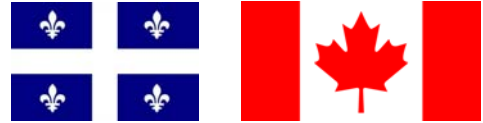


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The Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec (OIIQ) is a regulatory body whose main purpose is to oversee the practice of the nursing profession in Quebec, a Canadian province in which the majority language is French. Like the province's other professional orders, its mission is to ensure public protection by enforcing the provisions of the Quebec *Professional Code* and the Quebec *Nurses Act*.

Aside from overseeing the practice of nursing and enforcing the *Code of Ethics of Nurses*, the OIIQ manages the professional admission process by registering students and administering the professional examinations for admission and specialties. The Order's more than 71,000 members are obliged to renew their entries on the Roll of the Order every year. It evaluates diploma and training equivalencies for nurses educated outside of Quebec. It issues reciprocal permits to nurses licensed in other Canadian provinces, and manages a mutual recognition agreement with France.

The OIIQ adopts positions on various public health issues and guidelines for clinical nursing practices. It also promotes specific nursing roles. The Order advises the Minister of Health on matters concerning the quality of care, and the Minister of Education on nursing training. It prevents the illegal practice of the profession and discusses areas of shared activities with other professions. The Order also offers an annual continuing education program and organizes an annual convention and different symposiums and conferences.

The OIIQ is a member of the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators, now being formed. It is also a founding member of the Secrétariat des infirmières et infirmiers de l'espace francophone (SIDIIEF).