

# Nurses Vote

## Federal Party Platform Comparison



### Health-care Platform Comparison – Federal Election 2025

	Liberal Party	Conservative Party	NDP	Green Party
<b>Fix the nursing shortage</b>	<p>Supports “increasing productivity in the health sector” by making it easier for nurses and health-care professionals to move between jurisdictions (within Canada) and begin practicing immediately.</p> <p>Supports making it easier for Internationally Educated Nurses to practice in Canada.</p>	<p>Supports a “Blue Seal” national testing standard with the goal of making it quicker to license qualified nurses.</p>	<p>Will require provinces to meet nurse-to-patient ratios, guarantee fair wages, and improve working conditions.</p> <p>Incentivize provinces to fast-track accreditation for internationally educated nurses so they can get to work faster.</p> <p>Actively recruit qualified nurses from the U.S. and fast-track their credentials so they can help fill urgent gaps in Canada’s public health care system—especially in underserved communities.</p> <p>Pay student nurses during clinical training so students are not doing unpaid work.</p> <p>Recognize more than 780,000 nurses and Personal Support Workers with a \$5,000 Canadian Health Care Workers Tax Credit.</p>	<p>Will strengthen public health care and make sure everyone gets the care they need, when they need it.</p>

<b>Fully fund public health care</b>	Will “review” government spending but maintain the Canada Health Transfer to provinces and territories.	Will maintain the federal health transfers to provinces but open to public funds being used for private health care.  Party Leader Pierre Poilievre voted to cut public health-care funding.	Will ensure public health-care funding does not go to for-profit care and supports increasing federal health-care investment.  Tie new federal health transfers to real hiring and nurse retention strategies. End the \$1.5 billion drain to private nursing agencies and reinvest in strong public health care teams.	Will provide stable, long-term funding to provinces and territories and invest in public health care instead of for-profit corporations.
<b>Expand pharmacare</b>	Will maintain the current pharmacare program but will not commit to expanding the program to cover other medication.	Opposed attempts to introduce pharmacare legislation. In the House of Commons, Party Leader Pierre Poilievre said “I will reject the radical plan for a single-payer drug plan”.	Supports expanding pharmacare beyond covering diabetes and contraceptives.	Will make medicines free for everyone through universal pharmacare.
<b>Improve the social determinants of health</b>	Support building more \$10-a-day child care spaces, stabilizing the costs of groceries and making housing more affordable by building millions of new homes.	Will build more houses by firing “gatekeepers” and tying federal funding to local governments on housing starts.  Poilievre has said he will maintain current dental care and child care programs but will not commit to expanding either program.	Will remove the GST on essential items, put a price cap on food essentials, stop big corporations from buying up affordable housing, and invest billions to make universal child care a reality.	Will introduce a Guaranteed Livable Income and create a universal early learning and child care program.

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**Liberal Party of Canada**

**Conservative Party of Canada**

**New Democratic Party of Canada**

**Green Party of Canada**