Canadian Rural & Remote Nursing Practice

Unique Features



Complex, generalist role



Being versatile, being prepared



High level of autonomy



Geography, weather affects practice



Fewer resources



Being visible, being known

In 2018, 10.8% of all Canadian nurses worked in rural or remote regions.

The knowledge base arising from research was updated in 2020 to describe current rural and remote nursing practice in Canada.

Current Challenges



Lack of infrastructure



Need for better internet



Lack of mental health support



Limited nursing education in rural



Declining number of personnel

