

Four in five (81%) Canadians believe nurses should be assessed using a test based on Canadian requirements

*Most Canadians do not agree that it is appropriate that Canadian nurses must
write a non-Canadian entry-to-practice exam to practice in Canada*

Public Release Date: October 13th, 2015



Ipsos is Canada's market intelligence leader and the country's leading provider of public opinion research. With operations in eight cities, Ipsos employs more than 600 research professionals and support staff in Canada. The company has the biggest network of telephone call centres in Canada, as well as the largest pre-recruited household and on-line panels. Ipsos' Canadian marketing research and public affairs practices are staffed with seasoned research consultants with extensive industry-specific backgrounds, offering the premier suite of research vehicles in Canada—all of which provide clients with actionable and relevant information. Ipsos is a leading global survey-based market research group. To learn more, visit www.ipsos.ca

***For copies of other news releases, please visit
<http://www.ipsos-na.com/news-polls/>***

© Ipsos

***Washington • New York • Los Angeles • Austin • Chicago • St. Louis • Cincinnati
Minneapolis • Seattle • San Francisco • Vancouver • Calgary • Winnipeg • Toronto
Guelph • Ottawa • Montreal • St. John***



Four in five (81%) Canadians believe nurses should be assessed using a test based on Canadian requirements

Most Canadians do not agree that it is appropriate that Canadian nurses must write a non-Canadian entry-to-practice exam to practice in Canada

Ottawa, ON – Four in five Canadians (80%) believe that nurses, like other Canadian health professionals, should be assessed using a test that is based on Canadian requirements.

Half (53%) of Canadians agree that it is not appropriate that Canadian nurses practicing in Canada must write a non-Canadian entry-to-practice exam, while a further quarter (21%) do not know if this requirement is appropriate. Only one in four (26%) agree that it is appropriate for Canada's nurses to write a non-Canadian exam.

Most (81%) say that Canadian nurses provide high quality care to patients. Three in five (59%) Canadians agree that other countries seek to hire Canadian-trained nurses, while only one in ten (10%) think that American nurses are better trained than Canadian nurses.

Three in five Canadians (58%) agree they are concerned that Canadian nursing students and schools will have to focus more on preparing for this new test than on learning the competencies identified by nursing bodies in Canada (only 5% disagree that this is a concern, 22% don't know).

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between September 21st and 24th, 2015 on behalf of the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing. For this survey, a sample of 1,005 adults from Ipsos' Canadian online panel was interviewed online. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within

© Ipsos

- 1 -

*Washington • New York • Los Angeles • Austin • Chicago • St. Louis • Cincinnati
Minneapolis • Seattle • San Francisco • Vancouver • Calgary • Winnipeg • Toronto
• Guelph • Ottawa • Montreal • St. John*



+/- 3.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Canadian adults been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

-30-

For more information on this news release, please contact:

*Mike Colledge
President, Canadian Public Affairs
Ipsos Public Affairs
(613) 688-7971*

For full tabular results, please visit our website at www.ipsos-na.com. News Releases are available at: <http://www.ipsos-na.com/news-polls/>

© Ipsos

- 2 -

*Washington • New York • Los Angeles • Austin • Chicago • St. Louis • Cincinnati
Minneapolis • Seattle • San Francisco • Vancouver • Calgary • Winnipeg • Toronto
• Guelph • Ottawa • Montreal • St. John*