educational scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students in collaboration with RNFOO
- Networking with palliative care nursing professionals and interprofessionals

RN/NP and RN/NP students Enter for a chance to win one of two free memberships to RNAO and PCNIG!\*



To enter, complete the application form by visiting the link below or scan the QR code before June 20, 2023 at 11:59pm!

\* Please note current PCNIG members are not eligible for this limited time offer.

#### **Meet Our 2023 Scholarship Winners**



Palliative Care Nurses Interest Group (PCNIG) Baccalaureate Scholarship [McMaster University]

Alisha D'souza is a student in the accelerated BScN at McMaster University and currently works in the Critical Care Units at SickKids in Toronto as a patient information clerk.

Inspired by her sister's experience with a childhood critical illness, Alisha aims to provide hope and comfort to those navigating a life-altering diagnosis, with special recognition of the impact on family. Having worked with bereaved families through Campfire Circle, she recognizes the power and healing that comes from community and effective peri-death care and hopes to facilitate this.

Passionate about advocacy and leadership, Alisha is the People of Colour Caucus Chair for the Canadian Nursing Students' Association.

Andrew Marciniak is a first year nursing student in the collaborative BScN program at Toronto Metropolitan University and Centennial College.

He previously worked as a community and political organizer in low-income neighbourhoods for eight years, and hopes to bring his passion for social justice and serving marginalized populations to his future nursing practice. He was inspired to return to school at the ripe age of 38 by his partner, a midwifery student, and the birth of his son, now a 10 month old baby.



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Palliative Care Nurses Interest Group (PCNIG) Graduate Scholarship

Tina Parassakis works as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at North York General Hospital providing clinical management of patients with palliative care needs in an outreach team. Within her role, Tina collaborates with a group of family physicians overseeing the care of their homebound patients and provides mentorship to community nurses delivering evidence-based, high-quality palliative care. Tina also has experience working as a nurse at Dorothy Ley Hospice and Toronto Grace Palliative Care Unit.

Tina is currently completing her Post-Masters Nurse Practitioner diploma at University of Toronto and is a member of the Nursing Honour Society Sigma Theta

Amanda Eaton is a Registered
Practical Nurse in her third year of the
RPN-to-BSCN bridging program
through Nipissing University. She
achieved a 4.0 GPA in her RPN and
BSCN programs to date, while
maintaining full-time employment
throughout. She currently works as a
Hospital Supervisor at Sault Area
Hospital with a background in
perioperative nursing.

As a leader in healthcare, she encourages best practice and research-supported interventions in order to promote patient safety and positive outcomes. It is Amanda's hope to continue to inspire others to ensure excellence in their practice, regardless of their organizational role.



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