



Nursing the Future (NTF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a supportive healthcare environment and advancing the nursing profession by establishing a network of resources for new nurses making their initial role transition into professional practice. It was conceived in 2004 and has grown from a small group of interested individuals into a large organization with members from across North America and abroad. While the size of NTF has exceeded expectations with over 1,000 members, the goal remains the same and that is to support the new graduate through the very stressful first year of practice. In order to achieve that end, NTF has created a number of resources to allow new nurses to understand their journey into professional practice and for seasoned nurses to remember how difficult this experience can be and how important their support is to their new colleagues.

NTF was founded on over 11 years of research by Dr. Judy Boychuk Duchscher, Executive Director of NTF and Assistant Professor in nursing at the University of Calgary. Dr. Duchscher has assembled a dynamic team of young leaders who, because they are not far removed their own experience, offer their new colleagues a source of inspiration and support. NTF has created “The Survival Guide”, a practical manual focused on the stages of professional role transition and complete with useful and practical advice to assist the new graduate through this experience. In addition, the organization has established a website (www.nursingthefuture.ca) with chat rooms and discussion boards for new grads to privately share their struggles and successes with colleagues from across Canada. The portal is updated daily with the latest healthcare information, the most recent research, and showcases the numerous initiatives that the organization is involved with across Canada.

NTF is about putting knowledge into action. Its diverse membership includes students, new graduates, seasoned nurses, educators, managers, nursing administrators and policy developers. NTF is here for you during what can be both an exciting and daunting time of your professional development. We believe that with the proper knowledge and understanding of this experience, you can make a successful transition into the rewarding career of nursing.

Joining is just a click away at www.nursingthefuture.ca/personal_membership!!