

Primary and Community Nurses

Our nursing culture is a living and breathing thing in the way we practice; it is our personality as a nurse and team member; working together for best family/whanau/patient care. We create a culture that reflects our values, beliefs, underlying assumptions, attitudes and behaviours. Our nursing culture is represented by the words we use, the stories and information we share, our mutual interactions and how we treat our patients and each other, the way we make decisions and the things we do in our daily work practices.

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Two different NCNZ RN prescribing paths

<http://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/Nurses/Nurse-Prescribing/Registered-nurse-prescribing-in-primary-health-and-specialty-teams>

1. RN prescribing in primary health and specialty teams.

- Nurses who prescribe work in collaborative teams within primary health care and specialty services, including general practice, outpatient clinics, family planning, sexual health, public health, district and home care, and rural and remote areas.
- The specific common and long-term conditions nurses can prescribe for include diabetes and related conditions, hypertension, respiratory diseases including asthma and COPD, anxiety, depression, heart failure, gout, palliative care, contraception, vaccines, common skin conditions and infections. They prescribe from a restricted list of medicines.

2. RN prescribing in community health (roll out after evaluation)

- 6 month trial in Family Planning and Counties Manukau DHB
- RNs working with non-complex patients can prescribe for common skin conditions, ear infections, sore throats, STIs, contraception, low level pain relief and ongoing treatment for rheumatic fever.

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A broadened scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners

The NCNZ Nurse Practitioners scope of practice been broadened removing the requirement that nurse practitioners register in a specific area of practice. In future, they will be required to develop expertise in more than one area. This will help differentiate between NPs and advanced nursing roles.

All masters programmes will include the same courses as the 'post graduate diploma in registered nurses prescribing for patients with long term and common conditions'. Registered nurses who complete this qualification could then credit it towards a nurse practitioner's masters programme.

Useful sites for clinical practice

1. PDRP - Professional Development and Recognition Programme (nursing portfolio)

<http://www.cdhb.health.nz/Hospitals-Services/Health-Professionals/pdrp/PDRP-Forms-Templates/Pages/default.aspx>

2. Infection prevention and control

<http://learnonline.health.nz/>

<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/infection-prevention-and-control/>

3. Immunisation

Complete Authorised Vaccination Training <http://www.immune.org.nz/>

<http://www.traveldoctor.co.nz/NZclinics/nelson.aspx>

4. CVRA risk assessment

<http://learnonline.health.nz/>

<http://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/>

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.nz/>

5. Diabetes

<http://www.nzssd.org.nz/national-diabetes-nursing-knowledge-and-skills-framework>

<http://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/>

<https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/clinicians/c/conferences-workshops/long-term-conditions-workshop-april-17/>

6. Smoking cessation

<http://learnonline.health.nz/>

7. Cervical screening – smear taker training and ongoing professional development

<http://www.familyplanning.org.nz/courses/72/cl-cerv6>

www.goodfellowunit.org/

<http://www.goodfellowunit.org/events/webinar-cervical-screening>

8. Privacy Act/Health information Privacy Code (you can email a question to the office of the Privacy Commission – and get a quick reply)

<https://www.privacy.org.nz/>