

**Research Assistant Opportunity
Casual Position**

**Regulating During Crisis: Examining Nursing Regulatory
Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Start Date: October 2020

Overview: This research assistant position is an opportunity to work with our research team on a NCSBN-funded research project examining nursing regulatory responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. With nurses on the front lines of the public health crisis, nursing regulators are being called on to ensure the public has access to the needed health workforce while still maintaining public safety. Our qualitative comparative case study will capture the regulatory responses of six Canadian and American nursing regulatory bodies during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to analyze and synthesize the similarities, differences, and patterns in these regulators' responses while also considering the mobility of nurses across the Canadian-American border. By collecting document and interview data at different time points, we will identify how early decisions regarding the public interest and the balancing of regulatory principles were made and will also consider how nursing regulation may be impacted long-term by the pandemic.

The successful candidate will gain valuable research skills and experience working with a research team on an internationally funded research project. This is a casual position with flexibility in hours and the potential to last up to the project's end date of June 2022. Rate of pay commensurate with experience and collective agreement provisions. All duties can be completed remotely.

Qualifications:

Requirements include:

- graduate training in nursing, law, public health, or public policy;
- a strong understanding of professional regulation;
- experience with qualitative research;
- strong ability to work independently and as part of a research team; and
- excellent research and writing skills

Preferred qualifications include:

- experience supporting research projects;
- experience with reference management software; and
- experience reading and summarizing legal and/or regulatory documents

**How to apply:**

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Kathleen (Kate) Leslie at kleslie@athabascau.ca. Applications should include (as a single PDF file) a brief cover letter that summarizes your skills, interests, and experience; a current resume or curriculum vitae; an unofficial copy of your transcript; and the contact information for 1-2 references.

Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. All applicants are thanked for their interest in this position; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

We are committed to employment equity and encourage applications from women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities.

For more information on this Research Assistant opportunity, please contact Dr. Leslie at the coordinates below, on or before October 10, 2020.

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