

## Region 6 Candidates



**Jen Calver**  
Candidate

Jen Calver is a Registered Practical Nurse from the Port Hope area. Jen began her career in health care as a Personal Support Worker where she discovered a passion for working within dynamic health teams to provide care and support to populations with chronic health complexities. In 2014, Jen graduated from the Practical Nursing Program at Fleming College with a WeRPN Award for Student Excellence. Since graduation, Jen has been actively involved in the nursing community to advocate for nurses and health allies, aging populations and health systems. In 2019, Jen completed her Bachelor In Allied Health Sciences (BAHSc) degree with Highest Distinction. She was also among the first group of nurses to receive her Gerontological Practical Nursing Certification - GPNC(c).

Jen has experience working in a variety of practice, education, and research roles across health care and academic institutions. Her nursing clinical background is in long-term care and public health. Jen is currently working as a Director of Hospice Services, completing her Master's Thesis, and is actively involved with the Gerontological Nursing Association as the Professional Advocacy Director. Jen is passionate about the important role of nurses across the health continuum and would be honoured to serve on WeRPN's Board of Directors.



**Darlene Hakker**  
Candidate

Darlene Hakker has been a Registered Practical Nurse for just over 8 years. After graduating from Lambton College, Darlene began her career as a community nurse with Bayshore Home Health and working at Sarnia's local hospice. After two years as a visiting nurse Darlene began working full time at the LHIN's Acute Care Clinic. This experience was the perfect opportunity for Darlene to leverage the full scope of RPN skills and showed her the value RPNs bring to many health care settings.

While working in the clinic, Darlene was a preceptor to multiple RPN students and would show just what an RPN is capable of when used to their full scope, helping to energize and create pride in her students. Recently Darlene made the change to LTC working at Vislon Nursing Home where she is currently enjoying the hands-on and loving care she can provide to the gerontological population.

Darlene sits as president for her local chapter of the Gerontological Nursing Association and through this has seen first-hand the impact professional associations can have on their field and community. She looks forward to bringing this energy to the position of Member-at-Large with WeRPN.

**Reference: WeRPN Nursing Magazine (Fall 2020) Retrieved from [www.werpn.com](http://www.werpn.com)**

GNAO Congratulates 2 members of the Board of Directors on their nomination to join WeRPN Board of Directors. Jen Calver has been nominated to represent Region 6 and Darlene Hakker has been nominated for the Member-At-Large position. We wish each candidate the best of luck.