LPN HISTORY in B.C.

1948 — 12 mth Practical Nurse education program offered

1951 — The 1st provincial legislation re: LPN's is enacted (Practical Nurses Act)

1965 — PN Act was passed in 1951 not in effect until 1965

1973 — PN educ. Program shorten to 10 mths

1977 — Graduates of PN prog. Are required to write a national exam.

1985-89 — The title of the Act is changed to emphasize the licensing requirement. The BC Council of LPN (BCCLPN) is renamed **CLPNBC**

1991 — The Council of LPN's is created as a regulatory body of the Ministry of Health

1993 — The health care system moves to RN-focused model of care. **1,228** LPN's displaced.

1996 — A "New Caring Curriculum" for LPN education is created. It is designed to be **15 months** but the Ministry would not extend the program beyond **12 mths.**

1998 — The Council of LPN's in BC is designated under the Health Professions Act (HPA) and its name was changed to the ***College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC 1996.***

2000 — The PN program content is reorganized clinical time is decreased but no content is removed.

2003 — There is a decrease of **1,100** LPN's since 1993

2004 — Other Provinces have revised & lengthened their programs longer than 12 mths. Except in BC.

2007 — CLPNBC Board moves that all LPN must upgrade their skills to work at **"full scope"**

Oct. 2004 government rolls back wages 15%

to present — LPN's complete the mandate of the college and in order to have a full licensure must have completed all upgrades.

Six provinces have a 2-yr diploma PN program, BC is now the only province with a 12 mth program.

LPN's today work towards higher standards